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# ADMINISTRATIVE ORDINANCES

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[HISTORY: Adopted by the Town of Thomaston as indicated in article histories. Amendments noted where applicable.]

## ARTICLE I Adoption of Code [Adopted 5-29-2007]

#### § 1-1. Adoption.

The compilation of the ordinances of the Town of Thomaston, codified and consolidated into chapters and sections in the form attached hereto and made a part hereof, and consisting of Chapters 1 through 267, is hereby approved, adopted, ordained and enacted as the "Code of the Town of Thomaston, Connecticut," hereinafter called the "Code." All provisions contained in the compilation provided for herein and known as the "Code of the Town of Thomaston" shall be in force and effect on and after the effective date of this ordinance.

#### § 1-2. Continuation of existing provisions.

The provisions of the Code, insofar as they are substantively the same as those ordinances in force immediately prior to the enactment of the Code by this ordinance, are intended as a continuation of such ordinances and not as new enactments, and the effectiveness of such provisions shall date from the date of adoption of the prior ordinance. All such provisions are hereby continued in full force and effect and are hereby reaffirmed as to their adoption by the Town.

#### § 1-3. Repealer.

A. All ordinances or parts of ordinances of the Town of Thomaston of a general and permanent nature in force on the date of the adoption of this ordinance which are inconsistent with any provisions of the Code are hereby repealed from and after the effective date of this ordinance.

- B. The following ordinances are specifically repealed: National Defense Ordinance adopted April 27, 1942; Board of Police Commissioners Ordinance adopted July 1, 1953.
- C. The adoption of this Code and the repeal of ordinances provided for in Subsection A of this section shall not affect the following ordinances, which are hereby expressly saved from repeal: the Retirement Plan Ordinance adopted November 1, 1979, and all amendments thereto.

#### § 1-4. Severability.

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section, article or part of this ordinance or of any ordinance appearing in the Code or included in this Code through supplementation, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances, shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof or the application thereof to other persons and circumstances but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, section, article or part thereof and the persons and circumstances directly involved in the controversy in which judgment shall have been rendered.

#### § 1-5. Copy of Code on file.

A copy of the Code, in loose-leaf form, has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Thomaston and shall remain there for use and examination by the public until final action is taken on this ordinance; and, if this ordinance shall be adopted, such copy shall be certified to by the Town Clerk of the Town of Thomaston, and such certified copy shall remain on file in the office of said Town Clerk to be made available to persons desiring to examine the same during all times while said Code is in effect. The enactment and publication of this ordinance, coupled with the availability of a copy of the Code for inspection by the public, shall be deemed, held and considered to be due and legal publication of all provisions of the Code for all purposes.

#### § 1-6. Amendments to Code.

Any and all additions, deletions, amendments or supplements to any of the ordinances in the Code of the Town of Thomaston, or any new ordinances, when enacted or adopted in such form as to indicate the intention that they be a part thereof, shall be deemed to be incorporated into such Code so that reference to the Code shall be understood and intended to include such additions, deletions, amendments or supplements. Whenever such additions, deletions, amendments or supplements to the Code shall be enacted or adopted, they shall thereafter be printed and, as provided hereunder, inserted in the loose-leaf book containing said Code as amendments and supplements thereto.

#### § 1-7. Code book to be kept up-to-date.

It shall be the duty of the Town Clerk to keep up-to-date the certified copy of the book containing the Code of the Town of Thomaston required to be filed in the office of the Town Clerk for use by the public. All changes in said Code and all ordinances adopted by the Town

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subsequent to the enactment of this ordinance in such form as to indicate the intention that they be a part of said Code shall, when finally enacted or adopted, be included therein by temporary attachment of copies of such changes until such changes are printed as supplements to said Code book, at which time such supplements shall be inserted therein.

#### § 1-8. Sale of Code book; supplementation.

Copies of the Code, or any chapter or portion of it, may be purchased from the Town Clerk of the Town of Thomaston or an authorized agent of the Town Clerk upon the payment of a fee to be set by the Town. The Town Clerk may also arrange for procedures for the periodic supplementation thereof.

#### § 1-9. Penalties for tampering with Code.

Any person who, without authorization from the Town Clerk, changes or amends, by additions or deletions, any part or portion of the Code of the Town of Thomaston, or who alters or tampers with such Code in any manner whatsoever which will cause the legislation of the Town of Thomaston to be misrepresented thereby, or who violates any other provision of this ordinance, shall, upon conviction thereof, be subject to a fine of not more than \$100.

#### § 1-10. Changes in previously adopted ordinances.

- A. In compiling and preparing the ordinances for publication as the Code of the Town of Thomaston, no changes in the meaning or intent of such ordinances have been made, except as provided in Subsection B of this section. Certain grammatical changes and other minor nonsubstantive changes were made in one or more of said ordinances. It is the intention of the Town Meeting that all such changes be adopted as part of the Code as if the ordinances had been previously formally amended to read as such.
- B. The amendments as set forth in Schedule A attached hereto and made a part hereof are made herewith, to become effective upon the effective date of this ordinance. (Chapter and section number references are to the ordinances as they have been renumbered and appear in the Code.)<sup>1</sup>

#### § 1-11. When effective.

This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as required by law.

Editor's Note: Schedule A, which contains a complete description of all changes, is on file in the Town Clerk's office. Sections amended are indicated in the Code with the history "Amended 5-29-2007."

#### AQUIFER PROTECTION AGENCY

§ 5-1. Statutory authority.

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§ 5-5. Inventory of land use.

§ 5-3. Membership; staff; training.

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Town of Thomaston 12-15-2004. Amendments noted where applicable.]

#### § 5-1. Statutory authority.

This chapter is adopted pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes, § 22a-354a et seq., as amended.

#### § 5-2. Agency designated.

In accordance with the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes, § 22a-354o, the Planning and Zoning Commission (hereinafter referred to as the "Commission") is hereby designated as the Aquifer Protection Agency of the Town of Thomaston (hereinafter referred to as the "Agency").

#### § 5-3. Membership; staff; training.

- A. The members and officers of the Commission shall serve as the members and officers of the Agency. The membership requirements of the Agency shall be the same as those of the Commission, including but not limited to the numbers of members, alternate members, terms, method of selection and removal, and filling of vacancies.
- B. The staff and enforcement officer of the Commission shall serve as the staff and enforcement officer of the Agency.
- C. At least one member of the Agency or the staff of the Agency shall complete the course in technical training formulated by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection of the State of Connecticut (the "DEP Commissioner") pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes, § 22a-354v, as amended.

#### § 5-4. Regulations.

The Agency shall adopt regulations in accordance with the procedure, and subject to the DEP Commissioner's approval, set forth in Connecticut General Statutes, § 22a-354p, and Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, § 22a-354i-3. The regulations adopted by the Agency shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

- A. The manner in which boundaries of aquifer protection areas shall be established and amended or changed;
- B. Procedures for the regulation of activity within the area;
- C. The form of application for a permit to conduct regulated activities within the area and the fee to be charged for publishing, processing and reviewing applications and monitoring compliance with permit conditions;
- D. Notice and publication requirements;
- E. Criteria and procedures for the review of applications; and
- F. Administration and enforcement procedures.

#### § 5-5. Inventory of land use.

- A. In order to carry out the purposes of the Aquifer Protection Program, the Agency shall conduct an inventory of land use within the area to assess potential contamination sources.
- B. Not later than three months after approval by the DEP Commissioner of Level B mapping of aquifers, the Agency shall inventory land uses overlying the mapped zone of contribution and recharge areas of such aquifers in accordance with guidelines established by the DEP Commissioner pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes, § 22a-354f, as amended. Such inventory shall be completed within one year after the establishment of the Agency pursuant to this chapter as required by Connecticut General Statutes, § 22a-354e, as amended.
- C. The Agency may rely in whole or in part on the inventory prepared by the DEP Commissioner and may adopt such inventory as a baseline inventory in order to fulfill this statutory requirement.

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#### ASSESSOR

§ 7-1. Authorization.

§ 7-3. Qualifications; compensation.

§ 7-2. Appointment; term.

§ 7-4. Board of Assessors abolished.

