



TOWN OF THOMASTON MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER

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INFORMATION MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING ON



OCTOBER 1ST

Residents of Thomaston Will Vote by Referendum Ballot on November 6, 2018 to Relocate Existing Municipal Offices to the Lura Libby Facility

Informational Meeting and Public Hearings to be held on Monday, October 1, 2018 at 6 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room at the former Lura Libby School, 13 Valley Street, Thomaston, Maine, to present the proposal for the Municipal Facility Project at the Lura Libby. This project is for the relocation of the Town Offices, Recreation Department, Food Pantry and Police Department at a cost of \$1,092,059.

The Standing Municipal Facilities Committee made recommendations for the reuse of Watts Hall providing the Town votes for the relocation of the Municipal Offices. The recommendations were to maintain Watts Hall and rent the first floor retail spaces or to condo Watts Hall into 6 units, 5 on the first floor to be sold.

The Watts Hall Trustees analyzed first the sale of Watts Hall. Secondly, to maintain Watts Hall and rent the five first floor units and continue the same utilization of the second floor. Thirdly, to condo Watts Hall and sell the five first floor units and continue ownership of the 2nd floor with the same use. The mil rate impact of the increase cost of \$172,835 for the relocation of the Municipal offices is as follows based on one of the three options below:

First: The sale of Watts Hall reduces the increase to \$66,979.88 or .19 mil rate increase or \$19.00 per \$100,000 of valuation.

Second: The continued ownership and retail rental of five first floor unit reduces the increase to \$130,835 or a .36 mil rate increase or \$36 per \$100,000 in valuation.

Third: The condo sale of the first floor and continued ownership of the 2nd floor reduces the increase to \$114,449 or a .32 mil rate increase or \$32 per \$100,000 in valuation.

A full presentation will be given at the Informational Meeting to be followed by the Public Hearings at 7 p.m.

Public Hearings are to follow the Informational Meeting at 7 p.m. to discuss the following Warrant Articles to be voted on by Referendum Ballot:

ARTICLE 2: Shall the voters authorize the Town to renovate the Lura Libby Facility and to relocate the Town Office, the Police Department, the Recreation Department and the Town's Food Pantry to the Lura Libby Facility as renovations are completed?

ARTICLE 3: Shall the voters appropriate and authorize the Town to borrow not more than \$1,100,000 by issuing general obligation bonds and/or notes of the Town, which may be callable, the proceeds to be used to finance the renovations to the Lura Libby Facility and related costs of relocation discussed in Article 2, above?

ARTICLE 4: Shall an amendment entitled "Proposed Changes to Chapter 7-Land Use & Development Ordinance" be enacted?

ARTICLE 5: "Shall Chapter 1 *Thomaston Government & Organization*, Article II, Section 102 *Police* be amended by changing and moving Subsection 102.3.4 *Control of Annoyance of Barking or Howling Dogs* adopted May 9, 1977 to be Subsection 102.4.6 so that it follows Subsection 102.4.5 *Control of Dogs* and shall the new Subsection 102.4.7 *Dog Waste Ordinance* be adopted?

ARTICLE 6: Shall the Town appropriate from the unassigned fund balance the amount of \$11,925.15 to fund annual stipends for the Select Board?

ARTICLE 7: Shall the voters authorize the completion of the last phase of the Thomaston Business Block Redevelopment Project initiated in 1997?

ARTICLE 8: Shall the voters appropriate and authorize the Town to borrow not more than \$280,000 and accept matching grant funds of up to \$250,000 from the Northern Border Regional Commission to complete the last phase of the Thomaston Business Block Redevelopment Project by issuing general obligation bonds and/or notes of the Town, which may be callable, the proceeds to be used to finance the Thomaston Business Block Redevelopment Project?

The full public hearing notice, financial statements, and copies of the *Chapter 7 Land Use and Development Ordinance* amendments and *Subsection 102.4.7 Dog Waste Ordinance* are posted at the Thomaston Town Office, Thomaston Grocery, and Pik Qwick Store. Copies are available at the Thomaston Town Office, 170 Main Street, or on the Town of Thomaston web site at: www.town.thomaston.me.us

Both the Informational Meeting and Public Hearings are in preparation for the Municipal Referendum Ballot vote to coincide with the State of Maine General Referendum Election on Tuesday, November 6, 2018. Polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, 10 Watts Lane, Thomaston, Maine.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN OCTOBER

Absentee Ballots are available starting Tuesday, October 9, 2018 for the upcoming November 6th General Election & Municipal Referendum Election. Request your ballot online at: <http://www.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/index.pl>, by phone at (207) 354-6107, or stop by the Thomaston Town Office. ***The last day to request your absentee ballot without a special circumstance is Thursday, November 1, 2018.*** Election Polls will be open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on November 6, 2018 at the American Legion Hall to vote in person.

