



BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
THOMASTON FIRE DEPARTMENT  
MEETING MINUTES – January 5, 2026

The annual meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was held January 5, 2026 at the Firehouse.

In attendance were: Cmsr. Tim Quinn	Cmsr. Bob Norton Jr
Cmsr. Jerry Scully	Cmsr Hank McGee
Cmsr Allan Olivero	Cmsr JP Oldham
Chief Glenn Clark	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Asst Chief Matt Pronovost	
Deputy Chief Matt Belval	

**1: The meeting was called to order at 18:06 hours by Chairman Quinn.**

**2: Election of Commission Chairman:**

Meeting was turned over to Secretary Oldham to open nominations for Commission Chairman. One nomination was received, and a motion was made by Alan Olivero, seconded by Bob Norton Jr to elect Chairman Quinn for board chairman for 2026. Motion Passed and meeting was turned over to Chairman Quinn.

**3: Executive Session:**

none

**4: Elections of secretary Treasurer:**

Motion was made by Bob Norton Jr., seconded by Allan Olivero to appoint JP Oldham as Commission Secretary. Motion Passed

**5: Fire Marshal's Report:**

Fire Marshal Bob Norton, Sr. went over his monthly report. Some discussions were held.

28 calls for December, structure fire at unimetal, 5 co alarms  
343 total calls for 2025.

Mr. Riley passed his Fire Marshal investigation class.

Motion made by Jerry Scully, seconded by Hank McGee to move that the Town contact the Town Attorney to determine whether appointing Adam Riley as Fire Investigator would subject the position to the "just cause" protection clause.

If the Town Attorney determines that the just cause provision applies, the Town shall enter into a contractual agreement, with a defined term limit, with Mr. Riley for the provision of Fire Investigation services.

If the just cause provision does not apply, Mr. Riley shall be immediately appointed to the position of "Fire Investigator". Motion Passed

**6: Appointment of Fire Chief 2026:**

One nomination was received for **Chief of Department** and a motion was made by Bob Norton Jr, seconded by Hank McGee to continue support of Chief Glen Clark in the position of Chief of Department. Motion passed.

**7: Appointment of Asst. Chief for 2026:**

One Nomination was made for Assistant chief for Matt Pronovost and a motion was made by JP Oldham, seconded by Hank McGee to appoint Pronovost as assistant chief for 2026. Motion passed.

One nomination was made for Deputy Chief for Matt Belval and a motion was made by Bob Norton Jr, seconded by Allan Olivero to appoint Matt Belval as Deputy Chief for 2026. Motion Passed.

**8: Reading / approval of minutes of previous meeting:**

Motion made by Hank McGee seconded by Tim Quinn to dispense with the reading of the December minutes and approve them as presented, Motion passed

**9: Bills and communications:**

- Secretary Oldham went over the bills \$15,492 in bills for December, with some bills still outstanding.

**10: Report of Chiefs:**

- Discussion on the radio dispatch center and the unimetal fire. The department has continued concerns on the ability and reliability of our current dispatch, both mechanical and personnel. The chief asked for mutual aid department, and it was never dispatched, this puts our firefighters in risk.
- Motion was made by Jerry Scully, seconded by Hank McGee to have the chiefs memorialize the the "Unimetal" fire and come back to us with their findings regarding run cards not being followed, mutual aid requests not fulfilled, communications not up to industry standards. Motion passed.
- Discussion on cracks in SCBA mask face pieces. 6 masks have been replaced at a cost of \$400 each.
- Chief received prices for wrapping the new chief's car at \$6500  
The red paint was same price but would add cost for emblems.  
The black paint is \$2000. No action was taken
- Had a failure of garage door belt, overhead door fixed it.
- Father Byers is being inducted into the firefighter's hall of fame this year
- Training report provided, 992 total man hrs in- house training
  - 3 members FF1
  - 5 members instructor 1
  - 1 member fire officer
  - 2 members boat certified
  - 4 members joined reg 5 dive team
- Physicals are in the works and we should hear something soon
- Fit testing machine is back and fit testing will happen soon

**11: Report of Secretary:**

Oldham went over the budget.

**12: Report of Special Committees:**

**none**

**13: Old Business:**

none

**14: New Business**

Joe Ouellette went over an Eversource program that spreads the cost of energy efficient upgrades to our HVAC system interest free over a five year period. Our current system is original to the building. Three bids were presented to the board.

Motion was made by Jerry Scully, seconded by JP Oldham to go with UMR, with the agreement from BOF that our budget (or Capital) be increased by said amount to cover the yearly payment. Motion passed

Joe will look into other eversource programs for lighting for the department.

**15: Report of Commissioners**

None

**16: Other Business:** Assistant Chief Provonost will be out the next couple meeting due to school.

**17: Adjournment:** There being no further business, motion made by JP Oldham, seconded by Tim Quinn and passed to adjourn the meeting at 19:56 hours.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jon-Paul Oldham / Commission Secretary