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**THOMASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
VIA ZOOM MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026**

Call to Order & Roll Call:

The meeting was called to order by First Selectman Sileo at 6:01 p.m. First Selectman Sileo, Selectman Burr and Selectman Campbell were in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance – by all in attendance.

Approval of Minutes:

Selectman Burr stated that there was a duplication of one of the tax refunds (Russo Family Revocable Trust - \$214.86) – it was put into the minutes twice. Administrative Assistant Deborah Bounrival agreed it was a duplication.

Motion was made by Selectman Burr and seconded by Selectman Campbell to approve the meeting minutes of the regular meeting of April 21, 2026 as amended. With all in favor, motion carries unanimously.

Old Business/Update re: School Feasibility Project:

Met with DRA today to see where we are with this. They will get us a report by tomorrow evening and then we can move to the next step.

Old Business/Update re: Municipal Solid Waste RFP:

Last week we had a non-mandatory meeting. We had some questions which we have clarified. Bid opening is scheduled for this Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

New Business/Update re: Judson Street Drainage:

The owners of both 70 Judson Street and 72 Judson Street have approached First Selectman Sileo and discussed the fact that there is some slumping going on in their yards. The pipe runs across the property of 70 Judson Street to the back of the property (drainage swale) and then exits into the Reeves Field area. The pipe is collapsing as it is heavily corroded. First Selectman Sileo has looked through all historical records dating back to when the pipe was put in, who put it in, etc. He has copies of the deeds, but nowhere in those deeds is there any mention of easements giving permission to the town to access the properties.

We did not touch that property when we did the web. The pipe was not touched, but was reconnected to the catch basin as the catch basin was replaced.

First Selectman Sileo also found a letter from Atty. Rybak to Ed Mone stating explicitly that the pipe running across 70 Judson Street does not belong to the town and is not the responsibility of the town. First Selectman Sileo has sent all this material back to Atty. Rybak for his review again and to make sure that opinion still holds.

The work that we did up there years ago was to manage the water coming from Crystal Lake. That infrastructure, which was designed to capture runoff, was there a very long time, even before any houses were built. First Selectman Sileo wants to understand whose responsibility this is before securing the services of an engineer.

Selectman Burr asked if there is any way to cut off the pipe and redirect somewhere else to another catch basin? First Selectman Sileo said there are a lot of solutions, but we need to understand the problem first.

Old Business/Update re: Old Northfield Road:

First Selectman Sileo said we had some problems on Old Northfield Road – we did something to a stream bed that we were not supposed to do – we disturbed a watercourse and now we need to fix it.

As a penalty, we have to find a similar stream bed somewhere else in town. We have been looking at other properties in town. We have looked at property just south of the transfer station and WPCA. There is a stream where we own half of the bank and the other half is owned by Watertown. We proposed that we rehab the embankment by planting indigenous plantings to stabilize the stream bed so it doesn't encourage any erosion or damage. First Selectman Sileo will be meeting with Tighe & Bond on Friday to walk this stream area. We had a meeting with DEEP and they have accepted the property in principal and will work on Friday morning.

Old Business/Public Works Job Postings (Mechanic, Maintainer):

First Selectman Sileo took the job descriptions and met with the team over at the town garage Thursday. From a union perspective, they signed off on the small changes on the mechanic job that were proposed and waived the posting period as no one was interested in either position. The job has now been posted up on our website for a few days now. We will see what kind of response we get next week before we spend money to advertise.

Old Business/Update re: Organizational Realignment:

First Selectman Sileo contacted the gentlemen who is the WPCA representative from DEEP. The representative asked First Selectman Sileo a series of questions about certain aspects of what we intend to do operationally and he was satisfied with same. First Selectman Sileo will go to the WPCA commission to relay this information.

Selectman Burr looked at the MS4 reports currently listed on our website. He looked at other towns reports and they seemed to be all prepared by an engineering firm. First Selectman Sileo said that our reports are prepared by our engineers, Weston & Sampson, with all input supplied from the town. We are in arrears for the SWPPs, but we have done them internally and submitted the final report. There are some questions that need to be addressed.

In addition, Selectman Burr asked about the dam emergency plan. First Selectman Sileo said we did have one, but it was never updated and refiled. DEEP reached out and said our EAP is about 5 years old and needs to be updated now that the dam has been replaced. Selectman Burr wanted to know if Litchfield has a responsibility in this? First Selectman Sileo said they pay us for access to Nystrom's. That agreement is up now and First Selectman Sileo will be asking Litchfield for additional monies.

New Business – none

Board/Commission Appointments/Resignations – none.

Tax Refunds – none.

Member Comment – none.

Public Comment – none.

Motion was made by Selectman Burr and seconded by Selectman Campbell to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m. With all in favor, motion carries unanimously.