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Town of Thomaston 8-28-2001. Amendments noted where applicable.]

#### § 7-1. Authorization. [Amended 2-4-2016]

This chapter is adopted pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes, Revised to 2015, § 7-100k, as amended.

#### § 7-2. Appointment; term. [Amended 2-4-2016]

On or after the effective date of this chapter, the Board of Selectmen shall, by majority vote, appoint an Assessor, who shall be a public official of the Town of Thomaston and who shall have all of the statutory authority and duties of a Board of Assessors as provided by law. The Assessor shall be sworn to faithful performance of his or her duties as provided by law.

#### § 7-3. Qualifications; compensation. [Amended 2-4-2016]

The Board of Selectmen shall determine the qualifications of the appointed Assessor, who shall be certified in accordance with the regulations adopted pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes, Revised to 2015, § 12-40a, as amended, and authorized by law to sign the grand list. The appointed Assessor need not be an elector or resident of the Town of Thomaston. The Board of Selectmen shall determine the compensation and benefits of the appointed Assessor, and may provide for the appointment of clerical and other assistance within the limits of the appropriations, and may enter into an agreement with an another municipality to share the appointed Assessor's services, compensation and benefits. The appointed Assessor shall be the supervisor of the Assessor's office and staff, and shall report directly to the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance.

#### § 7-4. Board of Assessors abolished.

The current members of the Board of Assessors shall continue in office until November 20, 2001, and until their successor is appointed and has qualified at which time their terms of office shall expire. No members of the Board of Assessors shall be elected at the next or any subsequent municipal election.

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[HISTORY: Adopted by the Town of Thomaston as indicated in article histories. Amendments noted where applicable.]

#### ARTICLE I Board of Finance [Adopted 3-5-1935]

#### § 10-1. Establishment; powers and duties.

A Board of Finance shall be established in and for the Town of Thomaston pursuant to the statute laws of the State of Connecticut. Said Board of Finance shall have all the rights and powers conferred and duties and obligations imposed by the statute laws of the State of Connecticut upon boards of finance.

## ARTICLE II Flood and Erosion Control Board [Adopted 1-19-1956; amended 2-9-1971; 11-24-1998]

#### § 10-2. Membership.

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes, § 25-84, the current members of the Board of Selectmen shall constitute the current members of the Thomaston Flood and Erosion Control Board, and henceforth the terms and membership of said Board shall be concurrent with, and the same as, the terms and membership of the Board of Selectmen.

#### § 10-3. Powers and duties.

The Thomaston Flood and Erosion Control Board shall exercise all of the powers and duties as authorized by Connecticut General Statutes, §§ 25-84 to 25-98, inclusive, as may be amended.

## ARTICLE III Sewer Commission [Adopted 4-5-1956]

#### § 10-4. Establishment. [Amended 5-29-2007]

Pursuant to the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes, § 7-245 et seq., a Sewer Commission is hereby established by the Town of Thomaston.

#### § 10-5. Appointment; membership; removal of members. [Amended 5-29-2007]

The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Thomaston is hereby authorized and empowered to appoint a Sewer Commission for the Town of Thomaston, which Commission shall consist of six members who shall be electors of the Town of Thomaston.

A. Two members of said Commission shall be appointed to serve until the first Tuesday of October 1957; two members shall be appointed to serve until the first Tuesday of October 1958; two members shall be appointed to serve until the first Tuesday of October 1959; and at the expiration of said term of each member or members the Board

of Selectmen of said Town is further authorized and empowered to appoint a new member or members or to reappoint an old member or members to said Sewer Commission, and each new member or members so appointed or reappointed shall serve from the first Tuesday of October in the year in which he is appointed or reappointed until the first Tuesday of October three years from date of such appointment or reappointment.

B. Any member of said Commission may be removed therefrom by the Board of Selectmen when, in the opinion of said Board, after due notice and hearing, any such member has been or is guilty of misconduct, material neglect of duty or incompetence in the conduct of his office. [Added 2-9-1971]

#### § 10-6. Powers and duties; officers. [Amended 5-29-2007]

The Sewer Commission of the Town of Thomaston shall have all the rights and powers conferred upon it pursuant to the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes, § 7-245 et seq. The members of said Sewer Commission shall elect a Chairman and a Secretary from its members and shall adopt rules for the transaction of business. The Secretary shall keep a public record of its activities and be custodian of its books, papers and documents.

#### § 10-7. Vacancies.

In the event of a vacancy among the members of said Commission, the Board of Selectmen may appoint a new member to said Commission to fill out the remainder of the unexpired term of any such member.

#### § 10-8. Attendance.

Any member of the Commission who is absent from three consecutive regular meetings and any intervening duly called special meetings shall be considered to have resigned from the Commission and the vacancy shall be filled as provided by § 10-7 of this article, except that the Commission may vote to waive the requirements of this section in each case where illness or other extenuating circumstances make it impossible for a member to meet the attendance requirements of this section.

#### § 10-9. Compensation.

The members of said Commission shall serve without compensation.

#### § 10-10. Water Pollution Control Authority. [Added 12-28-1983]

The Sewer Commission of the Town of Thomaston shall be deemed to be the Thomaston Water Pollution Control Authority.

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## ARTICLE IV Opera House Commission [Adopted 5-31-1967]

#### § 10-11. Purpose; establishment.

For the purposes of facilitating the acceptance of gifts, devises and bequests, in trust, for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Town of Thomaston for the conduct, maintenance and operation of the Opera House in the Town Hall Building; providing for entertainments, concerts, celebrations and festivals in, or in connection with, said Opera House and for the use and enjoyment thereof by the inhabitants; and maintaining, conducting and operating said Opera House as a recreation place and place of public assemblage for the inhabitants, there is hereby created and established a Commission of the Town of Thomaston to be known as the "Opera House Commission," pursuant to the authority granted by Connecticut General Statutes, Chapter 98, § 7-148, for the purposes of managing, maintaining, improving, operating and conducting the Opera House in the Town Hall Building as more particularly hereinafter provided.

### § 10-12. Membership; terms of office; officers; removal of members. [Amended 2-9-1971; 5-21-1976; 11-29-1989]

- A. Said Commission shall consist of nine members, not more than five of whom shall be of the same political party. Said members shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen as follows: three members shall be appointed for a term of one year, three members shall be appointed for a term of two years, and three members shall be appointed to serve for a term of three years. Said members shall be appointed commencing upon the above date of this article and shall serve for specific terms or until their respective successors have been appointed and duly qualified. Thereafter, at the expiration of each term, the Board of Selectmen shall annually appoint three members, each for a term of three years. Any vacancy occurring in any term shall be filled by the Selectmen for the remainder of such term.
- B. Said Commission shall at its annual organizational meeting elect a Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary and such other custodial officers as it may deem necessary. The Commission shall adopt written bylaws and rules for the conduct of its meetings and other business.
- C. Any member of the Commission may be removed therefrom by the Board of Selectmen when, in the opinion of said Board, after due notice and hearing, the Board has deemed that such member has been guilty of misconduct, incompetence, neglect of duty or other impropriety in the conduct of such member's office.

#### § 10-13. Powers and duties.

Said Commission shall have and exercise and assume the following powers and duties. The Commission shall:

- A. Accept gifts, devises and bequests made, devised or bequeathed for the support, maintenance, conduct, benefit, operation and use of the Opera House, in trust, for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Town and shall accept funds, allowances and appropriations from any source, including the Town of Thomaston, made and granted to it in connection with, or for the benefit of, the Opera House.
- B. Have, hold, manage, control, invest and reinvest and expend and pay out said trust funds and/or such funds, allowances and appropriations and shall collect the income from trust funds and pay out the net income for the establishment, maintenance, conduct, use, operation, maintenance and betterment of the Opera House for the benefit of the inhabitants.
- C. Keep complete and accurate accounts of all such trust or other funds and maintain the same in special bank accounts in the name of the Commission and shall render annually full and complete balance sheets and accountings and shall at any time, upon reasonable notice and requests therefor, render such accounts and balance sheets for the inspection of the Board of Selectmen, the Board of Finance or other appropriate Town agency or officer.
- D. Establish, maintain, conduct, operate, improve and use said Opera House as a place of recreation and public assembly for the benefit of the inhabitants.
- E. Provide for entertainments, concerts, celebrations, festivals and like activities in, or in connection with, said Opera House.
- F. Adopt and promulgate reasonable rules and regulations in respect to the conduct and use of said Opera House.
- G. Negotiate, enter into and execute such written leases or agreements for the use of said Opera House by others as it shall deem to be in the best interests of the inhabitants of the Town.
- H. Receive, hold, invest and reinvest, manage and expend all moneys derived from uses and leases of said Opera House and from all other activities conducted in, or in connection with, said Opera House, in the same manner as money derived by gifts, bequests or devises for the benefit of said Opera House.
- I. Keep an inventory of all fixtures and personal property in, or connected with, said Opera House and shall provide for its maintenance and upkeep, including full and adequate public liability and other insurance in such amounts as shall fully protect the Town of Thomaston and its inhabitants in respect to said Opera House.
- J. Generally promote, advance, sustain, improve and exploit said Opera House for the benefit and advantage of the Town and its inhabitants.

