

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
FOR FISCAL YEAR
JULY 1, 2019 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020**

TO: Timothy Hoppe, a Constable of the Town of Thomaston in the County of Knox and State of Maine.

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 the **AMERICAN LEGION HALL** at 10 Watts Lane in said Town on **TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2019 AT 8:00 AM** prevailing time, then and there to act upon **ARTICLES 1-3 OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT. POLLS WILL OPEN AT EIGHT (8) O’CLOCK IN THE MORNING AND WILL CLOSE AT EIGHT (8) O’CLOCK IN THE EVENING PREVAILING TIME.**

You are also hereby required to notify and warn voters of the Town of Thomaston, in the County of Knox, State of Maine, qualified to vote by law in Town affairs, to meet at the **AMERICAN LEGION HALL** at 10 Watts Lane in said Town on **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2019 at 7:00 PM** prevailing time, then and there to proceed with **ARTICLES 4 through 47.**

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

THE MODERATOR MUST BE CHOSEN PRIOR TO THE OPENING OF THE POLLS FOR ELECTING TOWN OFFICERS.

ARTICLE 2: To choose by ballot, two Selectpersons for three year terms each and one Assessor for a three year term.

ARTICLE 3: Shall the town vote to disband the Thomaston Police Department and to authorize the Selectmen to contract with the Knox County Sheriff’s Department to provide police protection to the Town of Thomaston at such terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem appropriate?

June 12, 2019 – 7:00 PM – AMERICAN LEGION HALL

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$450,000 to fund the provision of Law Enforcement Services through Knox County for a period of one year to cover the Town, subject to an affirmative yes vote on Article 3 of this Town Meeting Warrant by referendum ballot and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a contract for same.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to rescind Articles 11 (Police Department Wages) and Article 12 (Police Department General Expenditures) of this Town Meeting Warrant, also to reduce the amount of Article 23 (Unclassified Accounts) by \$50,866.57, not fund \$35,192.12 from the Maine State Retirement Fund Reserve and reduce Article 24 (Capital

Reserve) for the police cruiser by \$14,000, subject to an affirmative yes vote on Article 3 of this Town Meeting Warrant.

Explanation:	Article 11	Police Wages	\$326,925.64
	Article 12	General Expenses	70,510.36
	Article 23	Workmen's Comp	16,530.27
		Unemployment	1,005.80
		F.I.C.A.	25,435.78
		3% Wage Increase	7,894.72
	Article 24	Capital	14,000.00
		ME State Retirement	35,192.12
		<u>Current Health Insurance</u>	<u>61,232.00</u>
		TOTAL:	558,726.69

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to add the portion of Town property west of Anna Belle Lane to the Village Cemetery and authorize the Board of Selectmen to seek requests for bids for potential developers to lease the said land to construct and operate a crematorium.

VILLAGE CEMETERY TRUSTEES RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to accept the categories of funds listed below as provided by the Maine State Legislature and to expend same:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2019/2020	2018/2019
State Local Road Assistance	\$ 24,916.00	\$ 24,916.00
Gasoline Refund	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,200.00
State Revenue Sharing	\$480,094.31	\$172,394.00
General Assistance	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Snowmobile Reimbursement	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Tree Growth Reimbursement	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Veteran's Exempt Reimbursement	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Property Tax Relief Funds	Unknown	Unknown
State Grants & Other Funds	Unknown	Unknown

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to lapse all non-real estate/personal property tax revenues to Unassigned Fund Balance (surplus), and to see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate to reduce the property tax assessment for Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2019/2020	2018/2019
Appropriated from Fund Balance and Transfer	Unknown	Unknown
Anticipated State Revenue Sharing	<u>\$480,094.31</u>	<u>\$172,394.00</u>
TOTAL	\$480,094.31	\$172,394.00