WATTS HALL COMMUNITY PLAYERS



Thanks to the hard work of over a hundred volunteers, the production of *Pirates of Penzance* was a huge success. Despite the sudden heat wave, the cast of 40, ranging in age from 6 to 76, brought story and song to life with incredible talent and energy and the supporting crew made it all possible.

Once again all proceeds from the show will be invested in improvements to Watts Hall. In just two years, Watts Hall Community Players has been responsible for contributing \$24,000 to this cause. In 2016 proceeds from *The Music Man*, combined with grants awarded to Watts Hall Community Players, purchased a sound system for the Hall. In 2017 *Joseph and the Amazing Dreamcoat* and additional grant monies bought a new stage lighting system. This year *Pirates of Penzance* generated a record income and these funds, along with additional grant monies requested by the group, will be applied to installing Air Conditioning!

There are too many people to thank individually for all this work. Being involved with Watts Hall Community Players only requires interest, energy and a willingness to work hard and have a lot of fun creating a little piece of magic. If you'd like to join in, contact darylhahn@gmail.com.



OPEN SLOTS AVAILABLE COMMERCIAL CLAM LICENSE SALES: FIRST COME-FIRST SERVE ONLY

PURCHASE A TEMPORARY COMMERCIAL LICENSE - Commercial licenses expire May 31, 2019:

Resident Commercial Licenses \$315.00

Non-Residents may purchase for the same \$470.00

Clammers may come into Thomaston Town Office to pay for the license and hold their slot. They can pick up their commercial license once they show proof of 10 hours of reseeded time and **show proof of their State Commercial Clamming License from Department of Marine Resource.**

TO OBTAIN RESEEDING TIME:

1. The next reseeded time is October 31, 2018 at 8 a.m. to get 5 hours. Call David Taylor at 207-354-2703 for more information.
2. Buy 5 hours of reseeded time at \$25/hour. Purchase from Joanie McDonald at 207-354-8944 or 207-390-5113.

TRANSFER STATION NOTICE

The Board of Directors for the Thomaston-South Thomaston-Owls Head Cooperative Transfer Station on Buttermilk Lane has announced changes to its sticker policy at the beginning of October.

Instead of purchasing stickers at the Thomaston Town Office, residents will need to purchase a two-year sticker at the **Transfer Station** for \$15 via cash or check. Proof of your Thomaston street address will be required at time of purchase for the **PURPLE** 2019-2020, two year stickers.

Also new, will be that a station attendant will affix the sticker on the inside lower left corner of the front windshield.

According to the board, due to high costs at neighboring facilities, it was determined too many of the unaffixed stickers were being used by non-residents.

The current **BLUE** sticker will expire Dec. 31, 2018. If you have any questions concerning Transfer Station stickers, contact **Peter Lammert at 691-2900.**

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CONGRATULATIONS KARA

Maine Municipal Association announced that the Town of Thomaston received a third place Excellence Award for the annual Town Report. Good Job!



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOURS 8 - 5	HOURS 8 - 5	HOURS 8-5	HOURS 8 - 5	HOURS 8 - 2
17-Sep	18-Sep	9/19	9/20	21-Sep
	Planning Board 6:00 PM Watts Hall	Comp Plan Committee 6:30 PM Watts Hall	SOLID WASTE MTG. O.H. T.O.	
24-Sep	25-Sep	26-Sep	27-Sep	28-Sep
Board of Selectmen 7:00PM Watts Hall	BOARD OF ASSESSORS			
1-Oct	2-Oct	3-Oct	4-Oct	5-Oct
INFO MTG. & PUBLIC HEARING SHELLFISH COMM. W.H. 6:30PM		TOWN OFFICE CLOSED STAFF MMA CONV. ASSESSOR & CEO OPEN		
8-Oct	9-Oct	10-Oct	11-Oct	12-Oct
TOWN OFFICE CLOSED COLUMBUS DAY	Thomaston Historic Resource Group 7:00PM W.H. ABSENTEE BALLOTS AVAILABLE		GRRSM 6:00PM	
15-Oct	16-Oct	17-Oct	18-Oct	19-Oct
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ALL MEETINGS LISTED ABOVE ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND MAY BE CANCELLED IF THERE IS NO BUSINESS