#### § 10-14. Veto power of Selectmen.

None of the foregoing provisions of this article to the contrary withstanding, the Board of Selectmen shall retain the power, and said power is hereby expressly reserved to said Board,

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to veto any use of said Opera House, or any plan, project or activity in connection therewith, devised or intended to be carried out by said Commission.

## ARTICLE V Interlocal Agreement Commission [Adopted 4-17-1968]

#### § 10-15. Statutory authority; purpose.

Pursuant to the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes, §§ 7-339a through 7-339l, as amended by Public Act No. 516 of the 1967 Session, the Town of Thomaston hereby signifies its intention to join with other interested municipalities in the establishment of an Interlocal Agreement Commission to investigate and determine the feasibility of establishing a regional airport to benefit the area composed of the participating municipalities and for the increase of their commerce and prosperity and, if such is determined favorably by said Commission, entering into an interlocal agreement for the purpose of establishing, operating and maintaining a regional airport.

#### § 10-16. Appointment.

An elector of the Town of Thomaston shall be appointed to said Interlocal Agreement Commission by the Board of Selectmen.

#### § 10-17. Removal of members. [Added 2-9-1971]

Any member of said Commission may be removed therefrom by the Board of Selectmen when, in the opinion of said Board, after due notice and hearing, any such member has been or is guilty of misconduct, material neglect of duty or incompetence in the conduct of his office.

## ARTICLE VI Zoning Board of Appeals [Adopted 2-18-1970]

#### § 10-18. Statutory authority; establishment.

Pursuant to the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes, Chapter 124, as amended, there is hereby established a Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Thomaston, which shall have and exercise all of the powers and duties of such board as are provided by law.

#### § 10-19. Membership; terms of office. [Amended 2-9-1971; 5-29-2007]

Said Zoning Board of Appeals shall consist of five regular members and three alternate members, also referred to as the "panel of alternates," all of whom shall be electors of the Town and shall not be members of the Planning and Zoning Commission and shall be appointed by the Selectmen as hereinafter provided:

- A. Regular members. Within 10 days of the effective date of this article, the Selectmen shall appoint five regular members of said Board as follows: one member for a term ending April 1, 1975; one member for a term ending April 1, 1973; one member for a term ending April 1, 1973; one member for a term ending April 1, 1973; one member for a term ending April 1, 1971, and on April 1, 1971, and annually thereafter, the Selectmen shall appoint one regular member of said Board to serve for a term of five years, provided that each regular member so appointed shall continue to serve until his successor in office shall have been appointed and qualified.
- B. Alternate members ("panel of alternates"). Within 10 days of the effective date of this article, the Selectmen shall appoint three alternate members of said Board as follows: one member for a term ending April 1, 1975; one member for a term ending April 1, 1974; and one member for a term ending April 1, 1973, and on April 1, 1973, and annually thereafter, the Selectmen shall appoint one alternate member for a term of five years, provided that each alternate member so appointed shall continue to serve until his successor in office shall have been appointed and qualified.

#### § 10-20. Appointments; powers and duties. [Amended 2-9-1971]

Said regular members and said alternate members shall be appointed in conformity with the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes, § 8-5, and subject to the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes, § 9-167a, in respect to minority representation and shall have and exercise all the powers and duties conferred upon such regular members and alternate members by said Chapter 124 of the Connecticut General Statutes and any and all other provisions of law.

#### § 10-21. Vacancies. [Amended 2-9-1971]

Any vacancy in the office of any regular member or alternate member shall be filled by appointment by the Board of Selectmen for the unexpired term.

#### § 10-22. Attendance; removal of members. [Amended 2-9-1971]

Any regular member or alternate member of said Board who is absent from three consecutive regular meetings of the Board and/or any intervening duly called special meetings of the Board shall be deemed to have forfeited his office and to have been removed therefrom for cause, and any vacancy so created shall be filled by appointment by the Board of Selectmen for the unexpired term and until a successor in office shall have been appointed and qualified. Any regular or alternate member of said Board of Appeals may be removed therefrom by the Board of Selectmen when, in the opinion of said Board, after due notice and hearing, any such member has been or is guilty of misconduct, material neglect of duty or incompetence in the conduct of his office.

#### § 10-23. Terms of existing members. [Added 2-9-1971]

The terms of all regular and alternate members of said Board of Appeals who are now serving are hereby ratified and affirmed until their successors shall have been appointed and qualified in conformity with the provisions of this amendment.

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### ARTICLE VII Board for Admissions of Electors [Adopted 9-3-1976]

#### § 10-24. Membership.

The Board for Admissions of Electors of the Town of Thomaston shall consist of the Town Clerk and Registrars of Voters, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes, § 9-15a.

## ARTICLE VIII Recreation Commission [Adopted 5-18-1978]

#### § 10-25. Establishment; statutory authority; purpose.

The Town hereby establishes the Thomaston Recreation Commission pursuant to the authority granted by § 7-148 of the Connecticut General Statutes for the promotion and development of public recreation of the Town.

#### § 10-26. Membership; appointment.

The Thomaston Recreation Commission shall be composed of seven resident electors, not more than four of whom shall belong to any one political party, and shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

#### § 10-27. Terms of office.

Members first appointed shall serve the following terms commencing June 1: two members, one year; two members, two years; and three members, three years. Thereafter, members shall be appointed for three-year terms, except that any vacancy shall be filled by the Board of Selectmen for the balance of the unexpired term.

#### § 10-28. Removal of members.

Any member of said Commission may be removed therefrom by the Board of Selectmen when, in the opinion of said Board, after due notice and hearing, any such member has been or is guilty of misconduct, material neglect of duty or incompetence in the conduct of his office.

#### § 10-29. Compensation.

The members of the Commission shall receive no compensation for their services as such but shall be reimbursed for their necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties.

#### § 10-30. Expenses.

Said Commission may request appropriations for its necessary expenses as provided in the General Statutes.

## ARTICLE IX Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission [Adopted 1-5-19871]

#### § 10-31. Establishment; purpose.

The Town of Thomaston hereby re-establishes an Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission in accordance with C.G.S. §§ 22a-36 through 22a-45, as amended, to provide for the regulation of uses affecting the protection, preservation and maintenance of the inland wetlands and watercourses of the Town of Thomaston.

#### § 10-32. Membership; terms of office; vacancies.

The Thomaston Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission shall be composed of five regular members and three alternate members, all to be resident electors of the Town of Thomaston to be appointed by a majority vote of the Board of Selectmen, within 15 days of the effective date of this article.

- A. Regular members first appointed shall serve the following terms, or until a successor is duly appointed and qualified: one regular member, one year; one regular member, two years; one regular member, three years; one regular member, four years; one regular member, five years. Annually thereafter, the Board of Selectmen shall appoint one regular member for a term of five years, or until a successor is duly appointed and qualified.
- B. Alternate members first appointed shall serve the following terms, or until a successor is duly appointed and qualified: one alternate member, one year; one alternate member, two years; one alternate member, three years. Annually thereafter, the Board of Selectmen shall appoint one alternate member for a term of three years or until a successor is duly appointed and qualified.
- C. Any vacancy shall be filled by the Board of Selectmen for the balance of the unexpired term.