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$444,548.47 for GENERAL GOVERNMENT for Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2019/2020	2018/2019
Selectpersons	\$11,925.15	\$ 0
Legal	\$18,000.00	\$ 18,000.00
Selectmen's Office	\$ 6,300.00	\$ 4,850.00
Town Manager	\$83,850.99	\$ 83,850.99
Exec. Secy./Office Coord.	\$42,103.30	\$ 42,103.30
Manager's Office	\$ 25,540.08	\$ 24,640.08
Clerk	\$ 39,524.80	\$ 39,524.80
Clerk's Office	\$ 7,100.00	\$ 5,850.00
General Office	\$ 35,600.00	\$ 33,800.00
Municipal Accounting Clerk	\$ 49,694.26	\$ 49,694.26
Finance Office	\$ 14,400.00	\$ 12,250.00
Administration	\$ 19,660.71	\$ 19,660.71
Planning Board	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Contingency	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Computer	\$ 37,250.00	\$ 35,250.00
Code Enforcement Officer	\$ 47,024.18	\$ 47,024.18
Code Enforcement Office	<u>\$ 5,375.00</u>	<u>\$ 5,375.00</u>
TOTAL	\$444,548.47	\$423,073.32

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$89,700 for maintenance and operation of MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS for Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2019/2020	2018/2019
Watts Block	\$49,000.00	\$ 49,000.00
Academy Building	<u>\$40,700.00</u>	<u>\$ 40,700.00</u>

TOTAL **\$89,700.00** **\$ 89,700.00**

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$326,925.64 for the POLICE DEPARTMENT WAGES for Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2019/2020	2018/2019
Chief's Salary	\$ 67,962.38	\$ 67,962.38
Patrolmen Wages (3)	\$138,546.75	\$138,546.75
Reserves Wages	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
Overtime	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Traffic Control	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,000.00
Sergeant Wages	\$ 54,116.51	\$ 54,116.51
Special Details	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Court Time	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Sick Leave	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Vacation Buyback	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Holiday Pay	<u>\$ 8,600.00</u>	<u>\$ 8,600.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$326,925.64</u>	<u>\$316,925.64</u>

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$70,510.36 for GENERAL EXPENDITURES – POLICE DEPARTMENT for Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2019/2020	2018/2019
Transportation	\$22,500.00	\$ 20,000.00
Supplies & Equipment	<u>\$48,010.36</u>	<u>\$ 41,775.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$70,510.36</u>	<u>\$ 61,775.00</u>

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$144,680.28 for the FIRE DEPARTMENT for Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2019/2020	2018/2019
Fire Chief	\$ 15,804.03	\$ 15,804.03
Deputy Chief	\$ 7,839.20	\$ 7,839.20
Assistant Chiefs (2 positions)	\$ 9,317.99	\$ 9,317.99
Call Members	\$ 22,894.06	\$ 22,894.06
Operations	\$ 21,925.00	\$ 20,725.00
Communications	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Fire Equipment	\$ 11,300.00	\$ 10,900.00
Fire Vehicle Maintenance	\$ 33,700.00	\$ 21,200.00
Station Building	<u>\$ 19,900.00</u>	<u>\$ 19,900.00</u>
TOTAL	\$144,680.28	\$130,580.28

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,400 to purchase self-contained breathing (SCBA) bottles, purchase protective clothing and dry hydrant maintenance as follows:

	2019/2020	2018/2019
SCBA	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,200.00
Clothing	\$ 9,200.00	\$ 9,200.00
Dry Hydrant	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$13,400.00	\$ 13,400.00

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$216,023.08 for PROTECTION AND PUBLIC SAFETY for Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2019/2020	2018/2019
Street Lighting	\$ 42,817.00	\$ 42,817.00
E.M.A.	\$ 989.58	\$ 989.58
Health Officer	\$ 1,479.05	\$ 1,479.05
Animal Control	\$ 10,737.45	\$ 10,637.45
Hydrant Rental	<u>\$160,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 160,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$216,023.08	\$ 215,923.08

