

# TOWN OF THOMASTON MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER

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## **SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

The Thomaston Board of Selectpersons will vote on November 27<sup>th</sup> for a Special Town Meeting on Tuesday, December 12, 2017 to continue the required process of withdrawing from the Municipal Review Committee (MRC) administering solid waste management on March 31, 2018, the last day of Penobscot Energy Recovery Company (PERC) agreement for handling the waste of the transfer station prior to the change to Eco-Maine in Portland.

[FLASH: Select Board Approved this Warrant 11/27/2017](#)

The Special Town Meeting requires a vote of the voters for Thomaston to liquidate its share of the Penobscot Energy Recovery Company assets held by MRC, estimated at between \$10,000 and \$15,000.

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Thomaston, in the County of Knox and State of Maine, qualified to vote by law in Town affairs, to meet at **WATTS HALL AT 174 MAIN STREET** in said town on **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2017 AT 7:00 (seven) PM** prevailing time, then and there to act upon **WARRANT ARTICLES 1 THROUGH 2**.

**ARTICLE 1:** To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town of Thomaston will vote to authorize and direct the Board of Selectmen or its duly authorized designee or designees as a representative of the Town to:

1. Exercise the "Put Option" described in the Sixth Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Penobscot Energy Recovery Company, Limited Partnership; and
2. Execute and deliver on behalf of the Town such documents, and to take such further actions, as the Board of Selectmen or said designee(s) may deem necessary or appropriate in order to exercise the above-described Put Option and to assign the Town's limited partnership interests to Penobscot Energy Recovery Company, Limited Partnership as contemplated thereby.

***Explanatory Note:** This article authorizes and directs the Board of Selectmen to exercise a Put Option described in the Sixth Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Penobscot Energy Recovery Company, Limited Partnership (the "PERC" Partnership Agreement"). By exercising this Put Option, the Town is electing to require that the Penobscot Energy Recover Company, Limited Partnership ("PERC") repurchase the Town's limited partnership interest in PERC on the terms described in Section 9.3 of the PERC Partnership Agreement in exchange for a cash payment equal to the Town's proportionate share of One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000), which represents the agreed upon aggregate value of all limited partnership interests held by the Town and other similarly situated municipal members of the Municipal Review Committee.*



## **SNOW PLOWING**

In preparation for a possible early snowfall, all basketball hoops must be removed from the side of the road by. All calls in reference to snow and ice this season should be directed to the Public Works Department Director, James Connon at 354-2478 or the Town Office at 354-6107. During actual storm events, all Emergency calls involving snow and ice related issues should be referred to Knox Dispatch at 911.

## **WINTER PARKING BANS**

It will soon be that time of year again for snowplowing and sanding. The Town has a roadside Parking Ban that runs from 12:00 AM to 6:00 AM from November 15<sup>th</sup> thru April 1<sup>st</sup>. During snow events and clean up, there will be no roadside parking from 8:00 PM to 6:00 AM and no overnight parking allowed behind the Business Block. As of the 1994 Ordinance Amendment, if you are parking during the parking ban, your 1<sup>st</sup> notice will be a warning. The 2<sup>nd</sup> notice will be a \$5.00 fine and the 3<sup>rd</sup> time your vehicle will be towed. Please help the Public Works Crew in getting the streets cleaned up before the morning rush, and please observe the parking bans.

## **NEW BUSINESSES DOWNTOWN**

There are new businesses downtown. Please help us welcome **Indigo Consignment Boutique** at 189 Main Street and **Sandra L. Hoekstra Bookseller** located at 153 Main Street.

## **HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

The **Thomaston Historical Society** will feature the Morton Lermond House, a beautiful Greek Revival home at 48 Green Street Thomaston, for its 11<sup>th</sup> **Holiday House Tour**. It will take place on Friday, December 8th from 5-7pm and Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> from 10am-3pm. The Friday evening event features a wine reception, live auction with Bruce Gamage, live music by **The Teacups** and a silent auction that will continue Saturday. The winners of the silent auction will be notified within 2 days.