#### § 10-33. Officers.

The Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission shall annually elect from its voting membership a chairperson and such other officers as it shall from time to time determine to be necessary.

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Editor's Note: This ordinance also superseded the prior establishment of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission adopted 3-5-1979.

#### § 10-34. Removal of members.

Any Commissioner may be removed by the Board of Selectmen for cause and, on request of such member, after public hearing.

#### § 10-35. Conflicts of interest.

No regular member or alternate member of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission shall participate in the hearing or decision of such Commission upon any matter in which he or she is directly or indirectly interested in a personal or financial sense. In the event of such disqualification, such fact shall be entered on the records of the Commission and replacement shall be made by an alternate member or an alternate to act as a member of such Commission in the hearing and determination of the particular material or materials in which the disqualification arose.

#### § 10-36. Compensation.

The members of the Commission shall receive no compensation for their services as such but shall be reimbursed for their necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties.

#### § 10-37. Employees.

The Commission may appoint such agents and employees as are necessary for the discharge of its duties.

#### § 10-37.1. Quorum.

A quorum shall consist of three members qualified to vote.

#### § 10-37.2. Additional duties and authority. [Added 8-17-2011]

Pursuant to C.G.S. § 7-131a, the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission shall also serve as the Conservation Commission of the Town of Thomaston, and shall perform all of the duties and possess all of the authority granted by law to municipal conservation commissions. This provision shall supersede any prior ordinance or resolution adopted by the Town of Thomaston concerning its Conservation Commission.

## ARTICLE X Planning and Zoning Commission <sup>2</sup> [Adopted 12-17-1979]

#### § 10-38. Title.

The title of this article shall be "Ordinance Establishing a Planning and Zoning Commission of Five Members and Three Alternates and Providing for the Manner of Their Appointment."

#### § 10-39. Present members.

As of the effective date of this article, the terms of all of the present members and present alternates of the Planning and Zoning Commission shall terminate.

#### § 10-40. Membership; appointment; terms of office; vacancies.

Said Planning and Zoning Commission shall be composed of five regular members and three alternate members, all to be resident electors of the Town of Thomaston to be appointed by a majority vote of the Board of Selectmen. Regular and alternate members first appointed shall be appointed by the Selectmen within 10 days of the effective date of this article.

- A. Regular members first appointed shall serve the following terms: one regular member: one year; one regular member: two years; one regular member: three years; one regular member: four years; and one regular member: five years. Annually thereafter, the Board of Selectmen shall appoint one regular member for a term of five years.
- B. Alternate members first appointed shall serve the following terms: one alternate member: one year; one alternate member: two years; and one alternate member: three years. Annually thereafter, the Board of Selectmen shall appoint one alternate member for a term of three years.
- C. Any vacancy shall be filled by the Board of Selectmen for the balance of the unexpired term.

#### § 10-41. Officers.

The Planning and Zoning Commission shall annually elect from its voting membership a Chairperson and such other officers as it shall from time to time determine to be necessary.

#### § 10-42. Removal of members.

Any Commissioner may be removed by the Board of Selectmen for cause and, on request of such member, after public hearing.

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Editor's Note: At the Special Town Meeting on 2-9-1970, the following resolution was adopted: "That the Town of Thomaston adopt the provisions of Chapter 124 of the General Statutes and exercise through a Zoning Commission all the powers granted thereunder."

#### § 10-43. Conflicts of interest.

No regular member or alternate member of the Planning and Zoning Commission shall participate in the hearing or decision of such Commission upon any matter in which he or she is directly or indirectly interested in a personal or financial sense. In the event of such disqualification, such fact shall be entered on the records of the Commission and replacement shall be made by an alternate member or an alternate to act as a member of such Commission in the hearing and determination of the particular material or materials in which the disqualification arose.

#### § 10-44. Compensation.

The members of the Commission shall receive no compensation for their services as such but shall be reimbursed for their necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties.

#### § 10-45. Employees.

The Commission may appoint employees necessary for the discharge of its duties.

#### § 10-46. Quorum. [Amended 8-10-1982]

A quorum must be three voting members.

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#### ARTICLE XI

### Economic Development Commission [Adopted 10-27-1992]

#### § 10-47. Establishment; purpose.

The Town of Thomaston hereby reestablishes an Economic Development Commission in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes, § 7-136, as may be amended, for the purpose of promoting economic development within the Town as specified in § 7-136(b) and (c).

#### § 10-48. Membership; terms of office.

The Commission shall consist of eight members who shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes, § 7-136(a), for the following terms, or until their successors are appointed and duly qualified: two members: one year; two members: two years; two members: three years; and two members: four years. Annually thereafter, the Board of Selectmen shall appoint two members to serve for terms of four years.

#### § 10-49. Vacancies; removal of members.

Any vacancy in the membership of the Commission shall be filled by the Board of Selectmen for the balance of the unexpired term. Any member of the Commission may be removed by the Board of Selectmen for cause and, if requested by the member within 15 days, after a public hearing.

#### § 10-50. Officers; quorum; compensation.

- A. The Commission shall elect a Chairperson and a Secretary at its first meeting of each year.
- B. A quorum of four members eligible to vote shall constitute a quorum.
- C. The members of the Commission shall receive no compensation for their services but may be reimbursed for their necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties.

#### § 10-51. Minority representation.

The provisions of Connecticut General Statutes, § 9-167a, concerning minority representation shall apply to the membership of the Commission.

#### ARTICLE XII

### Senior Citizen Advisory Board [Adopted 6-29-1994]

#### § 10-52. Membership.

Pursuant to the provisions of § 7-148 of the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut, there shall be an advisory board to study the needs of, and coordinate programs for, the senior citizens of the Town, consisting of the First Selectman, ex officio, the municipal agent for elderly persons and five other members to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

#### § 10-53. Duties. [Amended 6-26-2024]

In addition to the foregoing duties, the Senior Citizen Advisory Board shall oversee the affairs and budget of the Thomaston Senior Citizens Council in providing housing, economic assistance, employment, health, recreation, and other daily living assistance for Thomaston's senior citizens.

#### § 10-54. Compensation; expenses.

The members of the Board so appointed shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for their necessary expenses. The Town may make appropriations to cover expenses of the Board.

#### § 10-55. Terms of office.

The members of the Board shall serve for a term of five years until their successors are appointed and duly qualified.

#### ARTICLE XIII

### Ambulance Commission [Adopted 7-12-1995]

#### § 10-56. Establishment; purpose.

Pursuant to the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes, § 7-148(c)(4)(D), the Town of Thomaston hereby establishes the Thomaston Ambulance Commission to oversee the provision of emergency medical services in the Town of Thomaston.

#### § 10-57. Membership; terms of office; vacancies.

- A. The Commission shall consist of five voting members appointed by the Board of Selectmen and the First Selectman as an ex officio member.
- B. All of the members shall be electors of the Town and at least one of the members shall be a member of the Thomaston Volunteer Ambulance Corps. The initial members shall

be appointed as follows: two members for three years, two members for two years, and one member for one year, or until their successors have been appointed and duly qualified. Thereafter, each member shall be appointed for a full term of three years or until a successor is appointed and duly qualified.

- C. Vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term.
- D. The provisions of Connecticut General Statutes, 9-167a shall apply such that no more than four members shall be of the same political party.

#### § 10-58. Compensation; expenses.

The members of the Commission shall serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for their necessary expenses. The Town may make such appropriations as are necessary to cover the expenses and operations of the Commission.

#### § 10-59. Duties.

The Commission shall be responsible for overseeing the provision of emergency medical services in the Town of Thomaston, including but not limited to the Thomaston Volunteer Ambulance Corps building, the Town's capital equipment needs, emergency medical services planning, and the entering of a contract for emergency medical services pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes, § 19a-190.<sup>2</sup>

## ARTICLE XIV Board of Assessment Appeals [Adopted 10-4-1995]

#### § 10-60. Change in title.

Pursuant to P.A. No. 95-283, §§ 26 to 31, the Board of Tax Review shall henceforth be known as the "Board of Assessment Appeals." The ballot for the municipal election to be held November 7, 1995, shall be amended accordingly.