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,043.00 for the Emergency Management Work Plan.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$529,738.33 for PUBLIC WORKS for Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2019/2020	2018/2019
Director	\$ 67,303.50	\$ 67,303.50
Full Time Employees (3)	\$132,135.52	\$ 132,135.52
Shared Employees	\$ 45,071.28	\$ 45,071.28
Overtime	\$ 6,200.00	\$ 6,200.00
Public Works General	\$ 8,450.00	\$ 8,200.00
Operations	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 74,700.00
Winter Roads	\$ 95,500.00	\$ 92,000.00
Summer Roads	\$ 36,300.00	\$ 35,000.00
Stump Dump	\$ 48,578.03	\$ 47,578.03
Town Garage	<u>\$ 10,200.00</u>	<u>\$ 10,100.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$529,738.33</u>	<u>\$ 518,288.33</u>

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$250,609.00 for Transfer Station Fees for Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2019/2020	2018/2019
Transfer Station Fees	<u>\$250,609.00</u>	<u>\$250,000.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$250,609.00</u>	<u>\$250,000.00</u>

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$205,859.18 for the AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT for Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2019/2020	2018/2019
Director	\$ 10,079.04	\$ 10,079.04
Assistants	\$ 7,395.26	\$ 7,395.26
Call Attendants	\$ 11,384.68	\$ 11,384.68
Per Diem Weekend Coverage	\$ 34,323.82	\$ 34,323.82
Ambulance Coverage – Rockland	\$104,000.00	\$104,000.00
Meetings and Drills	\$ 1,626.38	\$ 1,626.38
Training	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
Transportation	\$ 6,300.00	\$ 6,300.00
Administration and Office Supplies	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 7,200.00
Operations	\$ 13,550.00	\$ 13,550.00
Communications	<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$205,859.18	\$ 205,859.18

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$46,835.34 for the ASSESSOR’S OFFICE for Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2019/2020	2018/2019
Assessors’ Compensation	\$ 3,260.74	\$ 3,260.74
Assessors’ Agent	\$31,749.60	\$ 31,749.60
Temporary Assistant	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Office Supplies	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Book Binding	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Mileage	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Training	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Memberships	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00
Computer Maintenance	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
Mapping	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
Legal and Professional Services	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Commercial Assessments	<u>\$ 1,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,500.00</u>
TOTAL	\$46,835.34	\$ 46,835.34

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$75,975.51 for the RECREATION DEPARTMENT for Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2019/2020	2018/2019
Director's Salary	\$40,325.51	\$ 40,325.51
League Fees	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Office Supplies	\$ 650.00	\$ 650.00
Field Maintenance	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 9,500.00
Senior Citizen's Account	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
Supplies and Equipment	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
Basketball Clock Keepers/Referees	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Mileage	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Education and Training	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Community Events	<u>\$ 3,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$75,975.51	\$ 75,975.51

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$29,186.36 for LEISURE SERVICES for Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2019/2020	2018/2019
SHADE TREES		
Tree Warden	\$ 972.40	\$ 972.40
Tree Removal	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Dead Limb Sanitation	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Stump Removal	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Tree Planting	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Equipment	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Publications, Licensing, Mileage	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Cabling/bracing	<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>
SUBTOTAL	\$13,972.40	\$ 13,972.40
HARBOR SERVICES		
Harbor Master	\$ 4,313.96	\$ 4,313.96
Education/Training	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00
Public Landing	\$ 4,900.00	\$ 4,000.00
Ground Supplies	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00

Float Maintenance	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Facility Maintenance	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 2,300.00
Boat Maintenance	\$ 0.00	\$ 400.00
Float Removal	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
Telephone	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00
SUBTOTAL	\$14,213.96	\$ 14,213.96
Conservation Committee	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
SUBTOTAL	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
TOTAL	\$29,186.36	\$ 29,186.36

