



Town of Thomaston

Selectman's Office

Town Hall

158 Main Street

Thomaston, Connecticut 06787

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

DRAFT

THOMASTON POLICE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2026

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:

Motion was made by Commissioner Burr and seconded by Commissioner Campbell to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2026 meeting as presented. Motion carries 2-0, with Commissioner Campbell abstaining as she was not in attendance at this meeting.

New Business/Monthly Report:

We continue to investigate open commercial burglaries. Four new search warrants were issued in the \$1M fraud case. The detectives have been submitting multiple search warrants for DNA. The lab only takes two samples at a time (sometime long process). They also have been going through a lot of electronic evidence received via search warrants on a variety of cases they have active.

Total calls for service for this period were 2456. Emergency 911 calls for service for this period were 219 calls with a 4.3 second answer time.

During this period, we had one swatting/threatening case against an establishment in town. The FBI contacted us and opted to take investigation over.

We received nine calls for service for animal control and Watertown was needed for one.

The CT Water project has started on Elm Street. First step is for them to do their work, which should be completed by October. We will then work on getting bids for the sewer work and then all underground utilities will have to be installed. Commissioner Burr wanted to know how many times does the road have to be ripped up once paved. All work should be completed before pavement is done.

During this period, during the bad storm that hit us recently, we lost power for two weeks due to lightening hits. The department lost all communications with two towers taking multiple lightening strikes. After a few hours, they were able to get us a temporary line up and running and began to work on component that burned in dispatch. This took approximately another 12 hours which was also a temporary fix. They came back the next day and permanently fixed the entire system.

Motion was made by Commissioner Burr and seconded by Commissioner Campbell to add under New Business/Discussion of Right-Hand Turn Signage Exiting the Town Hall/Library Complex. Motion carries unanimously.

Discussion ensued. Commissioner Sileo will follow up with the State of Connecticut.

Old Business/Discussion re: Electric Bikes (or E-Bikes):

We have no bike ordinance in place currently. We should carve out our own ordinance then present to Atty. Rybak for final approval. Should also invite Recreation Commission in for further comments. Pedal bikes have always been fine to ride on sidewalks, but not motorized which can get up to speeds of about 30-40 mph.

Communications – none.

Public Comment – none.

A motion was made by Commissioner Burr and seconded by Commissioner Campbell to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Motion carries unanimously.