#### § 10-61. Membership.

Members previously elected to the Board of Tax Review shall henceforth continue to serve as members of the Board of Assessment Appeals until their successors are elected and duly qualified.

#### § 10-62. Appeals and actions.

A. Any appeal taken to, or action taken by, the Board of Tax Review shall henceforth be considered an appeal taken to, or action taken by, the Board of Assessment Appeals.

<sup>2.</sup> Editor's Note: Section 19a-190 of the statutes was repealed by P.A. 97-8.

B. Any appeal pending in court in which the Board of Tax Review is named as a defendant shall continue as an appeal from the Board of Assessment Appeals, and appeals may be amended accordingly.

#### § 10-63. Appropriation.

The appropriation in the current budget for the Board of Tax Review shall henceforth be considered as the appropriation for the Board of Assessment Appeals.

#### § 10-64. Powers and duties.

Except as otherwise provided by P.A. No. 95-283, the powers, duties and procedures of the Board of Assessment Appeals shall henceforth be the same as those of the Board of Tax Review.

## ARTICLE XV Historical Commission [Adopted 9-7-2006]

#### § 10-65. Establishment.

The Town of Thomaston hereby establishes a Commission to be known as the "Thomaston Historical Commission" pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes, § 7-148(c)(3) and (6).

#### § 10-66. Purpose.

The purpose of the Thomaston Historical Commission is to manage and oversee the Seth Thomas-Bradstreet House, grounds and furnishings owned by the Town of Thomaston at 237 Main Street and such other historic properties or assets as the Town of Thomaston may acquire in the future.

#### § 10-67. Membership; terms of office; vacancies.

- A. The Commission shall consist of seven members who shall be electors appointed by the Board of Selectmen for the following terms of office: two members for one year, two members for two years, two members for three years, and one member for four years.
- B. Thereafter all members shall be appointed for four-year terms and until their successors are appointed and qualified.
- C. Any vacancy in the membership or alternate members of the Commission shall be filled by the Board of Selectmen for the remainder of the term.
- D. The provisions of Connecticut General Statutes, § 9-167a shall apply to the membership of the Commission.

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#### § 10-68. Powers and duties.

The Commission shall have the authority to do the following:

- A. Manage and oversee the Seth Thomas-Bradstreet House, its grounds and furnishings;
- B. Apply for and administer state and federal grants in the name of the Town for the purpose of preserving, protecting and promoting the Seth Thomas-Bradstreet House;
- C. Accept gifts and bequests, outright or in trust;
- D. Enter into a partnership agreement and/or lease with the Thomaston Historical Society for the management, maintenance, restoration and promotion of the Seth Thomas-Bradstreet House and furnishings;
- E. Propose to the Board of Selectmen beneficial uses for the Seth Thomas-Bradstreet House and grounds;
- F. Propose to the Board of Finance an annual operating budget and a long-term capital budget for restoration, preservation and repair of the Seth Thomas-Bradstreet House and grounds;
- G. Negotiate and recommend to the Board of Selectmen contracts, agreements and leases in furtherance of said purposes;
- H. Propose to the Board of Selectmen other historic sites, properties, assets and monuments worthy of preservation as part of Thomaston's history; and
- I. Exercise such authority over such historic sites, properties, assets and monuments as may be acquired or controlled by the Town of Thomaston, excepting therefrom the Thomaston Town Hall and Complex, Opera House and Hillside Cemetery, which have their own commissions.

#### § 10-69. Officers; conduct of affairs.

The Commission shall elect from its members a Chairman and a Secretary at its first regular meeting of the year. The Chairman and the Secretary shall serve for a term of one year and shall each have a vote in the affairs of the Commission. The Commission shall conduct its affairs in accordance with the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes, § 1-200 et seq.

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#### DEVELOPMENT ACTION PLAN AGENCY

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§ 21-8. Community Development Action

§ 21-9. Execution of documents.

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Town of Thomaston 7-29-1970. Amendments noted where applicable.]

#### § 21-1. Creation.

The Town of Thomaston by this chapter hereby creates the Thomaston Development Action Plan Agency, hereafter referred to as "the Agency," through which it may and shall exercise all the powers granted to such an agency under the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes, Chapter 133, as amended.

#### § 21-2. Appointment; terms of office; vacancies.

The Agency shall consist of five persons who shall be electors of the Town of Thomaston and shall be appointed by the First Selectman of the Town with the approval of the legislative body. Their terms of office shall be for two years, except that the term of any member appointed ex officio shall be for the term of the other office of such member. Vacancies on such agency shall be filled for the unexpired terms by the First Selectman as hereinabove specified for initial appointment.

#### § 21-3. Compensation.

The members of the Agency shall serve without compensation but may receive from the Town reimbursement for necessary expenses.

#### § 21-4. Joint service with Housing Authority.

As provided by statute, any person may serve both as a member of the Agency and as a Housing Authority Commissioner of the Town.

#### § 21-5. Officers; majority vote required for actions.

The Agency shall elect from its members a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, a Secretary and a Treasurer, and the office of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined. All action of the Agency shall be taken only on the basis of a majority vote of all the members thereof.

#### § 21-6. Records; employees.

The Agency shall keep a public record of its doings and activities and may engage such employees and technical assistance as may be necessary and appropriate to carry out its lawful functions.

#### § 21-7. Duties.

The Agency shall have and exercise all such authority as is provided for such agencies under the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes, Chapter 133, as amended, including but not limited to acting by and in behalf of the Town to apply for and accept or reject grants, advances, loans or other financial assistance from the federal government, the state, or any other sources and may do any and all things necessary or desirable to secure such financial aid.

#### § 21-8. Community Development Action Plan.

The preparation of a Community Development Action Plan for the Town by said Agency in accordance with the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes, Chapter 133, as amended by Public Act No. 757, and the applicable procedures and regulations of the State Department of Community Affairs is hereby authorized.

#### § 21-9. Execution of documents.

The Chairman of the Agency and his successors in office are hereby authorized and empowered to sign, make, execute and deliver and otherwise complete, in the name of the Agency and for and in behalf of the Town, any and all documents, papers and written instruments of every sort, including applications for financial assistance, which may be proper and necessary in connection with the operations of the Agency.

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#### FIRE DEPARTMENT AND AMBULANCE CORPS

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- § 32-4. When effective.

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Town of Thomaston as indicated in article histories. Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Fire Department bylaws - See Ch. A400.

#### ARTICLE I

### Length of Service Awards Program [Adopted 9-18-2002]

#### § 32-1. Program established.

The Town of Thomaston hereby establishes the Thomaston Volunteer Fire Department and Thomaston Volunteer Ambulance Corps Length of Service Awards Program pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes, § 7-148(c)(5)(A), to provide supplemental retirement benefits to those members of the Volunteer Fire Department and emergency medical personnel who give their time and risk their lives in dedicated service to the Town of Thomaston.

#### § 32-2. Authority of Selectmen.

The Board of Selectmen, acting as the Trustees of the Town of Thomaston Length of Service Awards Program (hereinafter the "Plan"), are hereby authorized to adopt, fund, amend, revise, restate and provide for the administration of the Plan by resolution adopted by a majority of the Trustees; provided, however, that:

- A. Such resolution shall not diminish or eliminate the participants' rights or benefits under this Plan or the Town of Thomaston Retirement Plan.
- B. Such resolution shall otherwise be in accordance with applicable state and federal law.
- C. The status of any Trustee as a participant in the Plan shall not affect that Trustee's right to vote on any matter which does not individually benefit such Trustee to a greater extent than any other participant in the Plan. and

D. The right to terminate the Plan is reserved exclusively to the electors and those persons eligible to vote in a Town Meeting duly warned for such purpose.

#### § 32-3. Retirement Plan Committee.

The Town of Thomaston Retirement Plan Committee, established by Article 9 of the Town of Thomaston Retirement Plan Ordinance adopted November 1, 1979, as amended by resolutions adopted on May 27, 1982, October 25, 1983, October 10, 1985, June 18, 1987, April 26, 1989, August 2, 1992, December 12, 1996 and November 24, 1998, shall have the same rights, privileges, duties and immunities with respect to this Plan as it has with respect to the Town of Thomaston Retirement Plan as set forth in said ordinance and subsequent enactments and as set forth in this Plan as adopted by the Trustees. The status of any Committee member as a participant in the Plan shall not affect that Committee member's right to vote on any matter which does not individually benefit such Committee member to a greater extent than any other participant in the Plan.

