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THOMASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN SPECIAL MEETING WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2026

Call to Order at 6:04 p.m. by First Selectman Sileo with Selectman Burr and Selectman Campbell in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

Approval of Minutes: (revision of previous minutes – September 15, 2026):

Under **New Business/Discuss-Approve Pension Calculation Requests**, the motion that was made on September 15th BOS regular meeting was as follows:

Motion was made by Selectman Burr and seconded by Selectman Campbell that as recommended by the Retirement Committee, to allow for one pension calculation per member per fiscal year. Motion carries unanimously.

However, according to Tracy Decker, our Finance Director, the language should be as follows:

All active members of the Town's defined benefit and volunteer length of service award plans be to receive one estimate calculation per fiscal year at the Town's expense. All additional benefit calculations requested within the same fiscal year shall be at the member's expense.

This language was approved by the Retirement Committee at their meeting on September 8th and is needed for auditing purposes as well. BOS motion has to be same as follows:

Motion was made by Selectman Burr and seconded by Selectman Campbell that all active members of the Town's defined benefit and volunteer length of service award plans be to receive one estimate calculation per fiscal year at the Town's expense. All additional benefit calculations requested within the same fiscal year shall be at the member's expense. Motion carries unanimously.

In addition, under **New Business/Opera House Roof Completion & Retention Notice**, the 2nd, 3rd and 4th paragraphs need to be cleaned up for clarity purposes as follows:

First Selectman Sileo suggests we should not accept the offer from Young Developers to come back and finish the work on this project due to their inability to show up when scheduled and our low confidence in their ability to do the work. We will move on and make the repairs ourselves out of remaining retainage to complete this work with a vendor of our choice.

Motion was made by Selectman Burr and seconded by Selectman Campbell to not accept the offer from Young Developers to come back and finish the work on this project due to their inability to show up when scheduled and our low confidence in their ability to do the work. We will move on and make the repairs ourselves out of remaining retainage to complete this work with a vendor of our choice. Motion carries unanimously.

The “do” will be changed to “finish”, the “on” will be changed to “forward” and a portion of the last sentence will be replaced with “utilizing a vendor of our choice and pay for out of the remaining retainage in order to complete the work” in both 2nd and 3rd paragraphs. The “motion carries unanimously” will now be replaced with “Discussion” and “Motion carries unanimously” will be moved to the end of the 4th paragraph.

Motion was made by Selectman Burr and seconded by Selectman Campbell to approve of the changes of the September 15, 2026 regular meeting as amended. Motion carries unanimously.

Old Business/Discuss-Revise Electricity Metering for the Opera House:

At its last meeting on September 15, 2026, the BOS approved of MJM Electric's quote for the tenant power monitoring system for the opera house in an amount not to exceed \$20,545. However, a portion of that quote was for automation services, which we don't necessarily need as we have someone at the town who can monitor usage monthly. This will save us over \$6,000. The revised quote is now for \$14,250 to furnish and install eight (8) Leviton VerifEye Series 2500 submeter kits. Old Firehouse, small theater and box office will not be metered.

Motion was made by Selectman Burr and seconded by Selectman Campbell to rescind the previous motion made at the September 15, 2026 meeting. Motion carries unanimously.

Motion was made by Selectman Burr and seconded by Selectman Campbell to accept the proposal from MJM Electric to furnish and install eight (8) Leviton VerifEye Series 2500 submeter kits with 200A CTs including wiring, configuration, labeling, verification and meter schedule for an amount not to exceed \$14,250 funded from the capital reserve. Motion carries unanimously.

Old Business/E-Bike Ordinance Revisions:

Motion was made by Selectman Burr and seconded by Selectman Campbell to approve an ordinance regulating the operation of electric bicycles, pedal-assisted bicycles, scooters, self-balancing one-wheeled devices and gas-powered ATVs and gas-powered bicycles on town sidewalks and on town property as presented, pending town meeting approval. Motion carries unanimously.

New Business/Discuss-Approve Yearend Transfers:

Motion was made by Selectman Burr and seconded by Selectman Campbell to approve year-end transfers as approved by the Board of Finance as follows:

To appropriate a sum not to exceed **\$269,673.00** composed of \$56,072.00 from **Contingency**; \$34,591.00 from **Insurance**; \$21,463.00 from **Social Security**; and \$157,547.00 from **Fringe Benefits**, and to transfer those funds as follows: \$22,251.00 to **Town Hall Operations & Maintenance**; \$34,749.00 to **Snow & Ice Removal**; \$34,572.00 to **Education**; \$89,674.00 to **Education**; and \$88,427.00 to **Education**, and to authorize the First Selectman and Board of Selectmen to take all actions and execute all documents necessary or convenient for those purposes.

Motion carries unanimously.

New Business/Discuss-Approve BOE Chromebooks Lease:

First Selectman Sileo indicated that currently there is a gap in the number of Chromebooks for the student body of 200. Some students are sharing Chromebooks which clearly causes a problem. As this will be a multi-year agreement, it must get town meeting approval.

