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**THOMASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 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 the October 21, 2025 regular meeting as presented. Motion carries unanimously.

Old Business/Discussion Contracts for Town's MSW (ReWorld) and Recycling (Murphy Road):

Motion was made by Selectman Burr and seconded by Selectman Dunn to table this item to the next BOS meeting with the newly-elected board. Motion carries unanimously.

New Business/Light Up Thomaston Vendor Contract Review:

In attendance were Chairman Beth Schaffer and Co-Chairman Melanie Dobos from LUT. Discussion ensued as to the increase in costs with some of the vendor contracts, with an overall increase of approximately \$2,700 more. They are looking for additional funding approval. In addition, Thomaston Savings Bank has donated \$2,000 for the pizzas from local establishments. At the last BOS meeting, the board approved estimated expenses of \$16,225 and now the committee is looking at expenses of about \$22,000.

Motion was made by Selectman Burr and seconded by Selectman Dunn to allow the committee a not to exceed amount of \$23,000 for additional expenses. Motion carries unanimously.

New Business/Light Up Thomaston – Volunteer Committee Bylaws:

The newly-revised bylaws were presented to the BOS. Discussion ensued with some of the language in the bylaws and it was suggested that the LUT committee review, revise and come back for BOS approval. It will be tabled.

Motion was made by Selectman Burr and seconded by Selectman Dunn to table the approval of the bylaws. Motion carries unanimously.

New Business/CRF Project re: Cables Lane/Strawberry Park Crossing South Main Street to McMahon Drive:

Craig Stevenson of the Naugatuck Valley Councils of Government (NVCOG) was in attendance to present.

The NVCOG is a regional planning organization for a 19-town region in the Naugatuck Valley. The Board consists of 19 chief elected officials. The NVCOG handles areas like transportation, community, economic development and environmental planning and other municipal services. The Naugatuck River is central to the revitalization of the region and the quality of life of its citizens.

Flooding is the region's most frequent natural hazard. With funding from CT DEEP's CRF (Climate Resilience Fund), NVCOG has advanced nine priority culvert and drainage projects in to reduce flood risk and strengthen community resilience. Thomaston now has access to 30% design plans, along with a comprehensive technical report including hydraulic and hydrologic analyses, wetlands delineation, cost estimates, potential funding sources and a draft grant narrative. This will make it a shovel-ready project. NVCOG intends to submit a regional application to advance all nine projects from the original phase. This next phase would include development of 100% of design plans, completion of all required permitting and preparation of bid-ready construction documents. This would position Thomaston to apply for federal implementation grants or to bonding. Matching funds is optional (is not required), but would increase competitiveness. We just have to confirm the town's interest by signing a letter of interest. (See attached power-point attached for further details).

Motion was made by Selectman Burr and seconded by Selectman Dunn that the newly-elected First Selectman Sileo write a letter of support for the CRF project on Cables Lane/Strawberry Park. Motion carries unanimously.

New Business/2026 Yearly Schedule of Meetings:

A 2026 yearly calendar was provided to the selectmen with the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month highlighted for said meetings. Discussion ensued as to the start time of the meetings and it was decided to start all BOS meetings at 6:00 p.m. instead of 6:30 p.m. beginning in the new year.

Motion was made by Selectman Burr and seconded by Selectman Dunn to schedule the following dates with a start time of 6:00 p.m.:

January 6, January 20
February 3, February 17
March 3, March 17
April 7, April 21
May 5, May 19
June 2, June 16
July 7, July 21
August 4, August 18
September 1, September 15
October 6, October 20
November 3, November 17
December 1, December 15

Motion carries unanimously.

Board/Commission Appointments/Resignations:

Motion was made by Selectman Burr and seconded by Selectman Dunn to appoint a HR Committee with the following members:

HR Director (Vinni Carey);
Finance Director (Tracy Decker);
Two BOF members, one from each party (Mike Madow and L. Freimuth);
Two selectmen (Beth Campbell after 10:00 a.m. tomorrow and Mike Burr)

Motion carries unanimously.

Motion was made by Selectman Burr and seconded by Selectman Dunn to approve the list of committee appointees to the Light up Thomaston Committee as presented (see attached list).
Motion carries unanimously.

The BOS advised the committee that having too many members as voting members requires a higher quorum at meetings. It was advised to stay within the parameters already established (seven voting members) and others can be working members.

Motion was made by Selectman Dunn and seconded by First Selectman Mone to reappoint Richard Chandon and Mike Burr to the Opera House Commission for another term. Motion carries 2-0 with Selectman Burr abstaining. Claire Greene no longer wants to serve and will term out at end of month.

Tax Refunds:

Motion was made by Selectman Dunn and seconded by Selectman Burr to approve the tax refund submitted by the Tax Collector in the amount of \$34.54 to Bruce Whiteley, vehicle sold August, 2025. Motion carries unanimously.

Motion was made by Selectman Dunn and seconded by Selectman Burr to approve the tax refund submitted by the Tax Collector in the amount of \$308.79 to Toyota Lease Trust, vehicle sold November, 2024. Motion carries unanimously.

Motion was made by Selectman Dunn and seconded by Selectman Burr to approve the tax refund submitted by the Tax Collector in the amount of \$976.40 to Toyota Lease Trust, vehicle sold September, 2024. Motion carries unanimously.

Motion was made by Selectman Dunn and seconded by Selectman Burr to approve the tax refund submitted by the Tax Collector in the amount of \$345.02 to Toyota Lease Trust, vehicle sold April, 2025. Motion carries unanimously.

Motion was made by Selectman Dunn and seconded by Selectman Burr to approve the tax refund submitted by the Tax Collector in the amount of \$11.88 to Daniel Tirrell, vehicle junked July, 2025. Motion carries unanimously.

Motion was made by Selectman Dunn and seconded by Selectman Burr to approve the tax refund submitted by the Tax Collector in the amount of \$297.76 to Thomaston Industrial Space, no assets for 2024. Motion carries unanimously.

Motion was made by Selectman Dunn and seconded by Selectman Burr to approve the tax refund submitted by the Tax Collector in the amount of \$133.41 to Ally Financial, vehicle sold June, 2025. Motion carries unanimously.

Motion was made by Selectman Dunn and seconded by Selectman Burr to approve the tax refund submitted by the Tax Collector in the amount of \$570.65 to Ally Financial, vehicle sold September, 2024. Motion carries unanimously.

Motion was made by Selectman Dunn and seconded by Selectman Burr to approve the tax refund submitted by the Tax Collector in the amount of \$72.09 to Ally Financial, vehicle sold February, 2025. Motion carries unanimously.

Motion was made by Selectman Dunn and seconded by Selectman Burr to approve the tax refund submitted by the Tax Collector in the amount of \$249.49 to Ally Financial, vehicle sold May, 2025. Motion carries unanimously.

Communications – none.

Public Comment – none.

A motion was made by Selectman Burr and seconded by Selectman Dunn to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. Motion carries unanimously.