#### § 32-4. When effective.

This article shall take effect 15 days after publication of a summary of its provisions in a newspaper having a circulation in the Town of Thomaston. The Board of Selectmen, acting as the Trustees of the Plan, may determine that if a sufficient appropriation for the Plan has been made in the budget for the current fiscal year, the Plan shall be established effective as of July 1, 2001.

## ARTICLE II Line of Duty Death Determinations [Adopted 10-29-2024]

#### § 32-5. Authority to make determination.

Any line of duty death determination, as set forth in Public Act No. 24-16<sup>2</sup>, shall be made by the First Selectman in consultation with the Fire Chief if the death is of a firefighter, or the Ambulance Chief if the death is of an ambulance member or emergency medical service personnel. Such declaration shall not be used as evidence for a workers' compensation claim under Chapter 568 of the General Statutes.

<sup>1.</sup> Editor's Note: See Ch. 92, Retirement Plan.

<sup>2.</sup> Editor's Note: See Connecticut General Statues § 7-313e.

#### **HOUSING AUTHORITY**

#### § 43-1. Findings.

§ 43-2. Declaration of need.

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Town of Thomaston 1-3-1966. Amendments noted where applicable.]

#### § 43-1. Findings.

The governing body of the Town of Thomaston does find that:

- A. Insanitary or unsafe inhabited dwelling accommodations exist in the Town of Thomaston.
- B. There is a shortage of safe or sanitary dwelling accommodations in the Town of Thomaston available to families of low income at rentals they can afford.
- C. There is a shortage of safe or sanitary dwelling accommodations in the Town of Thomaston available to families of moderate income at rentals they can afford.

#### § 43-2. Declaration of need.

The governing body of the Town of Thomaston does hereby declare that there is need for a Housing Authority in the Town of Thomaston based upon the aforementioned findings.

#### INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS

§ 48-1. Definitions.

§ 48-2. Authorization.

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Town of Thomaston 10-10-2018. Amendments noted where applicable.]

#### § 48-1. Definitions.

The terms "public agency," "interlocal agreement," "interlocal advisory board," "participating public agency," and "legislative body" shall have the same meanings as defined in Connecticut General Statutes § 7-339b, as amended.

#### § 48-2. Authorization.

Interlocal agreements. The Town of Thomaston authorizes its Board of Selectmen to enter into, ratify, reject, amend, or withdraw from, any interlocal agreement for one or more of the purposes, and subject to the terms and conditions, set forth in Connecticut General Statutes §§ 7-339b through 7-339l, inclusive, as amended; provided, however, the Board of Selectmen provides for public notice and an opportunity for public comment prior to taking such action; and provided further that any commitment of municipal funds required which was not previously approved by the Town shall be approved by the Board of Finance, and if necessary, a Town Meeting.

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#### JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

§ 52-1. Election.

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Town of Thomaston 7-29-1964. Amendments noted where applicable.]

#### § 52-1. Election.

Sixteen Justices of the Peace shall henceforth be elected for said Town biennially at the state election instead of the number provided for by statute.

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# POLICE DEPARTMENT

# ARTICLE I Establishment and Authority

- § 75-5. Constables to be appointed.
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# ARTICLE III Line of Duty Death Determinations

# ARTICLE II Appointment of Constables

§ 75-8. Authority to make determination.

§ 75-4. Authorization.

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Town of Thomaston as indicated in article histories. Amendments noted where applicable.]

### ARTICLE I

# Establishment and Authority [Adopted 6-11-1974]

# § 75-1. Establishment.

There hereby is established in the Town of Thomaston an organized, full-time Police Department to be organized, governed and maintained as hereinafter provided, pursuant to the authority provided by § 7-148 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended. Said Department shall be known as the "Police Department of the Town of Thomaston."

# § 75-2. Authority of Selectmen.

The Board of Selectmen be and it hereby is authorized and directed to set up, organize and maintain such Police Department. Said Board and its successors shall have and exercise, in respect to said Police Department, all of the powers given by the general statutes to boards of police commissioners and shall have general management, control and supervision of the Police Department and of the property and equipment used in connection therewith and shall make all needful rules and regulations for the government of said Department, not contrary to law, and may prescribe suitable penalties for the violation of any such rules and regulations, including suspension or removal from office of any officer or member of the Police Department. Said Board and its successors shall have the sole power of appointment, promotion and removal of the officers and members of the Department under such regulations as it adopts for the purpose, and such appointees shall hold office during good behavior and shall be removed only for due cause and after full hearing upon the basis of written charges specifying the grounds of removal.

# § 75-3. Authority of members.

The members of such Police Department shall have all such authority with respect to the enforcement of the criminal laws and the service of criminal process as is vested by the general statutes in police officers and constables.

#### ARTICLE II

# Appointment of Constables [Adopted 6-14-2007]

#### § 75-4. Authorization.

This article is adopted pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes, Revised 2007, §§ 9-185 and 9-200, as amended.

# § 75-5. Constables to be appointed.

Commencing with the next municipal election to be held November 6, 2007, the position of Constable shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes, § 9-185, as amended, in lieu of election under § 9-200. Those Constables whose terms expire on November 20, 2007, shall continue to serve in office until their successors are chosen and have qualified. The Board of Selectmen may appoint a maximum of seven Constables who shall serve for terms of two years to run concurrently with the terms of office of the Board of Selectmen.

#### § 75-6. Vacancy.

Any vacancy in the office of Constable shall be filled for the balance of the term in the manner prescribed by Connecticut General Statutes, § 9-185, as amended.

# § 75-7. Minority representation.

The appointment of the Constables shall be subject to the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes, § 9-167a, as amended.

#### ARTICLE III

# Line of Duty Death Determinations [Adopted 10-29-2024]

#### § 75-8. Authority to make determination.

Any line of duty death determination, as set forth in Public Act No. 24-16<sup>1</sup>, shall be made by the First Selectman in consultation with the Police Chief if the death is of a police officer.

<sup>1.</sup> Editor's Note: See Connecticut General Statutes § 7-313e.

Such declaration shall not be used as evidence for a workers' compensation claim under Chapter 568 of the General Statutes.

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# REGIONAL COUNCILS

# ARTICLE I

# Regional Council of Elected Officials

§ 83-1. Creation.

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ARTICLE II

Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments

§ 83-5. Effective date of membership.

§ 83-6. Powers and duties.

§ 83-7. Representative to Council.

§ 83-8. Membership in Council of **Governments of Central** Naugatuck Valley; successor association.

§ 83-9. Repealer.

§ 83-4. Creation.

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Town of Thomaston as indicated in article histories. Amendments noted where applicable.]

# ARTICLE I Regional Council of Elected Officials [Adopted 7-29-1970<sup>1</sup>]

# § 83-1. Creation. [Amended 5-29-2007]

The Town of Thomaston does hereby join with such of the towns and cities within its planning region, as defined by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, as may enact a similar ordinance to create a Regional Council of Elected Officials as said Council is defined by C.G.S. §§ 4-124c to 4-124f.

#### § 83-2. Representative.

The representative to said Regional Council shall be the First Selectman.

# § 83-3. Powers and duties. [Amended 5-29-2007]

The Regional Council shall have such powers, purposes, responsibilities and duties as stated in C.G.S. §§ 4-124c to 4-124f.

<sup>1.</sup> Editor's Note: An ordinance adopted 3-26-2014 provided that this article would be repealed on or after 1-1-2015. See

# ARTICLE II Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments [Adopted 3-26-2014]

### § 83-4. Creation.

The Town hereby joins with such municipalities of the Naugatuck Valley Planning Region, as designated by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management of the State of Connecticut, to create a regional council of governments to be known as the "Naugatuck Valley Regional Council of Governments" by adopting the provisions of C.G.S. §§ 4-1241 through 4-124p.