Motion was made by Selectman Burr and seconded by Selectman Campbell to accept a resolution:

- (a) That the Town of Thomaston hereby approves the 48-month lease-purchase of 200 Hewlett Packard (HP) Fortis G1m Chromebook computers due annually in an amount not to exceed **\$26,364**; and
- (b) That the appropriation of the amount of said payment be paid from the Board of Education budget line for fiscal year 2026-2027 for said lease-purchase; and
- (c) That the Town of Thomaston hereby approves the TRAFERA Lease Agreement Number TH0062424 lease-purchase agreement with TRAFERA, LLC DBA TRAFERA FINANCIAL SERVICES of St. Paul, Minnesota and authorizes the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Education to enter into said agreement; and
- (d) That the First Selectman 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.

Motion carries unanimously.

New Business/Discuss-Accept CDBG Grant Award:

First Selectman Sileo explained that the Town (for the Housing Authority) has been awarded a Small Cities/CDBG grant in the amount of \$2.5M for Green Manor. This grant will be used to do needed upgrades and repairs to the facility. A total of eight (8) ADA compliant units will be refurbished with replacement hot water heaters, some roof replacement and repairs along with upgrades to the community room and bathrooms. The grant must come to the Town and not the Housing Authority, but is a pass-through with no Town obligation. The Housing Authority/Green Manor has already secured the Architect in advance and paid for same out of their account.

Motion made by Selectman Burr and seconded by Selectman Campbell to accept the Small Cities Grant #SC2514001A in the amount of \$2.5M for the Town of Thomaston/Green Manor public housing modernization project. Motion carries unanimously.

New Business/Discuss-Approve Call for Town Meeting:

Motion was made by Selectman Burr and seconded by Selectman Campbell that:

**TOWN OF THOMASTON
WARNING OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
SEPTEMBER 30, 2026, 6:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL – LENA MORTON GALLERY**

The electors and those persons eligible to vote in town meetings of the Town of Thomaston, Connecticut, are hereby WARNED AND NOTIFIED that a Special Town Meeting will be held in the Town Hall, in the Lena Morton Gallery, 158 Main Street, Thomaston, Connecticut, on Wednesday, September 30, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. for the following purposes:

ITEM 1. As recommended by the Board of Finance and the Board of Selectmen, to APPROPRIATE a sum not to exceed **\$269,673.00**, composed of \$56,072.00 from Contingency; \$34,591.00 from Insurance; \$21,463.00 from Social Security; and \$157,547.00 from Fringe Benefits, and to TRANSFER those funds as follows: \$22,251.00 to Town Hall Operations & Maintenance; \$34,749.00 to Snow & Ice Removal; \$34,572.00 to Education; \$89,674.00 to Education; and \$88,427.00 to Education, and to authorize the First Selectman and Board of Selectmen to take all actions and execute all documents necessary or convenient for those purposes.

ITEM 2. As recommended by the Board of Finance and Board of Selectmen, to consider and act on a proposed agreement with PKF O'Connor Davies Accountants and Advisors for Phase 1 "Overspend Identification and Root Cause Analysis" of a financial review of the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Education Budget and expenditures, to APPROPRIATE a sum not to exceed **\$31,625.00** for payment thereof, and to authorize the First Selectman and Board of Selectmen to take all actions and execute all documents necessary or convenient for those purposes.

ITEM 3. As recommended by the Board of Finance and Board of Selectmen, to approve an agreement with Tighe & Bond for engineering an emergency repair to a stone culvert under Elm Street, to APPROPRIATE a sum not to exceed **\$25,000.00** for payment thereof, and to authorize the First Selectman and Board of Selectmen to execute all documents and take all actions necessary or convenient to carry out those purposes.

ITEM 4. As recommended by the Police Commission and the Board of Selectmen, to consider and act on a proposed Ordinance Regulating the Operation of Electric Bicycles, Pedal-Assisted Bicycles, Electric Scooters, Self-Balancing One-Wheeled Devices, and Gas-Powered ATVs And Gas-Powered Bicycles on Town Sidewalks and On Town Property.

ITEM 5. As recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance, to consider and act on a Resolution:

- (e) That the Town of Thomaston hereby approves the 48-month lease-purchase of 200 Hewlett Packard (HP) Fortis G1m Chromebook computers due annually in an amount not to exceed **\$26,364**; and
- (f) That the appropriation of the amount of said payment be paid from the Board of Education budget line for fiscal year 2026-2027 for said lease-purchase; and
- (g) That the Town of Thomaston hereby approves the TRAFERA Lease Agreement Number THO062424 lease-purchase agreement with TRAFERA, LLC DBA TRAFERA FINANCIAL SERVICES of St. Paul, Minnesota and authorizes the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Education to enter into said agreement; and
- (h) That the First Selectman 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.

Copies of the resolutions and relevant documents are on file and available for inspection at the Office of the Town Clerk.

Motion carries unanimously.

Adjournment:

Motion was made by Selectman Burr and seconded by Selectman Campbell to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m.
Motion carries unanimously.