



# Town of Thomaston

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## DRAFT

### THOMASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2016

#### Roll Call:

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

First Selectman Mone, Selectman Perreault 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 Perreault to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2016 regular meeting as presented. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.

#### New Business/Eversource re: LED Streetlights – Bob Axelrod:

Bob Axelrod presented.

Bob indicated he was not here tonight to persuade the Town one way or the other. He indicated that Eversource will be making the switch to LED's anyway within the next 5 years, saving the Town money in the long run.

Eversource currently has a program now that will offer towns 50 **demonstration** LED streetlights that can be strategically placed on a street of the town's choice. This will give the town and its residents a good idea of what to expect with LED lighting. There will be no upfront costs from Eversource

In addition, there will be a savings on generation Rate 116 of \$1.00/month per light.

Selectman Perreault asked about Wifi components that can be affixed to a pole if the Town decides to purchase their lights. Bob indicated that there can only be three gains/attachments to a pole; one for telephone company, one for cable company and one for electric company. Selectman Perreault also asked about what type of fixture will be used and Bob indicated it will be a like for like swap.

After discussion, the Board decided to put the Town's name in the hat for the 50 demo lights.

#### **New Business/BAA Stipend Discussion:**

It was brought to our attention that, for many years, the members of the Board of Assessment Appeals have been receiving a \$1,000 stipend each per year. However, according to our town attorney, who we asked for advice, there is no requirement in the general statutes or in our town ordinance governing the Board of Assessment Appeals that members of the BAA receive a stipend. Discussion ensued. The Board of Selectmen agreed that we should no longer pay out the stipend, effective as of the end of each of their terms.

A motion was made by Selectman Perreault that stipends made to each of the members of the Board of Assessment Appeals will cease at the expiration of their terms in office. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.

#### **New Business/2015 State Homeland Security Grant Resolution:**

A motion was made by Selectman Barrett, Sr. that:

***RESOLVED, that the Town of Thomaston, through the approval of the Board of Selectman, may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate; and***

***FURTHER RESOLVED, that Edmond V. Mone, First Selectman of the Town of Thomaston, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Town of Thomaston and to do and perform all acts and things which he deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents, including, but not limited to, executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such documents.***

***The undersigned further certifies that Edmond V. Mone now holds the office of the First Selectman and that he has held that office since November 17, 2009.***

Motion was seconded by Selectman Perreault. With all in favor, motion carries.

**Old Business/FY 2016-2017 Department Budget Reviews:**

Discussion re: reduction of hours and salary for proposed Highway Department secretary ensued. The Board feels that 8 hours/week @ \$15.00/hour or \$6,240/year is doable.

Motion was made by Selectman Barrett, Sr. to agree that the part-time secretary proposed for the Highway Department be for 8 hours per week at \$15.00 per hour for a total cost of \$6,240 per year. Motion was seconded by Selectman Perreault. With all in favor, motion carries.

**Board/Commission Appointments/Resignations:**

A motion was made by Selectman Barrett, Sr. to reappoint Virginia Valaitis to the Housing Authority for another term. Motion was seconded by Selectman Perreault. With all in favor, motion carries.

A motion was made by Selectman Perreault to appoint Robert Foster to the Inland Wetlands Watercourse Commission, filling an alternate vacancy with a term ending January 20, 2019. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.

**Tax Refunds:**

A motion was made by Selectman Barrett, Sr. to approve the tax refund submitted by the Tax Collector in the amount of \$102.26 to David Perugini, taxpayer overpaid bill. Motion was seconded by Selectman Perreault. With all in favor, motion carries.

**Communications** – none.

**Public Comment** – none.

**A motion was made by Selectman Perreault to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.**