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$768,506.08 for UNCLASSIFIED ACCOUNTS for Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2019/2020	2018/2019
Workers' Compensation	\$ 80,706.00	\$ 63,121.00
Unemployment Insurance	\$ 3,822.00	\$ 3,822.00
FICA	\$ 96,000.00	\$ 96,000.00
Health Insurance	\$347,025.95	\$ 347,025.95
Retirement	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00
Wage Increase	\$ 28,430.88	\$ 0.00
SUBTOTAL	\$561,484.83	\$ 515,468.95

INSURANCE

Commercial Package/Auto	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 41,000.00
Public Official Liability	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00
Employee Dishonesty Bond	\$ 800.00	\$ 600.00
SUBTOTAL	\$ 57,300.00	\$ 48,100.00

Public Restrooms	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
SUBTOTAL	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00

COMPUTERS		
Computers and Printers	\$ 1,425.00	\$ 1,425.00
SUBTOTAL	\$ 1,425.00	\$ 1,425.00

TAN Interest	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Memberships	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
Regional Planning Commission	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Maine Service Coalition	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Midcoast Eco Dev District	\$ 3,476.25	\$ 3,476.25
Debt Service	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
SUBTOTAL	\$ 59,076.25	\$ 59,076.25

Thomaston Village Cemetery	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 19,000.00
Thomaston Public Library	\$ 66,720.00	\$ 65,410.00
Thomaston Flags	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
SUBTOTAL	\$ 86,720.00	\$ 85,410.00
TOTAL	\$768,506.08	\$711,980.20

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$174,000.00 for CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS/RESERVE ACCOUNTS for Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2019/2020	2018/2019
Police Cruiser Reserve	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 14,000.00
Ambulance Reserve	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Fire Apparatus	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Academy Maint. Reserve	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Dump Truck Reserve	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Computer Reserve	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Municipal Facilities Reserves	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
TOTAL	\$174,000.00	\$ 174,000.00

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$8,000.00 for FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE for Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2019/2020	2018/2019
General Assistance	<u>\$ 8,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 12,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 12,000.00

As administered under Title 22 M.R.S.A. SUB 4305.4 Department of Human Services.

SELECT PERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$16,075.00 for PROVIDER AND LOCAL AGENCIES for Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

PROVIDERS AGENCIES

	2019/2020	2018/2019
Coastal Opportunities	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Penquis CAP	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
Mid-Coast Children's Services	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
New Hope for Women	\$ 500.00	\$ 250.00
Coastal Transportation	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Spectrum Generations	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 0.00
Pope Memorial Humane Society	\$ 475.00	\$ 475.00
Area Interfaith Food Pantry (AIO)	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 0.00
Home Counselors	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Trekkers	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Knox County Homeless Coalition	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00
American Red Cross	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Broadreach Family & Community	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Midcoast ME Comm Action	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00
Rockland District Nursing	<u>\$ 500.00</u>	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
SUBTOTAL	\$ 8,975.00	\$ 5,725.00

LOCAL AGENCIES

Historical Society	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Christmas Lighting	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00
Memorial Day Committee	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
Friends of Montpelier	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Landscaping Committee	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,900.00
Thomaston Food Pantry	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,000.00

Life Flight	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
SUBTOTAL	\$ 7,100.00	\$ 8,500.00

TOTAL	\$16,075.00	\$ 14,225.00
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SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$131,285.00 to pave the following streets:

DESCRIPTION:

Ridgeview Drive	2,640	lin ft	est.	510 tons
Ludwig Street	264	lin ft	est.	40 tons
Robinson Street	370	lin ft	est.	70 tons
Greenhouse Hill Rd	800	lin ft	est.	200 tons
Broadway Street	634	lin ft	est.	90 tons
Hylar Street	792	lin ft	est.	160 tons
Gleason Street	1,584	lin ft	est.	280 tons
Gay Street	370	lin ft	est.	70 tons
Public Landing Rd	370	lin ft	est.	75 tons
Public Landing	280	lin ft	est.	210 tons

TOTAL: 1,705 tons
TOTAL: \$131,285

EXPLANATION: Estimate utilizing \$77 per ton.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$20,000.00 towards the ongoing Thomaston Sidewalk Program to construct and maintain sidewalks in Thomaston.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000.00 to fund the completion of the 2005 Comprehensive Plan as amended to date and recommended by the Comprehensive Plan Committee?

