

**THOMASTON BOARD OF FINANCE
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, January 13, 2026**

Present: Finance Board Members Luke Freimuth, Chairman, Mike Madow, Vice Chairman; Jack DeOliveira; Adam Silverman; and Stephen Turner.

Other Attendees: Rich Sileo, First Selectman; Tracy Decker, Finance Director; Jeffrey Madden, Chief of Police; Bert Galpin, Supervisor, WPCA; Amy Shumann, Library Director; Tim Brobowski. Rebecca Skinner was available to take the minutes of the meeting.

- 1. Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Chairman L. Freimuth.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance:** Recited by all.
- 3. Quorum Confirmation:** The presence of quorum was confirmed.
- 4. Approve or amend the minutes of December 9, 2025:** M. Madow moved, seconded by S. Turner, that the minutes of the three meetings of the Board of Finance held on December 9, 2025 (Special Meeting 1, Special Meeting 2, and Regular Meeting) be approved as presented (motion carried 5-0).

On a motion by M. Madow, seconded by A. Silverman, the agenda was revised to move **Old Business** and **WPCA project update** before **New Business**. Motion carried 5-0.

5. Old Business:

- a. **WPCA Project Update:** B. Galpin and R. Sileo presented a handout with a broad outline of bonding needs for the project. Projected costs include UV Engineering (\$138,000 in 25/26) and equipment (\$592,000 in 26/27); Valves/Pumps (\$1,500,000 in 27/28), Pumps (\$670,000 in 28/29); Sludge Thickening engineering (\$129,000 in 25/26) and equipment (\$656,400 in 26/27 and \$1,062,000 in 27/28), and a Sludge Building (\$315,000 in 26/27). Yet unplanned is a storage building with anticipated cost of \$1.8 million. The total (not including storage building) is \$5,282,400. The handout included a table and a graph of the Town's existing and projected debt service for WPCA projects. This proposal would make possible an additional 500 connections.

S. Turner moved, seconded by M. Madow, that the project as presented by B. Galpin be presented to the Board of Selectmen. Motion carried 5-0.

6. New Business

a. **Town Hall Windows:** R. Sileo reported that 17 windows in the Town Hall have been identified as being in very bad condition and in need of repair/refurbishment. Three contractors met with Joe Ouellette, and two provided quotes: Chix Painting (\$12,800) and Mad River Painting (\$21,560). R. Sileo said he would like to do just enough to keep the windows usable until the second phase of the Opera House project and do more thorough repair then.

S. Turner moved, seconded by A. Silverman, that \$12,800 be used from contingency for window repairs. Motion carried 5-0.

b. **Sample bond schedules:** Included in agenda in error.

7. First Selectman's Report

R. Sileo warned that budget overages are coming. In particular, the cost of elections will be higher than budgeted for. Overages of at least \$7500 are expected for the Opera House and town hall repairs. Unplanned minibus issues have resulted in expenses of \$3000.

8. Financial Director's Report

T. Decker provided Board of Finance members with audit reports, which were reviewed by the Board.

9. Member Comment

J. DeOliveria commented that the Board should encourage residents to be involved in the budget process.

10. Public Comment for In Person Attendees

T. Bobrowski said he is a developer. He said the amount budgeted for sewer use seems too low. He is also concerned that too little is being done for affordable housing for younger residents.

11. Adjournment

R. Sileo said a town meeting or referendum will be planned for February.

On a motion by M. Madow, seconded by A. Silverman, the January 13, 2026 meeting of the Thomaston Board of Finance was adjourned at 7:50 pm (motion carried 5-0).

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Skinner