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**THOMASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2025**

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. In attendance were First Selectman Mone, Selectman Burr and Selectman Dunn. Deborah Bournival was available to take the minutes.

**Pledge** - Pledge was recited by all.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion was made by Selectman Burr and seconded by Selectman Dunn to approve the minutes of both the September 2, 2025 regular meeting as presented. Motion carries unanimously.

**Motion was made by Selectman Burr and seconded by Selectman Dunn to move "New Business - 457(b) Plan Documents" up on agenda before "Old Business". Motion carries unanimously.**

**New Business/457(b) Plan Documents:**

Vinni Carey, Human Resources and Payroll Manager, was in attendance to present.

Previous to tonight's meeting, Vinni sent the selectmen the multi-page basic plan document for 457(b) for their review. This plan was provided by AXA – *The Equitable* who prepared the document so that the Town can offer two vendor options for employees to enroll in. The recommendation came directly from the Pension Committee from their recent meeting.

Motion was made by Selectman Burr and seconded by Selectman Dunn to accept the 457(b) plan as presented and recommended by the Pension Committee. Motion carries unanimously.

**Back to "Old Business/Discussion re: Potential Town Meeting – Elm Street LOTCIP"**

### **Old Business/Discussion re: Potential Town Meeting – Elm Street LOTCIP Project:**

At the last meeting of the BOS, two options were proposed Design Alternative Option 1 and Design Alternative 2, both with a greenway trail incorporated. First Selectman Mone said it is potentially possible for both options to be put on the town meeting agenda and for both to be rejected as they both have the greenway trail built into them. It was discussed with the town attorney to add two additional options Design Alternative Option 3 and Alternative Option 4, both without the greenway trail included. Selectman Burr asked where would the greenway go if not on Elm Street. First Selectman Mone said possibly down by the river and cantilevered, but this is not a good design. River Street was also deemed unacceptable by engineers who did the routing study. There are really no good options. Additionally, LOTCIP funding would not apply to any other section than Elm Street. Both Selectman Burr and Selectman Dunn are opposed to Options 3 and 4, especially because this project has been ongoing for years now and it would only be counterintuitive.

Motion was made by Selectman Burr and seconded by Selectman Dunn to go with Design Alternative Option 2 which includes the greenway and on-street parking and proceed directly to engineering. Motion carries unanimously.

Amanda Lemeire agrees as it give the best of both worlds.

### **Old Business/Increased Costs for Contracted Work on Pleasant View Aprons:**

Glenn Clark, Highway Superintendent, was in attendance to present.

One of the homeowners on Pleasant View did not want any work to be done to his driveway apron as he is not having any drainage issues at this time. So instead of the contractor fixing five aprons, they will only need to fix four and will need to come back for an additional day to complete as there was 6" of asphalt put down when only 3" should have been placed. Selectman Burr and First Selectman Mone asked why we wouldn't get a credit for the one driveway that does not have to be done. Glenn said it isn't just the material, but also man hours to do it that increases the cost.

Motion was made by Selectman Burr and seconded by Selectman Dunn to approve the additional \$4,500 for another day of work to complete the driveway aprons. Motion carries unanimously.

### **Old Business/Dissolve Transfer Station Committee and Appoint Volunteer Director:**

Debbie sent copies of minutes of meetings of the original Transfer Station Committee showing what they were charged with when installed, The committee eventually became defunct because there were no longer any members other than Dennis David. It is the recommendation of the BOS to appoint Dennis David as the Director of the Transfer Station. There should also be some oversight as there is with other committees and that oversight should come from the BOS. Dennis said the committee was set up where they would come before the BOS for approval on any changes being made. Dennis said he would continue giving quarterly updates and keep Tracy up-to-date as there are part-time employees as well.

According to an income/expense sheet provided to him by Tracy, it shows that there was a net loss of \$13,558 back in 2023-2024, then a net loss of \$4,316.15 in 2024-2025, but so far for 2025-2026

there is a net gain of \$4,908.64. It is going in the right direction. What has helped us is how we process our customers which is a more efficient way with our improved traffic pattern. The bargain barn is popular with an excellent turnover of items. We also started charging for mattresses again back in January with a revenue of \$300-\$500 per month which should result in an increase of approximately \$4,800/year. We are also looking to reduce our costs, specifically, our internet expenses of \$220/month.

**Old Business/Appointment of Interim Tax Collector:**

First Selectman Mone said we have two candidates; one from each of the two parties.

Motion was made by Selectman Burr and seconded by Selectman Dunn to appoint Laura Fitch as the interim tax collector. Discussion ensued.

Selectman Dunn wants to know if Laura would lose her current position as Administrative Assistant in the Building and Land Use office by taking on this job. First Selectman Mone said she would not as she will be splitting her time during the week between Land Use and the tax office. This has already been discussed with the WC union. So, if she were to lose in the election, she would still be able to go back to her previous position.

Motion carries 2- 1 ("No", Selectman Dunn).

**New Business/457(b) Plan Documents (this was already moved to the top of the agenda).**

**Motion was made by Selectman Burr and seconded by Selectman Dunn to add to the agenda under "Old Business/Connecticut Municipal Development Authority (CMDA) Resolution. With all in favor, motion carries.**

By joining the Connecticut Municipal Development Authority (CMDA), it will position Thomaston for greater economic growth, expanded housing opportunities and enhanced infrastructure investment such as for the sewer.

