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THOMASTON BOARD OF FINANCE
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, August 11, 2026

Present: Finance Board Members Luke Freimuth, Chairman; George Seabourne, Jack DeOliveira, Stephen Turner and Jim Campbell

Also Present: Rich Sileo, First Selectman; Tracy Decker, Finance Director; Roxann Fainer, Board of Education; Marisa McGee, Board of Education

1. **Call to Order:** 7:00PM

2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Recited by all.

3. **Quorum Confirmation:** The presence of quorum was confirmed.

4. **Approve or Amend Minutes:** July 28, 2026, Special Meeting

   MOTION made by G. Seabourne, Seconded by J. DeOliveira to APPROVE the Board of Finance Minutes from the July 28, 2026, Special Meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

5. **New Business:**
   a. Discuss/Approve: BOE Trafera Chromebook lease-No copy of document sent. Chair Freimuth asks the members of the BoE present if they have any information on the Chromebook Lease. Nothing to add. He then states since they do not have a lease or anyone to discuss the matter and the current status of the BoE budget, he is not inclined to make or accept any motions as it relates to spending for the BoE.

MOTION made by G. Seabourne, Seconded by J. DeOliveira to TABLE the BOE Trafera Chromebook lease. Motion passed unanimously.

   b. Discuss/ Approve: EDC request to rename Capital fund-T. Decker states the EDC has held a Business Recognition Event which is sponsored by businesses; the account now has $6085.16. The EDC would like to rename the account in order to use the funds for other events.
   Chair Freimuth asks if the intent is to not only use the funds for the one event which they have obviously had some success with but to branch out and do some additional outreach to the community.
   T. Decker explains the name on the account was so restrictive they could not use it for anything other than that event.

MOTION made by G. Seabourne, Seconded by J. Campbell to CHANGE the name on the EDC Business Recognition Account to Economic Development Events, Marketing and Program Account. Motion passed unanimously.

c. Discuss/Approve: DPW Crew Leader pay adjustment MOA- First Selectman Sileo comes back to discuss the temporary pay adjustment for the DPW Crew Leader from April 1st until a new Public Services Superintendent, is hired. The 2025-2026 Budget Amount is $1434.48, the Amount to date in the 2026-2027 Budget is $446.88 for a total of $1881.37to date. He states that there is a leftover amount in salaries in 2025-2026. Discussion ensued.

6. **Old Business:**

a. BOE 26/27 Budget-Chair Freimuth states the BoE met last Thursday and passed a motion for an Audit of the 2025-2026 Financials and 2026-2027 Budget to get a better understanding of their budget and what needs to change to deliver a budget based on what the town passed. Chair Freimuth presents the RFP sent to himself and First Selectman Sileo by Nathan Vieria, the Chair of the Board of Education; requesting the opportunity to obtain bids for the Audit.

First Selectman Sileo states he would prefer a vote on the bidding for an audit. He further offers three phases for the scope of work. The first phase is Overspending Identification and Root Cause Analysis, the second phase is Internal Controls and Processes Assessment, and the third is Recommendations and Corrective Action Plan.
He explained briefly each process.

G. Seabourne asks if there is a timeline on the bidding process. First Selectman Sileo says yes, it should be posted tomorrow.

Chair Freimuth clarifies that the Board of Finance and the Board of Education are both moving as quickly as possible to identify the issues and make corrective actions.

G. Seabourne asks if the Board of Education voted in favor of this audit. Which was affirmed.

MOTION made by G. Seabourne, Seconded by J. DeOliviera to Proceed with the Request for Proposals on an Audit of the Budget Process at the Board of Education. Motion passed unanimously.

Chair Freimuth reiterates the sense of urgency because we are already a month and a half into the year and it's a big number and that he was hoping there would be some answers to where the 2025-2026 year has fallen out. He asks the BoE members present if anyone has had a chance to pull additional numbers together or any information. Marissa McGee, BoE member, states she spoke to Attallah Roundtree earlier in the day, and she hoped to have those numbers by early next week.

Chair Freimuth inquires who will take over for A. Roundtree once she leaves on August 14th.

Roxy Fainer, BoE member states they have hired an Interim Business Manager, and they are drafting the contract currently.

BoE member Roxy Fainer then clarifies we are not going to sit on our hands and wait for this forensic audit to be done; we had a budget meeting last Wednesday. We requested information from Attahallah, doing a dive on these specific accounts, using the information that we have and tapping the insurance company to find out internally where things went wrong. Chair Freimuth Thanks her.

b. Discuss/ Approve: BOE request to reappropriate Capital funds- Chair Freimuth indicates he is not inclined to approve any additional funds given the current situation. He asked if this item was a carryover. T. Decker said the Center School custodians reached out again regarding having work done to the cupola and the fascia.

MOTION made by S. Turner, Seconded by G. Seabourne to TABLE the BOE request to reappropriate Capital funds. Motion passed unanimously.

7. **First Selectman's Report:** Nothing to add.

8. **Finance Director's Report:**
T. Decker reports she has a staffing shortage in her office; she asks permission to hire someone for not more than 8 hours every two weeks for payroll for the next six pay cycles for attendance entry because it is time consuming. It would total just over $800, and she seeks permission to overspend her budget by that amount.

Motion made by G. Seabourne, Seconded by J. DeOliveira to APPROVE the Finance Directors Request to overspend her budget for a temporary hire data entry position of not more than 8 hours every other week for a total of six pay cycles totaling just over $800. Motion passed unanimously.

T. Decker presents the 2025-2026 General Fund, Schedule of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Budget Actual for the Twelve Months Ended June 30, 2026. She reports two open POs totaling about $8000.00 on the town side.

Chair Freimuth asks if that includes the BoE. She reports they did a check run this afternoon and that her numbers show they are over $553,167; however, she needs that total from them. Once they do their posting, she will have their number.

T. Decker reports they 2026-2027 budget is only a month in so nothing to report yet.

Chair Freimuth says on the education piece that the number is higher than discussed. It makes sense to make light of certain items that the BoF were aware of and were budgeted for:
$89,000. As it relates to some early on Health Insurance overages
$34,000. For HVAC repairs.
$90,000. As it relates to the AFCSME Retroactive pay.
Which is just over $210,000 that was budgeted for of the $550,000 making the difference $350,000 that we need to account for.

9. Member Comment: None

10. Public Comment: None

11. Adjournment

MOTION made by J DeOliviera, Seconded by S. Turner to ADJOURN the meeting at 7:28PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sara Walker
Recording Secretary