



# Town of Thomaston

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## DRAFT

### THOMASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2015

#### Roll Call:

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

First Selectman Mone, Selectman Mosimann and Selectman Barrett, Sr. were present. Deborah Bournival, Administrative Assistant to the First Selectman, was available to take the minutes.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

#### Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Selectman Mosimann to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2014 regular meeting as presented. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.

**First Selectman Mone asked to move forward to the second item on the agenda under New Business – Nystrom's Park – Contract Award" as Garret Harlow was here this evening to present.**

#### New Business/Nystrom's Park – Contract Award:

Garret Harlow presented.

First Selectman Mone indicated that the financing available for this project is \$795,347.36, which was previously approved at a town meeting. According to First Selectman Mone, the Town received a total of 12 bids, with some companies showing

base bids coming in well over the approved amount. Millennium Builders of Rocky Hill was chosen as the low bidder with a base bid of \$741,510. They are a Department of Administrative Services (DAS) certified contractor and come with good recommendations by other towns who have worked with them including the City of Torrington, City of Hartford/University of Hartford and others.

In addition to the base bid, there were two ***alternate*** payment items; one for plantings for \$20,000 and one for the electrical & site lighting for \$24,000. This would only be factored in if the whole project came in under budget, then these items could be done at these costs.

Both First Selectman Mone and Mr. Harlow/Milone & MacBroom agree that there should be some oversight on this project, a “construction manager” of sorts. As Milone & MacBroom has been with this project from its inception, First Selectman Mone believes they should be the construction manager. This could be done one of two ways: on a weekly basis at a cost of \$32,000 or on a bi-weekly basis at a cost of \$27,000. Selectman Mosimann indicated that with a project of this magnitude, someone should be there on a weekly basis. This would have to be part of the funding that was approved initially. As it looks now, with the base bid of \$741,510 and this additional construction management cost of \$32,000 (weekly inspection), there would still be a contingency amount of approximately \$22,000 if needed. Should the contractor run into any unforeseen issues, they would have this contingency. If more was needed, then certain items could be scaled back like the stairway to the beach area, leaving only the ADA portion, saving approximately \$40,000 and/or the walkway to the bathrooms saving an additional \$20,000.

Contractor would like to begin work as early as February to do some of the clearing of the property.

A motion was made by Selectman Mosimann to approve awarding the contract to Millennium Builders for the base bid amount of \$741,510.00 for Phase I at Nystrom’s Pond Park, with overall construction costs not to exceed \$795,347.36. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.

A motion was made by Selectman Mosimann to authorize Milone & MacBroom to provide construction management services on this project on a weekly basis for a cost of \$32,000. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.

**New Business/2015-2016 Budget Discussions:**

Some departmental budgets have been received by the First Selectman’s Office to date. Still awaiting others. Selectmen have been asked to review for discussion at next meeting.

**Old Business** – none.

**Board/Commission Appointments/Resignations** – none.

**Tax Refunds:**

A motion was made by Selectman Barrett, Sr. to approve the tax refund submitted by the Tax Collector in the amount of \$227.27 to Hyundai Lease, Assessor prorated after vehicle sold. Motion was seconded by Selectman Mosimann. With all in favor, motion carries.

A motion was made by Selectman Barrett, Sr. to approve the tax refund submitted by the Tax Collector in the amount of \$84.15 to Hyundai Lease, Assessor prorated after vehicle sold. Motion was seconded by Selectman Mosimann. With all in favor, motion carries.

A motion was made by Selectman Barrett, Sr. to approve the tax refund submitted by the Tax Collector in the amount of \$307.81 to Hyundai Lease, Assessor prorated after vehicle sold. Motion was seconded by Selectman Mosimann. With all in favor, motion carries.

A motion was made by Selectman Barrett, Sr. to approve the tax refund submitted by the Tax Collector in the amount of \$29.84 to Helen Guerrera, taxpayer estimated the amount of tax due, refunding overpayment. Motion was seconded by Selectman Mosimann. With all in favor, motion carries.

**Communications:**

First Selectman Mone informed selectmen that the Town has hired a new Assessor from New Britain who has 26 years of experience. He will start on January 20.

First Selectman Mone shared a letter from MIRA (previously, CRRRA) and what the Town has received in recycling rebates.

Also, discussion of “preliminary” grand list numbers to date.

**Public Comment** – none.

**A motion was made by Selectman Mosimann to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.**