

**THOMASTON BOARD OF FINANCE
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2026**

Present: Finance Board Members Mike Madow, Vice-Chair; George Seabourne, Jim Campbell, Jack DeOliveira and Stephen Turner

Also Present: Rich Sileo, Thomaston First Selectman; Tracy Decker, Finance Director; Bert Galpin, Public Services Superintendent

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Quorum Confirmation**
4. **Approve or Amend Minutes: September 8, 2026**

MOTION made by G. Seabourne, Seconded by Jim Campbell to AMEND the Minutes of the September 8, 2026, Regular Meeting as follows: (Page 5 under Transfers over \$20,000. Subject to Town Meeting)

To be Funded by:

Contingency	(56,072.00)
Insurance	(34,591.00)
Social Security	(21,463.00)
Fringe Benefits	(157,547.00)
	\$(269,673.00)

MOTION made by M. Madow, Seconded by J. Campbell to SEND these expenditures and their offsets to Town Meetings as presented in the year end transfers. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION made by G. Seabourne, Seconded by J. DeOliveira to APPROVE the Minutes of the September 8, 2026, Regular Meeting AS AMENDED. Motion passed unanimously.

5. **New Business:**

- a) Discuss/Approve: Elm St Engineering: First Selectman Sileo begins with; utility work has begun on Elm Street in advance of the LOTCIP Project. CT Water has been working on the watermain replacement. A portion of a stormwater culvert made of hand laid stone has collapsed, creating a hole. It is not a problem that can wait for the LOTCIP project to start; that is at least a year or more out. Closing that portion of road is also not an option. A temporary repair is necessary with the winter weather coming. He and Public Services Superintendent Bert Galpin have sought Engineering for a temporary support structure from Tighe & Bond since they have Engineered the Elm Street Project.

S. Turner asks if there are any provisions in the Town Ordinances for Exigent Circumstances like this? Because the snow is going to come, and the paving window is closing.

The cost of emergency engineering for this project is \$25,000.

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MOTION made by S. Turner, Seconded by G. Seabourne to APPROVE the Proposal for Engineering Services from Tighe & Bond for \$25,000. from Capital Reserve; as presented to the Board of Finance for emergency services on Elm Street. Motion passed unanimously.

- b) Discuss/Approve: CDBG grant for Green Manor-First Selectman Sileo presents the plan for a \$2.5 million Small Cities Grant to do repair and upgrade work to Green Manor. 8 ADA compliant units will be refurbished. Replacement of hot water heaters, and some roof replacement and repairs and upgrades to the Community Room and its restrooms. T. Decker reports the grant must come to the town and not the Housing Authority; but it is a pass through with no town obligation. She also states that the Housing Authority has paid the Architect in advance.

6. Old Business:

- a) Discuss/Approve: Electrical metering for the Opera House-First Selectman Sileo presents a Proposal from MJM Electric LLC for Town Hall and Opera House-Panel Board Power Monitoring (Standalone Meters) totaling 8.

MOTION made by S. Turner, Seconded by G. Seabourne to APPROVE MJM Electric LLC's Proposal to furnish and install eight standalone Leviton VerifEye Series 2500 revenue grade submeters for \$14,250. from Capital Reserve. Motion passed unanimously.

- b) Discuss/Approve: BOE Trafera Chromebook lease-First Selectman Sileo states there is currently a gap in the number of Chromebooks for the student body of 200. There are reports that students at Center School are sharing Chromebooks. Because it is a Multiyear agreement, it needs to go to Town Meeting.

Read into the Record by M. Madow Vice-Chair:

RESOLUTION APPROVING LEASE-PURCHASE OF SCHOOL COMPUTERS; ANNUAL APPROPRIATION; AND EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS

RESOLVED, that the Board of Finance of the Town of Thomaston, Connecticut hereby adopts the following resolution:

- 1. That the Town of Thomaston hereby approves the 48-month lease-purchase of 200 HP Fortis G1m Chromebook computers due annually in the amount of \$26,364; and**
- 2. That the appropriation of the amount of said payment be paid from the Board of Education budget line item for FY 2026-27 for said lease-purchase; and**
- 3. That the Town of Thomaston hereby approves TRAFERA Lease Agreement Number THO062424 lease-purchase agreement with TRAFERA, LLC DBA TRAFERA FINANCIAL SERVICES of Saint Paul, Minnesota (the "agreement") and authorizes the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Education to enter into said agreement; and**
- 4. That the First Selectmen and the Chairman of the Board of Education are authorized to execute and deliver said agreement and any other documents and take any action necessary or convenient for said purpose.**

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MOTION made by G. Seabourne, Seconded by J. Campbell to APPROVE the forementioned Resolution. Motion passed unanimously.

7. First Selectman's Report: No report. He asks the Board if they have questions for him.

G. Seabourne states he would like the entire Board of Education to come to the next BoF Meeting; because it doesn't seem the BoF is getting the type of help and cooperation that they hoped for concerning the BoE budget. He would like a letter sent to each BoE member requesting their presence at the next meeting.

First Selectman Sileo states the Interim Superintendent started Thursday of last week, and that he and Finance Director Decker met with him Friday. The BoE asked himself and Finance Director Decker to sign paperwork protecting personal information; which was signed.

Discussion ensued. Tracy Decker said she would send a letter to the Board of Education Members and the Interim Superintendent asking them all to come to the next Board of Finance meeting.

8. Finance Director's Report: Nothing

9. Member Comment: None

10. Public Comment: None

11. Adjournment:

**MOTION made by S. Turner, Seconded by G. Seaburne to ADJOURN the Meeting at 7:28PM.
Motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Sara Walker
Recording Secretary