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THOMASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2015

Roll Call:

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

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

Selectman Mosimann was away on vacation.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Selectman Barrett, Sr. to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2015 regular meeting as presented. Motion was seconded by First Selectman Mone. Motion carries 2-0.

First Selectman Mone asked to move forward to the second item on the agenda under "New Business".

New Business/Request by Covenant Church to Erect a Banner in Seth Thomas Park:

Wayne Friedrich, Trustee for Covenant Church, presented.

The church as requested to erect a vinyl banner on the Seth Thomas Park property from September 1, 2015 to October 30, 2015. Per Jeremy Leifert, ZEO, it is less than 32 square feet and does not require Planning & Zoning approval. Placement of the sign may have to be adjusted if there is a conflict with another sign that will be constructed for Lion's Club.

A motion was made by Selectman Barrett, Sr. to approve of the Covenant Church's request to erect a vinyl banner from September 1, 2015 to October 30, 2015 as it is less than the 32 sq. ft. requirement by Planning & Zoning. Motion was seconded by First Selectman Mone. Motion carries 2-0.

New Business/Review and Approval of Access Agreement at Hillside Cemetery:

A motion was made by Selectman Barrett, Sr. to accept the Access Agreement as presented and to authorize the First Selectman to sign on behalf of the Town. Motion was seconded by First Selectman Mone. Motion carries 2-0.

New Business/Review and Discussion of EDC Tax Assessment Abatements:

Jeremy Leifert presented for EDC.

31 River Street/Litchfield County Industrial Space – the EDC found that the criteria listed below were met for this application:

1. The proposed uses for commercial and light manufacturing meet the eligibility requirements of Section 247-10 of the ordinance;
2. The cost of construction or renovations for the purpose of determining the incentive award under Section 247-11 of the ordinance are \$1,500,000; and
3. The project meets five (5) of a possible nine (9) criteria to qualify for the incentive under Section 247-12B of the ordinance.

After weighing the above, the EDC recommends a real property tax abatement of **75% for 2 years.**

Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Selectman Barrett, Sr. to approve this tax incentive/tax abatement for 31 River Street as recommended by the EDC and move forward to a town meeting. Motion was seconded by First Selectman Mone. Motion carries 2-0.

64 North Main Street/DJM Properties – the EDC found that the criteria listed below were met for this application:

1. The proposed uses for commercial and light manufacturing meet the eligibility requirements of Section 247-10 of the ordinance;
2. The cost of construction or renovations for the purpose of determining the incentive award under Section 247-11 of the ordinance are \$100,000; and
3. The project meets six (6) of a possible nine (9) criteria to qualify for the incentive under Section 247-12B of the ordinance.

After weighing the above, the EDC recommends a real property tax abatement of **40% for 3 years.**

Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Selectman Barrett, Sr. to approve this tax incentive/tax abatement for 64 North Main Street as recommended by the EDC and move forward to a town meeting. Motion was seconded by First Selectman Mone. Motion carries 2-0.

60 North Main Street/DJM Properties – the EDC found that the criteria listed below were met for this application:

1. The proposed uses for commercial and light manufacturing meet the eligibility requirements of Section 247-10 of the ordinance;
2. The cost of construction or renovations for the purpose of determining the incentive award under Section 247-11 of the ordinance are \$150,000; and
3. The project meets five (5) of a possible nine (9) criteria to qualify for the incentive under Section 247-12B of the ordinance.

After weighing the above, the EDC recommends a real property tax abatement of **35% for 3 years.**

Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Selectman Barrett, Sr. to table this item until the next regular Board of Selectmen meeting. Motion was seconded by First Selectman Mone. Motion carries 2-0.

Old Business – none.

Board/Commission Appointments/Resignations:

We received a resignation letter from Scott Potter as a member of the Board of Fire Commissioners effective July 1, 2015.

A motion was made by Selectman Barrett, Sr. to accept the resignation letter dated June 15, 2015 from Scott Potter as a member of the Board of Fire Commissioners, effective July 1, 2015, with regrets. Motion was seconded by First Selectman Mone. Motion carries 2-0.

First Selectman Mone indicated that three firefighters stepped forward seeking to serve on this Board. They were Jon-Paul Oldham, Allan Olivero and Robert Norton, Jr. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Selectman Barrett, Sr. to appoint Jon-Paul Oldman to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Scott Potter, until the next election in 2019. Motion was seconded by First Selectman Mone. Motion carries 2-0.

