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THOMASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2015

Roll Call:

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 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.

A motion was made by Selectman Mosimann to amend the agenda to add "Call for Town Meeting" after "Award MSW Contract". Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Selectman Barrett, Sr. to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2015 regular meeting as presented. Motion was seconded by First Selectman Mone. Selectman Mosimann abstained – motion carried 2-0, with one abstention.

A motion was made by Selectman Barrett, Sr. to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2015 special meeting as presented. Motion was seconded by First Selectman Mone. Selectman Mosimann abstained – motion carried 2-0, with one abstention.

Executive Session – Employee Contract Discussion:

A motion was made by Selectman Mosimann to go into executive session at 7:01 p.m. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.

A motion was made by Selectman Mosimann to come out of executive session at 7:03 p.m. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.

A motion was made by Selectman Mosimann to approve the employment contract with Glenn Clark and approve First Selectman Mone to sign said contract. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.

New Business/Alternate on RPO – Jeremy Leifert:

A motion was made by Selectman Mosimann to appoint Jeremy Leifert as an alternate on the Regional Planning Organization (RPO) for Thomaston. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.

New Business/Transfer Station Committee – Discussion of Permit Fees:

Those in attendance from the Committee to present were Dennis David and Sal Santamaria.

The Committee presented the Board with a new Transfer Station Operations Manual that addresses hours of operation, emergency contact information, coverage issues, operational issues, etc. In addition, the Committee, after meeting amongst themselves, endorsed the following items for approval by the Board of Selectmen:

- permission to raise the fees for box spring disposal from \$13 to \$15 effective immediately;
- permission to join the Connecticut Mattress Recycling Program for municipalities effective immediately;
- permission to enable the Transfer Station to issue a one-day permit subject to the following instruction:
 - the fee for a one-day permit shall be \$10 subject to review by the Committee;
 - purchaser must prove town residency with a photo ID;
 - all standard user fees for each item apply;
 - the one-day permit is issued to one person with one vehicle (it cannot be used by another person or another vehicle within the same day);
 - the number of trips for the day is unlimited;

- permits can be purchased at the Transfer Station for that day or a day in the future not to exceed 30 days;
- the one-day permit fee is the same price for Wednesday and Saturday (no price adjustment for Saturday being a longer day);
- one-day permit purchases cannot be applied toward the \$25 yearly fee.

Selectman Mosimann asked if the hours of operation could be displayed on the permit as well. Dennis David indicated that that can be and will be done.

A motion was made by Selectman Mosimann to approve the increase of fees for box spring disposal from \$13 to \$15 effective immediately. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.

A motion was made by Selectman Mosimann to approve the Transfer Station joining the Connecticut Mattress Recycling Program for Municipalities effective immediately. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.

A motion was made by Selectman Mosimann giving approval for the Transfer Station to issue a one-day permit to residents. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.

New Business/Award MSW Contract:

It was suggested to go with contractor-owned carts with trash pickup weekly and recycling bi-weekly. We cannot be in the business of repairs on toters.

CWPM was the lowest bidder. Selectman Mosimann wanted to know if the recommendation was based solely on low bidder status. First Selectman Mone indicated it was not, as he asked for feedback from other towns who were satisfied with contractor's services. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Selectman Barrett, Sr. to approve the awarding of contract to CWPM for total solid waste and recycling services, pending approval at town meeting. Motion was seconded by First Selectman Mone. With all in favor, motion carries.

New Business/Call for Special Town Meeting for Solid Waste & Recycling Services:

Old Business/2015-2016 Budget Discussions – Highway:

Glenn Clark presented. His budget sheet was handed out. He is asking for one additional maintainer to replace one who has been gone for a few years and one part-time secretary. The purpose of the additional maintainer was to avoid the loss of employees in the summer when most take vacations due to not being able to do so in winter months.

Glenn was asked how many hours the part-time secretary would work. He indicated about 15 hours. Anything under 19 hours, there is no need to provide healthcare benefits and, therefore, no additional costs.

First Selectman Mone suggested going with a part-time maintainer. However, Selectman Mosimann suggests giving options to the Board of Finance and let them make cuts if necessary.

It was suggested to move the Highway and Streets budget on to the Board of Finance.

Board/Commission Appointments/Resignations:

A motion was made by Selectman Mosimann to approve the appointment of Sharon Whalen to the Ambulance Commission filling out the term of Dave Bernagel. 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 \$555.99 to Bonnie Scherer, taxpayer over-estimated amount due. 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 \$134.52 to John & Sherry Dudonis, veteran's exemption was not applied (2013). 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 \$132.52 to John & Sherry Dudonis, veteran's exemption was not applied (2012). 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 \$131.32 to John & Sherry Dudonis, veteran's exemption was not applied (2011). 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 \$107.92 to John & Sherry Dudonis, veteran's exemption was not applied (2010). 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 \$107.92 to John & Sherry Dudonis, veteran's exemption was not applied (2009). 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 \$105.12 to John & Sherry Dudonis, veteran's exemption was not applied (2008). Motion was seconded by Selectman Mosimann. With all in favor, motion carries.

Communications: none

Public Comment:

Jennifer Warner of 50 Stumpf Avenue. First wanted to give a compliment to the Highway Department, as they always do a good job. Her concerns are the sizable potholes on her street and wanted to know when they will be fixed. First Selectman Mone indicated he is looking to put \$10,000 in Capital Improvements for an engineer to analyze the conditions of all roads.

Also, Selectman Barrett, Sr. indicated that Eugene McMahon commented on the streetlight out on his street.

A motion was made by Selectman Mosimann to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.