### § 83-5. Effective date of membership.

On and after January 1, 2015, the Town shall be a member of the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments.

# § 83-6. Powers and duties.

The Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments shall have such powers, purposes, rights, duties and responsibilities as shall be set forth in the Connecticut General Statutes.

# § 83-7. Representative to Council.

The First Selectman shall be the representative of the Town to the Council of Governments. In the absence of the First Selectman, the legislative body of the Town shall appoint an elected official to serve as a member. The First Selectman may send an alternate in his or her stead; however, such alternate shall be entitled to such rights as may be established by the Council of Governments. The Town shall be entitled to one vote in the affairs of the Council of Governments.

# § 83-8. Membership in Council of Governments of Central Naugatuck Valley; successor association.

The Town shall remain a member of Council of Governments for the Central Naugatuck Valley as it continues to operate and wind down as a council of elected officials until December 31, 2014. The Town shall also participate with the current members of the Council of Elected Officials in an unincorporated association of such municipalities in order to wind down the affairs and assets of the Council of Governments of the Central Naugatuck Valley that are not assigned to and integrated within the operations of Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments.

# § 83-9. Repealer.

On or after January 1, 2015, the following ordinance provisions regarding the Council of Elected Officials shall be repealed: Thomaston Code of Ordinances, Chapter 83, Article I, entitled "Regional Council of Elected Officials."

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# REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

§ 87-1. Adoption of statute; election to ioin.

§ 87-3. Attendance.

§ 87-4. Removal of members.

§ 87-2. Local representation.

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Town of Thomaston 6-2-1960. Amendments noted where applicable.]

### § 87-1. Adoption of statute; election to join. [Amended 5-29-2007]

Pursuant to the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes, § 8-31a, the Town of Thomaston, having a duly constituted Planning and Zoning Commission established pursuant to the provisions of the General Statutes, hereby adopts Chapter 127 of the General Statutes, as amended, and joins in the creation of the Regional Planning Agency for the Central Naugatuck Region as defined by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management under the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes, § 8-31a, which planning region includes the municipalities of Beacon Falls, Bethlehem, Cheshire, Middlebury, Naugatuck, Oxford, Prospect, Southbury, Thomaston, Waterbury, Watertown, Wolcott and Woodbury.

### § 87-2. Local representation. [Amended 5-29-2007]

The Town of Thomaston, having a population of 4,876, according to the federal census of 1950, shall have two representatives on the board of said Planning Agency who shall be appointed as follows: the Planning and Zoning Commission of the Town of Thomaston is hereby authorized to appoint to the board of said Planning Agency two electors of the Town of Thomaston in the following manner: one member to serve for two years and one member to serve for one year; thereafter, all appointments shall be made for a period of two years. Appointees under this section shall continue to serve after expiration of their terms until their successors shall have been appointed and qualified and take office. Appointees may be reappointed for successive terms. At least one appointee shall be a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission. The terms of office of the initial appointees shall commence upon establishment of said Regional Planning Agency.

# § 87-3. Attendance. [Amended 5-29-2007]

Any representative who is absent from three consecutive regular meetings of the Regional Planning Agency and any intervening duly called special meetings thereof shall be considered to have resigned from said Regional Planning Agency and the vacancy shall be filled by the Planning and Zoning Commission, except that the requirements of this section may be waived where illness or other extenuating circumstances make it impossible for a representative to meet the attendance requirements of this section.

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# § 87-4. Removal of members. [Added 2-9-1971]

Any member of said Agency may be removed therefrom by the Board of Selectmen when, in the opinion of said Board, after due notice and hearing, any such member has been or is guilty of misconduct, material neglect of duty or incompetence in the conduct of his office.

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# RETIREMENT PLAN

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[HISTORY: Adopted by the Town of Thomaston 11-24-1998; amended in its entirety 4-23-2013. Subsequent amendments noted where applicable.]

# ARTICLE I Authority; Contributions

# § 92-1. Authority of Selectmen.

The Board of Selectmen, acting as the Trustees of the Town of Thomaston Retirement Plan, are hereby authorized to amend, revise and restate the terms and provisions of the plan by resolution adopted by a majority of the Trustees; provided, however, that:

- A. Such resolution shall not diminish or eliminate rights and benefits previously granted or conferred;
- B. Such resolution shall otherwise be in accordance with applicable state and federal law; and
- C. The right to terminate the plan is reserved exclusively to the electors and those persons eligible to vote in a Town Meeting duly warned for such purpose.

# § 92-2. Mandatory employee contributions.

The Board of Selectmen, acting as the trustees of the Town of Thomaston Retirement Plan, pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code, § 414(h)(2), are hereby authorized and directed to pick up mandatory employee contributions to the plan by all officers and employees who are not

<sup>1.</sup> Editor's Note: A copy of the current Retirement Plan is on file at the Finance Office.

covered under the Connecticut Teachers' Retirement System under Chapter 176A of the Connecticut General Statutes, specifically § 10-183kk; provided, however, that:

- A. Such picked-up contributions shall be in lieu of employee contributions;
- B. The Town shall pick up these mandatory contributions by means of an equivalent reduction in the employee's pay or salary;
- C. The employee shall not have the option of choosing to receive the contributed amounts directly instead of having them paid by the Town into the plan; and
- D. Employee contributions so picked up shall be treated for all purposes in the same manner and to the same extent as employee contributions prior to July 1, 1998.

# ARTICLE II Retirement Committee

# § 92-3. Appointment.

The Board of Selectmen shall appoint a committee of five residents of the Town to be known as the "Retirement Committee." At least one member of the Committee shall be an employee of the Town who is a plan participant, and one member of the Committee shall be a member of the Board of Finance. The other members shall be electors or taxpayers of the Town. All current members serving on the Retirement Plan Committee as of the effective date of this article shall continue to serve in office on the Retirement Committee. The provisions of C.G.S. § 9-167a, as amended, shall apply to the membership of the Retirement Committee.

#### § 92-4. Terms of office.

The term of office of each member of the Committee shall be subject to determination by the Board of Selectmen. Any member may resign upon written notice to the Board of Selectmen. At any time during the term of office, any member may be removed by the Board of Selectmen for cause. In the event of the death, resignation, or removal of any member of the Committee, the remaining members shall act as the Committee until a successor shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen. Any member of said Committee may be reappointed by the Board of Selectmen.

#### § 92-5. Decisions of Committee; officers.

The decision of a majority of the members of the Committee shall be binding and shall be made at a duly noticed meeting. A written document signed by a majority of the members shall be sufficient evidence of the Committee's decision. The Committee may, in writing, designate any one or more of its members to sign any document on its behalf. The Board of Selectmen may appoint a chairman from the members of the Committee and a secretary who need not be a member of the Committee. The secretary shall keep records of all action taken by the Committee.

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# § 92-6. Authority.

- A. The Committee shall have complete authority in all matters pertaining to the administration, operation, oversight and management of the Town of Thomaston Retirement Plan and any other retirement or deferred compensation plan established by the Town for its eligible employees (collectively the "plans"), except that the Committee's authority shall not include the authority to amend, revise and restate the terms and provisions of the plans, which shall be retained by the Board of Selectmen. Where designated in the terms of said plans, the Committee shall also serve as the plan administrator of said plans, with such responsibilities as set forth in the plan documents which are not inconsistent with its authority under this Subsection A. Any trustee or insurance company shall, in all matters relating to payment of benefits, act in accordance with the written instructions of the Committee, signed by an authorized member thereof.
- B. Except in case of willful wrongdoing, no member of the Committee shall incur any individual liability or obligation for any action taken or permitted to be taken or for any act omitted to be taken by the Committee, or by any other member thereof.
- C. No member of the Committee shall have any right to make any decision or, as a member, to take any action respecting his own right of participation in the plans, but all matters respecting his position as a participant shall be decided by the unanimous vote of the remaining members of the Committee, except that this Subsection C shall not apply to any decision which affects all participants or any group of participants of which he is a member.

