



# Town of Thomaston

Selectman's Office

Town Hall

158 Main Street

P.O. Box 136

Thomaston, Connecticut 06787

Phone: 860-283-4421 Fax: 860-283-1378

## DRAFT

### THOMASTON POLICE COMMISSION

#### REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2025

**Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. Chief Madden in attendance along with Commissioner Sileo, Commissioner Campbell and Commissioner Burr. Deborah Bournival, Administrative Assistant to the First Selectman, was available to take the minutes.

**Pledge of Allegiance** was recited by all.

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

Commissioner Sileo asked that the record reflect that he and Commissioner Campbell were elected, but had not become official at the time of the November 18<sup>th</sup> meeting and, therefore, could not vote to approve or disapprove the minutes. Commissioner Burr, who was already on the board under the old administration did review of the minutes and had no issues with them.

#### **New Business/Review of Trespassing Issues on South Main Street:**

Both Christine Yoos and Paul Yoos of Valley Welding were in attendance to present.

Ms. Yoos explained that both 162 South Main Street (MGB Tires building) and 168 South Main Street (two-family house in rear) are both properties owned by the Yoos. The access driveway between MGB Tire and the other service station (also owned by the Yoos) has a 12-foot right-of-way. No one is allowed to park in, load or unload in this driveway. MBG Tire doesn't even have authority to use this right-of-way, but must use South Main Street only.

Ms. Yoos said they have been dealing with ongoing trespassing issues, especially with the Torrington 4-Wheel & Off Road business. Torrington 4-Wheel was here to pull out a vehicle from the adjacent property. They did not get permission from us to do so and there was even an officer helping them to pull the vehicle out.

We are looking for a full investigation into this incident from Chief Madden and PD. We would like to know who the people are from Torrington 4-Wheel so we can send a letter to them. Commissioner Burr asked if this is the time they asked the police officer to rewrite their report. Commissioner Burr also asked if there were other vehicles that needed to be removed from property, can they do so? The Yoos said they would allow Village Center or others (just not Torrington 4-Wheel) to remove any cars needed.

#### **New Business – Quarterly Report:**

Total calls for service this period was 5,542. The quarterly incident analysis was reviewed and discussed. Emergency 911 calls for this period were 553 from September 16, 2025 – December 16, 2025. Average length of time to answer calls was 4.3 seconds. The allowable time standard set by the Department of Statewide Emergency Telecommunications (DSET) is 10 seconds. We also received 48 calls for the ACO, with 5 calls for Watertown and they responded without incident. A new part-time ACO (Troy Poynton) recently completed all State training and is added to the roster as the department recently had one resign.

Police personnel as of December 16, 2025 is ten patrol officers, two detectives and three part-time officers. The department has had one officer out on medical leave for approximately 1.5 months expected back to work first week of January, 2026. Telecommunications personnel as of December 16, 2025 is three full-time telecommunicators and six part-time. Last week, the department separated from one of the trainees who didn't work out and is actively seeking another candidate.

The DOT bridge project continues throughout town. North Main has been completed, but Fenn Road and Waterbury Road still need to be worked on. The Connecticut Water project is still underway from Waterbury Road up to South Main and Elm Street. They have started making the lateral connections. NY-CONN continues to work on the traffic lights and crosswalk project at multiple intersections in town.

DOT/NYCONN started replacing signal lights/crosswalk lights at all major intersections. The actual construction is completed, but new poles and signals have not been installed yet.

DOT still doing bridge construction on Waterbury Road.

CT Water is still working on their project of replacing the water main on South Main Street. Project is near completion, with a few laterals still being worked on, but for now, they are done for the winter.

The two new speed detection signs donated by DOT have been built and out within the town. One is on Clay Street and the other is on Reynolds Bridge Road. DOT donated four and we purchased two, for a total of six.

Departmental budgets should be at 44% expended at this point in the fiscal process. Police is at 38%, Communications is at 39% and Animal Control is at 41%.

**Old Business** – none.

**Communication** – none.

**Public Comment:**

Commissioner Burr commented that he recently saw a press release that stated the Thomaston Police Department, in conjunction with five other State enforcement agencies, conducted compliance checks at several smoke and vape shops within Thomaston. These establishments included Thomaston Smoke & Vape (sold cannabis); King Cigar Smoke & Vape (sale of tobacco to minor); Smoker's Mart (multiple violations) and Smoker's Choice (sale of tobacco to minor). Chief Madden said all have hearings with the State. It is illegal to sell cannabis per zoning regulations. Commissioner Dunn said he believes new regulations have been established

Commissioner Burr wanted to take this opportunity to thank Jeff for a job well done. He also wanted to thank First Selectman Mone again for all his years of service to the town. We appreciated.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Burr and seconded by Commissioner Dunn to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m. Motion carries unanimously.**