Selectman Burr read the resolution into record as follows:

**RESOLUTION REGARDING JOINING THE CONNECTICUT MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AS A MEMBER MUNICIPALITY**

**WHEREAS,** the Connecticut Municipal Development Authority (the "Authority"), a body politic and corporate, constituting a public instrumentality and political subdivision of the State of Connecticut has been established pursuant to section 8-169ii of the Connecticut General Statutes (the "General Statutes"); and

**WHEREAS,** the Authority was created for the performance of an essential public and governmental function, including for the purposes set forth in section 8-169jj of the General Statutes to: (1) Stimulate economic and transit-oriented development, as defined in section 13b-79kk of the General Statutes, within Connecticut Municipal Development

Authority development districts; (2) encourage residential housing development within development districts; (3) manage facilities through contractual agreement or other legal instrument; (4) stimulate new investment within development districts and provide support for the creation of vibrant, multidimensional downtowns; (5) upon request of the legislative body of a member municipality, or the legislative bodies of the municipalities constituting a joint member entity, as applicable, in which a development district is located, work with such municipality or municipalities to assist in development and redevelopment efforts to stimulate the economy of such municipality or municipalities; (6) upon request of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and with the approval of the chief executive officer of a member municipality, or the chief executive officers of the municipalities constituting a joint member entity, as applicable, in which a development district is located, enter into an agreement to facilitate development or redevelopment within such development district; (7) encourage development and redevelopment of property within development districts; (8) engage residents of member municipalities, or municipalities constituting a joint member entity, as applicable, and other stakeholders in development and redevelopment efforts; (9) market and develop development districts as vibrant and multidimensional; and (10) provide financial support and technical assistance to municipalities to develop housing growth zones; and

**WHEREAS**, under the General Statutes, the types of projects for which Authority assistance is authorized includes the following: (A) the design and construction of transit-oriented development, as defined in section 13b-79kk of the General Statutes; (B) the creation of housing units through rehabilitation or new construction; (C) the demolition or redevelopment of vacant buildings; and (D) development and redevelopment; and

**WHEREAS**, according to Section 8-169ll of the General Statutes, a municipality may, by certified resolution of the legislative body of the municipality, or by the board of selectmen in a municipality where the legislative body is the town meeting, opt to join the Authority as a member municipality, provided such municipality holds a public hearing or otherwise provides for public comment prior to any vote on such certified resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Thomaston held such a public hearing or otherwise provided for public comment on October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025, pursuant to the Notice and/or meeting agenda attached hereto; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Selectmen has found that joining the Authority as a member municipality would support the Town of Thomaston efforts to stimulate economic development and foster the purposes outlined in Section 8-169jj within Thomaston and accordingly desires to join the Authority as a member municipality; and

**WHEREAS**; the Board of Selectmen desires to further authorize the Chief Elected Official Edmond V. Mone to enter into a memorandum of agreement or other similar agreements with the Authority to create one or more development districts within the Town of Thomaston to advance the purposes contained in Section 8-169jj.

## **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

Section 1. The Board of Selectmen hereby approves the Town of Thomaston joining the Authority as a member municipality.

Section 2. The Chief Elected official, Edmond V. Mone is authorized to take or cause to be taken such actions, including, but not limited to, the negotiation and execution of any memorandum of agreement on behalf of the Town of Thomaston with the Authority and any other agreements, instruments and documents, that such official deems necessary, appropriate or desirable to implement the terms of any such memorandum of agreement and consummate the intention of this and the resolution.

Section 3. This Resolution shall be effective as of the date of approval.

Motion was made by Selectman Burr and seconded by Selectman Dunn to table this resolution until we have had a public hearing prior to the Board of Selectmen meeting on October 7, 2025. Motion carries unanimously.

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

Motion was made by Selectman Burr and seconded by Selectman Dunn to reappoint both John Piscopo and Joseph Fainer to the WPCA, pending RTC approval Thursday evening. Motion carries unanimously.

Motion was made by Selectman Burr and seconded by Selectman Dunn to accept the resignation of Becky Skinner from the ZBA, with regrets. Motion carries unanimously.

Motion was made by Selectman Burr and seconded by Selectman Dunn to table the reappointment of Daniela Ouellette to the Historical Commission as it was noted she may have changed her party affiliation from Unaffiliated to Republican and, therefore, if that is the case, the recommendation should come from the party chair.

Tony Adili reminded the Board that there now are four vacancies on the ZBA, including the resignation of Becky Skinner.

### **Tax Refunds:**

Due to the fact that our tax collector, Cassie Gorman, has resigned and has taken a position with another municipality, any tax refunds which were not signed already by her must now wait until that position has been filled.

### **Communications:**

### **Public Comment:**

Tony Adili reminds Board members that the Zoning Board of Appeals is down by four members now including the vacancy left by Becky Skinner.

Rich Sileo, Board of Finance Chairman, stated that we need to schedule a town meeting soon to take care of year-end transfers.

Glenn Clark, Highway Superintendent, shared that the containers at the transfer station should be covered because the town pays for the tonnage and when it rains or snows, the items within the container become heavier and cost the town more in tonnage.

Amanda Lemeire, Chairman of the DTC, said they have a replacement for the Zoning Board of Appeals vacancy. Also, highlighted some upcoming events that will be taking place for the 150<sup>th</sup>.

**A motion was made by Selectman Burr and seconded by Selectman Dunn to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m. Motion carries unanimously.**