



# Town of Thomaston

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### **THOMASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2015**

#### **Roll Call:**

Meeting was called to order at 7:06 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 April 14, 2015 special meeting as presented. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.

A motion was made by Selectman Mosimann to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2015 special meeting as presented. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.

A motion was made by Selectman Mosimann to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2015 regular meeting as presented. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.

### **New Business/Award Contract for LAP/Comp Insurance:**

Bill Guerrera was in attendance to present.

Every three years, the Town goes back out to bid for Liability-Automobile-Property (LAP) and worker's comp insurance. There were three insurance carriers that presented proposals:

CIRMA @ \$386,680;  
Travelers @ \$415,631 and  
Trident. @ \$392,892

After reviewing all three, the following notes were generated:

- CIRMA's program also includes coverage for a) pollution and b) foreign liability/trip accident insurance for students and teachers while participating in school-sponsored trips abroad. If purchased separately, the cost would be in excess of \$25,000.
- CIRMA includes a three-year rate lock which caps any increase to 5% over year end 2015/2016 premium for 2016/2017 and 5% over year end 2017/2018, irrespective of losses or experience.
- CIRMA will provide, conditional upon renewing their program, a member equity distribution of \$9,842.00 to be paid in the third quarter of 2015.

Bill recommends the Board approve the policy presented by CIRMA. First Selectman Mone said the Town has been pleased with the service. All that is required is for the Town to sign the letter of commitment on behalf of the Town. It has already been reviewed by the town attorney –no need for town meeting.

A motion was made by Selectman Mosimann to authorize First Selectman Mone to sign the letter of commitment with CIRMA. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.

**A motion was made Selectman Mosimann to move forward on the agenda to "Old Business/ 2015-2016 Highway Budget Revisions". Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.**

### **Old Business/2015-2016 Highway Budget Revisions:**

Glenn was in attendance to present.

Glenn requested a full-time maintainer and a part-time secretary which adds approximately \$65,000 to the Salary & Wages line in the budget. However, after considerable discussion among the selectmen, it was suggested to remove the part-

time secretary and a full-time maintainer, replacing with a part-time or seasonal maintainer for 25 weeks a year or 1,000 hours to be utilized as the highway superintendent designates, contingent upon union MOA. This would only impact the budget line by approximately \$18,700.

In addition, the Professional & Technical Services line should be adjusted down from \$30,000 as Glenn inadvertently added the groundwater remediation costs associated with the spill at the town garage years ago. This cost is found in another budget. This line has now been adjusted to reflect the MS4 groundwater sampling and reporting as required by DEEP regulations, which makes this line item \$13,900.

The 2004 dump truck body is rotted through. It is not safe to use at this point. We did get pricing on replacing the body for a cost of \$55,000, which was put into capital fund. This would allow us to put on a smaller body on a truck with a long body, which made the truck underpowered anyway. The request was rejected by the Capital Improvements Committee in this year's funding. First Selectman Mone suggested that Glenn put together a plan showing replacement of vehicles somewhat like that of the police department.

A motion was made by Selectman Mosimann to move the Highway Budget to the Board of Finance. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.

**A motion was made by Selectman Mosimann to move back to "New Business". Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.**

**New Business/Little League Movie Night/Reeves Field:**

A motion was made by Selectman Barrett, Sr. to approve the use of Reeves Field for a little league movie night on May 9. Motion was seconded by Selectman Mosimann. With all in favor, motion carries.

**New Business/HIPPA Policy Approval:**

A motion was made by Selectman Mosimann to table this item to the next regular meeting. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.

**New Business/Fair Housing Resolution:**

A motion was made by Selectman Mosimann to approve the Fair Housing Resolution for Fair Housing Month (April) as presented (resolution attached and made part of record). Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.

### **Board/Commission Appointments/Resignations:**

A motion was made by Selectman Mosimann to reappoint Lois Schenkel to the Thomaston Agricultural Council as a regular member. 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 \$477.65 to Vault Trust, Assessor pro-rated, vehicle sold April, 2014. 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 \$263.55 Vault Trust, Assessor pro-rated, vehicle sold Dec, 2014. 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 \$23.25 to Polletta Amedeo, taxpayer overpaid. Motion was seconded by Selectman Mosimann. With all in favor, motion carries.

### **Communication:**

Frost Bridge – Campville Project through Eversource Energy.

Representatives from Eversource met with First Selectman Mone on a transmission upgrade project that was stalled for a short time, but has now become active again. The Independent System Operator of New England's (ISO-NE) transmission planning studies show reliability criteria violations in the Northwest CT area. As currently configured, certain operating conditions will cause voltage and thermal violations on the transmission system.

The proposed solution includes:

- Building a new 10.4 mile 115-kV line between Frost Bridge and Campville substation on existing right-of-way;
- Replacing several existing towers outside Frost Bridge substation with steel monopoles on existing right-of-way;
- Replacing the two existing towers that cross the Naugatuck River with steel monopoles on existing right-of-way;
- Installing new equipment at Frost Bridge substation. Work does not require expanding the fence line; and
- Installing new equipment at Campville substation. Work requires an expansion of the current fence line, but it's on Eversource-owned property.

See attachment for more specific details which is made a part of this record.

**Public Comment** – none.

**A motion was made by Selectman Mosimann to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.**