## **Silver Bells ~ HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE AT MONTPELLIER**

Knox Museum presents its annual holiday open house on Saturday, December 2nd, and Sunday, December 3rd, from 1 to 4 pm. Two floors will be decorated in this year's theme of Silver Bells, with holiday trees, and live entertainment and refreshments provided. Admission is free, and all are invited to attend. Canned or dry goods will be accepted at the door for Thomaston Food Pantry.



## **2018 HUNTING & FISHING LICENSES AVAILABLE ~ you will need:**

- Licensee personal information (name, date of birth, contact information)
- Hunter Safety or Previous Hunting license number for individuals purchasing a hunting license
- Cash or check payment

## **THOMASTON FOOD PANTRY**

The Thomaston Interchurch Food Pantry is open Tuesday and Thursday from 9 – 11am (except Holidays). It is located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Watts Hall, Main St. (Rte. 1) in Thomaston. Contact: Roberta 354-6004

### **How You Can Help:**

- Cash ~ the Food Pantry is a nonprofit c3, so your cash donations are fully tax deductible
- Non-perishable food items
- Coupons for non-perishable food items
- Recycled grocery bags
- Your time



**TAX PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE ONLINE**

Invoice Cloud is a third-party, web-based, electronic invoice presentment and processing company that the Board of Selectpersons for The Town of Thomaston have chosen to utilize in an effort to provide a convenient, easy and secure way to pay property taxes online.

All the data collected is double encrypted and stored on secure servers. The data is not sold or released for any purpose other than to complete transactions.

There is a non-refundable convenience fee for each transaction. The Town of Thomaston receives only the bill pay amount. Non-refundable convenience fees are paid to Invoice Cloud to cover administrative costs associated with billing and accepting payments

- Electronic Check/ARH..... Flat rate of \$.40 (40 cents)
- Debit & Credit Card..... Percentage rate of 2.95% of the bill pay amount

Fees are imposed by the Town of Thomaston for returned payments. Your bank may also charge you a fee based on the bank’s fee schedule.

If you use the Town Office Website and go to taxes tab on far right, then tax payment, you can view or view and pay. Visit <http://www.town.thomaston.me.us/public/>

The Town of Thomaston has a policy pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A § 906 of applying all tax payments to the oldest outstanding tax obligation. If you are uncertain about the oldest tax obligation, contact the Tax Collector at the Town Office at 207-354-6107.

**THOMASTON VOTER TURNOUT RESULTS**

- Question 1: Citizen Initiative - Casino: 96 Yes, 541 No, 3 Blank
- Question 2: Citizen Initiative - Medicaid 417 Yes, 223 No, 0 Blank
- Question 3: Bond Issue 501 Yes, 133 No, 6 Blank
- Question 4: Constitutional Amendment - 437 Yes, 179 No, 24 Blank

**UPDATE**

Lincolntonville Communications Inc. (LCI) continues to work toward bringing their high-speed fiber optics to Thomaston. They are currently bidding on the Maine School and Library Network, RFP, and if found favorable, will include the Oceanside Middle School, Thomaston Grammar School and the Thomaston Library. This would greatly assist in the timeline to build out Thomaston fiber optics sooner than first determined.



**Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Happy New Year from the Town Office!**

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOURS 8-5	HOURS 8-5	HOURS 8-5	HOURS 8-5	HOURS 8-2
				1
				1st Tax Payment Due
4	5	6	7	8
Fire Dept. Meeting	Ambulance Dept. Meeting			
11	12	13	14	15
Board of Selectpersons Watts Hall	SPECIAL TOWN MEETING Conservation Comm			
18	19		21	22
	Planning Board Mtg.		Solid Waste Committee Meeting	
<b>CHRISTMAS</b>	26	27	28	29
TOWN OFFICE CLOSED 				