

Town of Thomaston

Board of Fire Commissioners



1. The November 3, 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 Scully

Commissioner Norton Jr.

Commissioner Olivero

Fire Marshal Norton Sr.

Chief Clark

Asst. Chief Pronovost

Deputy Chief Belval

2. Fire Marshal Report:

The fire marshal submitted his report for October. There were 30 calls in October. Year to date total for calls is 296. Inspections are being worked on, and more letters are going out. Office will be working on inspections of Liquor establishments and Gas Stations. The Fire Marshal reported Adam Rieley is being sent away for military training and has withdrawn from the evening Fire Code Inspector class that is starting in January. When he finishes Fire Investigator he will be qualified to be appointed as a Fire Investigator but will be unable to do inspections. Matt Belval was accepted to the evening Fire Code Inspector Class starting in January and once completed will be qualified to be appointed a Fire Code Inspector but will be unable to do fire investigations. There was a discussion on FM Office staff working in another jurisdiction and having the cost of memberships and training split among them. FM Norton to speak his staff and the other community to discuss it. Will report back next month.

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3. Reading/Approval if minutes from previous meeting.

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

4. Bills and Communications

Nothing left by Secretary/Treasurer to report on

5. Report of Chiefs

a. Chief Clark

- i. The 2026 Annual Banquet will be held at Fairview Farms on April 18th
- ii. Department would like to hold their annual members Christmas party on December 19th. A motion was made by Comm. Scully and seconded by Comm. Olivero to allow alcohol at the event. Motion passed
- iii. Trunk or Treat was held on November 1st
- iv. Annual Santa Run will be December 13th
- v. Food and toy drive November 15th
- vi. Generator service contract being adjusted by the town maintenance coordinator that is more cost effective
- vii. There was a bedroom fire at 39 Park St on 4th floor
- viii. Fire alarm system works well, was set off at breakfast
- ix. Police Department has a car to give the department that has engine issues and would need some work. This was tabled until all commissioners are present
- x. November 6th is CSFA Memorial Dinner at Aqua Turf

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b. Asst. Chief Pronovost

- i. Lion test gear is in and in service, there were sizing issues being fixed
- ii. Mourning Pride test gear one set is here for spec confirmation and the other 3 are in production and should be here in 4-6 weeks
- iii. Innotex rep is providing options for the issues with existing gear
- iv. The 2 computers are in and up and running at lightning speed
- v. Truck 1 ariel testing was completed on 10/30
- vi. Hose testing scheduled for 11/24
- vii. SCBA facepiece and lens update
 1. Quote provided for mask storage bags. A motion was made by Comm. Olivero and seconded by Comm. Scully to purchase 26 mask bags. Motion passed
 2. The replacement of the lens may also mean replacement of the seal. The cost is as much as a brand-new mask. A motion was made by Comm. Scully and seconded by Comm. Olivero to purchase 6 new masks. Motion passed

c. Deputy Chief Belval

i. Training

1. 10/13 RIT Training 10M-24H
2. 10/20 Forcible entry with Northfield 8M-16H
3. 10/19 Dive Team training in Torrington 3M-9H
4. 10/4 Live Burn – 15 M-60 H

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a. Overall training hours since last report 109

5. Several trainings upcoming

- Live Brush Fire Training, being scheduled
- LCD Training, waiting for LCD to schedule
- Joint training with TVAC in November
- Joint training with Watertown and Northfield

ii. Physicals

1. Beginning pricing and date searches for 2026
2. Pricing to include DOT option
3. Cancer testing and pricing availability

iii. 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. The Eversource program for heating and cooling still being investigated by the Town Maintenance Coordinator

9. New Business

- a. None

10. Report of Commissioners

- a. None

11. Any other Business to come before the board

- a. None

12. Executive Session

- a. None

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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 1848 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert V. Norton Jr.

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Filling in for Secretary

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