First Selectman Mone wanted to thank the two other men for their interest in serving on this Board.

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Discussion ensued. As to the removal of Patrick Hyres from the Transfer Station Committee, it was agreed by the Board of Selectmen to put on hold until such time as he has been given proper notice of the consideration of his removal.

A motion was made by Selectman Barrett, Sr. to appoint Jeff Sales (current transfer station employee) as a new member of the Transfer Station Committee. Motion was seconded by First Selectman Mone. Motion carries 2-0.

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The appointment of additional members to the Light Up Thomaston committee has been tabled until the next regular Board of Selectmen meeting.

New Business/Call for Town Meeting Re: Bonding of Web/Sewer Project and Purchase of Highway Truck:

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen recommends that the Town of Thomaston appropriate \$1,390,000 for the rehabilitation and replacement of sanitary sewer lines and laterals (the "Project"). The appropriation may be expended for site improvements, design and construction costs, equipment, materials, engineering, legal, financing and administrative fees, interest expense on temporary borrowings, and other costs related to the Project.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen recommends that the Town of Thomaston finance the appropriation by issuing its bonds, notes or temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$1,390,000.

FURTHER RESOVLED, that the attached Special Town Meeting Resolution and Warning of Special Town Meeting are hereby approved.

Motion was seconded by First Selectman Mone. Motion carries 2-0.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen recommends that the Town of Thomaston appropriate \$165,197 for the purchase of a 2015 Freightline 114SD dump truck for the Public Works Department (the "Dump Truck"). The appropriation may be expended for the purchase price of the Dump Truck and related equipment, legal and administrative fees, bond issuance costs, interest expense on temporary borrowings, and other costs related to the purchase.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen recommends that the Town of Thomaston finance the appropriation by (i) issuing its bonds, notes or temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$150,197 and (ii) using \$15,000 available from the trade-in of another Town dump truck.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the attached Special Town Meeting Resolution and Warning of Special Town Meeting are hereby approved.

Motion was seconded by First Selectman Mone. Motion carries 2-0.

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

The electors and those persons eligible to vote in town meetings of the Town of Thomaston, Connecticut, are hereby warned and notified that a Special Town Meeting will be held in the Lena Morton Art Gallery of the Thomaston Town Hall, 158 Main Street, Thomaston, Connecticut, on Wednesday, July 15, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. for the following purposes:

ITEM 1. *As recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance, to consider and act on a Resolution:*

- (a) *To appropriate \$1,390,000 for the rehabilitation and replacement of sanitary sewer lines and laterals;*
- (b) *To finance said appropriation by issuing its bonds, notes or temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$1,390,000;*
- (c) *To authorize the First Selectman and Treasurer to issue the bonds, notes or temporary notes;*
- (d) *To take actions under applicable Internal Revenue Service regulations to allow the Town to issue the bonds, notes or temporary notes on a tax-exempt basis;*
- (e) *To authorize the First Selectman and other Town officials to contract with engineers, contractors and vendors and apply for grants for the project and to take all*

other actions necessary to complete the project and issue the bonds, notes or temporary notes to finance the appropriation.

ITEM 2. *As recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance, to consider and act on a Resolution:*

(a) To appropriate \$165,197 for the purchase of a 2015 Freightliner 114SD dump truck (the “Dump Truck”);

(b) To finance said appropriation by (i) issuing the Town’s bonds, notes or temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$150,197 and (ii) using \$15,000 available from the trade-in of another Town dump truck,

(c) To authorize the First Selectman and Treasurer to issue the bonds, notes or temporary notes;

(d) To take actions under applicable Internal Revenue Service regulations to allow the Town to issue the bonds, notes or temporary notes on a tax-exempt basis;

(e) To authorize the First Selectman to contract with vendors for the purchase and trade-in; and to authorize other Town boards and officials to take all other actions necessary to carry out the purchase and trade-in and issue the bonds, notes or temporary notes to finance the appropriation.

(Copies of the full texts of the Resolutions are on file and available for inspection at the Office of the Town Clerk).

Motion was seconded by First Selectman Mone. Motion carries 2-0.

Tax Refunds – none.

Communications – First Selectman Mone presented a letter from the Government Finance Officers Association re: Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for Tracy Decker.

Public Comment – none.

A motion was made by Selectman Barrett, Sr. to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. Motion was seconded by First Selectman Mone. Motion carries 2-0.