

Town of Thomaston

Board of Fire Commissioners

1. The October 6, 2025, meeting of the Thomaston Board of Fire Commission was held at the Thomaston Fire Department and was called to order at 1800 hours by Commission Chairman Quinn.

Attendance:

Commission Chair Quinn
Commissioner Norton Jr.
Fire Marshal Norton Sr.
Deputy Chief Belval

Commissioner Scully
Commissioner Olivero
Asst. Chief Pronovost

2. Fire Marshal Report:

The fire marshal submitted his reports for August and September as there was no September meeting. He went over each report there were 37 calls in August and 31 calls in September. Year to date total for calls is 266. Inspections are being worked on, and more letters are going out. Fire Marshal reported Adam Rieley is attending Fire Investigation Class and is doing well in the program.

3. Reading/Approval if minutes from previous meeting.

A motion was made by Comm. Olivero and seconded by Comm. Norton to approve the minutes from August as emailed. Motion passed.

4. Bills and Communications

The bills for August were \$10,579.08

5. Report of Chiefs

- a. Chief Clark

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- i. Chief Clark was unable to attend the meeting
- b. Asst. Chief Pronovost
 - i. Lion test gear has been shipped and will be coming in about a week
 - ii. Three members were fitted for the Mourning Pride test gear and should be here in 4-6 weeks
 - iii. Discussion on lifting bags. Ours have been out of service since December. There were 2 quotes from the same company for 2 options. It was decided to attempt to get a grant for the purchase and if we can't secure one to see the end of budget or new budget request.
 - iv. Deputy Chiefs radios were updated and installed into his vehicle.
 - v. Replacement of lapel mics from the Koster Keunen fire in Watertown have now been received so all damaged equipment from that incident is now replaced.
 - vi. SCBA flow testing is completed on 9/10 with no failures found.
 - vii. There is a continual amount of broken SCBA masks. They are working on warranty coverage and why we are having this issue. They report that mask should not be stored connected to the regulators.
 - viii. 2 computers are outdated and can't be updated to windows 11. The Admin Asst. and Asst. Chiefs computers. A quote was provided, and a motion was made by Comm Olivero and seconded by Comm Scully to purchase the 2 items from the machinery and equipment line item. Motion passed.

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c. Deputy Chief Belval

i. Training

1. 8/25 Apparatus Training and Familiarization-10 M-20 H
2. 9/8 Signal 73-2 ½ Wood Going Good-24 M-60 H
3. 9/26 Structure Response JPRs – 16 M-32 H
4. 10/4 Live Burn – 15 M-60 H

- a. Overall training hours since last report 172

5. Several trainings upcoming

- ii. Live Brush Fire Training, being scheduled
- iii. LCD Training, waiting for LCD to schedule
- iv. Joint training with TVAC in November
- v. Physicals

1. Beginning pricing and date searches for 2026
2. Pricing to include DOT option
3. Cancer testing and pricing availability
 - a. Rough numbers for cancer testing 175 pp for basic
 - b. Will reach out to Litchfield County Cancer Support Group

vi. Fit Testing

1. Machine will be going out for calibration

6. Report of Secretary/Treasurer

- a. No report

7. Report of Special Committees

- a. No report

8. Old Business

- a. None

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9. New Business

- a. Town Maintenance Coordinator Ouellette was present to discuss a program Eversource has for Heating/Cooling. He has been in contact with Board of Finance Chair who thinks it is a good project. The project would be a monthly charge for 5 years. He will be obtaining more information and will report back and get our support when the time comes.

10. Report of Commissioners

- a. None

11. Any other Business to come before the board

- a. None

12. Executive Session

- a. None

13. Adjournment

- a. There being no further business, a motion was made by Comm Norton and seconded by Comm Scully to adjourn. Motion Passed and the meeting was adjourned at 1849 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert V. Norton Jr.

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Filling in for Secretary