### § 92-7. Claims procedure.

If the Committee determines that any individual who has claimed a right to receive benefits under any of the plans is not entitled to receive all or any part of the benefits claimed, it shall inform the claimant by certified mail of its determination and the reasons therefor in layman's terms, with specific reference to pertinent plan provisions and with a description of the review procedures set forth below. The claimant may, within 90 days thereafter, submit to the Committee, by certified mail, such further information as will, in the claimant's opinion, establish his rights to such benefits. If, upon receipt of this further information, the Committee determines that the claimant is not entitled to the benefits claimed, it shall afford the claimant or his representative a reasonable opportunity to appear personally before it, to submit issues and comments, in writing, and to review pertinent documents. The Committee shall render its final decision with the specific reasons therefor, in writing, and shall transmit it to the claimant by certified mail within 90 days for any such appearance.

# ARTICLE III Other Post-Employment Benefit (OPEB) Trust

# § 92-8. Authority; establishment.

Pursuant to the authority granted to the Town of Thomaston in § 7-450(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes, there shall be created and established the Town of Thomaston Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Trust to fund certain post-employment benefits, other than

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pension benefits, pursuant to the terms of previously established plans for the benefit of certain Town and Board of Education employees, retirees, their spouses and dependents. The provision of such OPEB Trust shall be as set forth in the OPEB Declaration of Trust, including revisions thereto, as are hereafter approved by the Board of Selectmen.

### § 92-9. Appointment of Trustee.

Immediately upon the enactment of this article, the members of the Retirement Committee, formerly known as the "Pension Committee," shall serve as Trustee of the OPEB Trust, hereinafter referred to as the "OPEB Trustee." The members of the Retirement Committee serving as OPEB Trustee shall receive no compensation for serving, and shall serve terms coextensive with their respective terms as members of the Retirement Committee. A Retirement Committee member's service as the OPEB Trustee shall be subject to all of the applicable terms governing his or her membership on the Retirement Committee. A resignation by, or removal of, a member of the Retirement Committee for any reason shall automatically constitute a resignation or removal of the member from the OPEB Trustee, with said resignation or removal to be effective on the same date and time as said resignation or removal from the Retirement Committee. Vacancies on the OPEB Trustee shall be filled in accordance with the same process that would apply for filling vacancies on the Retirement Committee.

#### § 92-10. Establishment of OPEB Board.

Immediately upon the enactment of this article, the Retirement Committee shall constitute the OPEB Board for the OPEB Trust, hereinafter referred to as the "OPEB Board." The members of said OPEB Board shall receive no compensation for serving, and shall serve terms coextensive with their respective terms as members of the Retirement Committee. A Retirement Committee member's membership on the OPEB Board shall be subject to all of the applicable terms governing membership on the Retirement Committee. A resignation by, or removal of, a member of the Retirement Committee for any reason shall automatically constitute a resignation or removal of the member from the OPEB Board, with said resignation or removal to be effective on the same date and time as said resignation or removal from the Retirement Committee. Vacancies on the OPEB Board shall be filled in accordance with the same process that would apply for filling vacancies on the Retirement Committee.

#### § 92-11. Duties of OPEB Board.

The OPEB Board shall perform the duties set forth in the OPEB Declaration of Trust, as amended from time to time, relating to the management and investment of the assets held in the OPEB Trust.

#### § 92-12. Duties of OPEB Trustee.

The OPEB Trustee shall perform the duties of the Trustee as set forth in the OPEB Declaration of Trust, including the care and custody of funds, and, with the approval of the

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OPEB Board, the investment of such funds in securities legal for investment for such trust funds.

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# TERMS OF OFFICE

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[HISTORY: Adopted by the Town of Thomaston as indicated in article histories. Amendments noted where applicable.]

# ARTICLE I Municipal Officials [Adopted 4-8-1953]

#### § 100-1. Biennial elections.

At the next Annual Town Meeting and biennially thereafter, all Town officers presently required by law to be elected annually shall be elected to hold office for the term of two years from the date of their election and until their successors shall be elected and shall have qualified.

# § 100-2. Start of term. [Added 8-20-1975]

Pursuant to Public Act No. 75-91, Subsection (II), prior legislative action is amended to provide that with the exception of the Town Clerk, the term of all municipal officials shall begin on the second Tuesday next following the day of the municipal election at which time such officials are elected, and terms of office of any incumbents affected hereby shall be extended to conform to the new term of office created herein. This article shall take effect for all elections on and after January 1, 1976.

# ARTICLE II Town Clerk [Adopted 7-31-1996]

### § 100-3. Term increased.

Pursuant to C.G.S. § 9-189a, as amended, the term of office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Thomaston shall be increased from two years to four years and until a successor has been elected and duly qualified.

# § 100-4. Vacancy. [Amended 5-29-2007]

Any vacancy occurring in the office of the Town Clerk shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term in accordance with C.G.S. § 9-220, as amended.

### § 100-5. Incumbent.

The adoption of this article shall not in any way affect the term of office of the incumbent Town Clerk or the validity of any act or action taken by the incumbent Town Clerk in the operation of the Town Clerk's office.

#### § 100-6. When effective.

This article shall take effect 15 days after publication in accordance with C.G.S. § 7-157 and shall apply to the election of the Town Clerk at the next ensuing municipal election and thereafter.

# ARTICLE III Tax Collector [Adopted 7-31-1996]

### § 100-7. Term increased.

Pursuant to C.G.S. § 9-189, as amended, the term of the office of the Tax Collector of the Town of Thomaston shall be increased from two years to four years and until a successor has been elected and duly qualified.

# § 100-8. Vacancy. [Amended 5-29-2007]

Any vacancy occurring in the office of the Tax Collector shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term in accordance with C.G.S. § 9-220 or 12-137, as amended, as applicable.

# § 100-9. Incumbent.

The adoption of this article shall not in any way affect the term of office of the incumbent Tax Collector or the validity of any act or action taken by the incumbent Tax Collector in the collection of taxes.

#### § 100-10. When effective.

This article shall take effect 15 days after publication in accordance with C.G.S. § 7-157 and shall apply to the election of the Tax Collector at the next ensuing municipal election and thereafter.

# ARTICLE IV Registrars of Voters [Adopted 4-10-2006]

# § 100-11. Authorization.

This article is adopted pursuant to C.G.S. §§ 9-189a, 9-190 and 9-192, as amended.

#### § 100-12. Term established.

Commencing with the next general statewide election to be held November 7, 2006, and thereafter, the two Registrars of Voters shall be elected to serve for terms of four years each and until their successors are elected and duly qualified.

# § 100-13. Deputy Registrars of Voters.

Each Registrar of Voters shall appoint a Deputy Registrar of Voters who shall serve for the same term of office as the Registrar of Voters who made the appointment. The terms of the Deputy Registrars of Voters shall run concurrently with the terms of the Registrars of Voters and until their successors are appointed and duly qualified.

# § 100-14. Vacancy.

Any vacancy in the office of Registrar of Voters, or Deputy Registrar of Voters, shall be filled for the balance of the term in the manner prescribed by C.G.S. § 9-192, as amended.

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# TREASURER, DEPUTY

§ 104-1. Authority.

§ 104-3. Duties; bond.

§ 104-2. Position created; appointment; term; qualifications.

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Town of Thomaston 10-1-2008; amended in its entirety 9-12-2012. Subsequent amendments noted where applicable.]

§ 104-1. Authority.

This chapter is adopted pursuant to C.G.S. § 7-80, as amended.

# § 104-2. Position created; appointment; term; qualifications.

The office of Assistant Treasurer created by resolution of a Town Meeting held December 28, 1983, shall henceforth be known as the office of "Deputy Treasurer." The Deputy Treasurer shall be appointed by the Treasurer and confirmed by a majority vote of the Board of Selectmen. The term of office shall be concurrent with that of the Treasurer. The Deputy Treasurer shall be an elector of the Town of Thomaston.

# § 104-3. Duties; bond.

The Deputy Treasurer shall be sworn to the faithful performance of the duties of the office and shall post a sufficient bond. The Deputy Treasurer shall, in the absence or disability of the Treasurer, perform all of the duties of that office, and shall perform such duties as are delegated by the Treasurer or prescribed by law. The Deputy Treasurer shall have signatory authority on all Town depository accounts, checks, orders, notes, bonds and investments subject to the supervision of the Treasurer.