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 30: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into multi-year contracts (not to exceed three years) for the lease or purchase of goods and services, when they deem it in the best financial interest of the Town?

SELECTPERSONS RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 31: To see if the Town will vote to authorize Selectpersons, on behalf of the Town, TO SELL AND DISPOSE OF ANY REAL ESTATE ACQUIRED BY THE TOWN for non-payment of the taxes thereon and to execute quit claim deeds for said property except that the Municipal Officers shall use the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S.A. §943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner (s). Said real estate to be sold is as follows:

1. A notice of intent to sell such property shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in Knox County at least three weeks prior to such sale, inviting interested parties to submit sealed bids thereon.
2. The parties from whom the property has been taken for non-payment of taxes thereon may purchase said real estate from the Town at any time during the process, the purchase price in the latter case being all unpaid taxes on said property, plus interest, lien costs and the cost of the publication of the notice plus the cost of the quit claim deed.
3. In the event the parties from whom the real estate was taken by the Town for unpaid taxes fails to redeem the property as provided in Paragraph 2, the Board of Selectpersons may sell the property to the highest sealed bidder.

SELECTPERSONS RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 32: To see if the Town will vote to permit acceptance of PREPAID TAXES and to fix the dates of December 2, 2019 for the first payment and June 1, 2020 for the second payment, when the taxes shall become due and payable; and, to see if the Town will fix the rate of interest at 9 percent to be charged on taxes unpaid after said date for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

NOTE: Pursuant to Title 36 M.R.S.A. Section 506-A “Overpayment of Taxes”.

EXPLANATION: When a tax collector has demanded and received from a taxpayer more than is due and more than appears to be due according to his lists, he must refund the excess to the taxpayer, even though he has paid the amount into the Town Treasury.

SELECTPERSONS RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 33: To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate of 5% to be paid by the Town on abated taxes pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. Section 506-A.

EXPLANATION: If taxes are paid but later abated, the municipality must refund the abated taxes and pay interest on them. Title 36 M.R.S.A § 506-A provides that the rate of interest set by the municipality to be paid on overpayments *may not exceed* the rate set for delinquent taxes, *nor be less* than that rate reduced by 4%. For instance, if the unpaid rate is 8%, then the Town Meeting may set a rate not higher than 8% and not lower than 4%; it may pick either of those numbers or any number in between. The statute governing the delinquency interest rate is 36 M.R.S.A. § 505(4).

SELECTPERSONS RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 34: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectpersons to accept, on behalf of the Town, GIFTS, DONATIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS in the form of money, personal services and materials for the benefit of the Town, its government including legal departments and public facilities thereof, for the purpose of aiding and enhancing the delivery of public services. Said gifts to be without conditions and not require the voters to raise additional maintenance money.

SELECTPERSONS RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 35: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectpersons TO MOVE UP TO 10% OF UNEXPENDED BALANCES from various accounts as needed to provide for the smooth transition of Town business.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 36: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500.00 for the Shellfish Management Program and The Tidelands Coalition as follows:

Shellfish Management	\$ 3,000.00
Tidelands Coalition	\$ 1,500.00

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 37: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from unassigned fund balance the sum of \$10,000.00 TO ASSIST THE FOURTH OF JULY COMMITTEE in continuing the annual celebration.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 38: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$14,800.00 from the Dragon Products T.I.F. to replace the Fire Department hose for Engine #3.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 39: Shall ordinance amendments to “Chapter 7 of the Land Use, Section 704 Administration” be enacted?

A copy of this ordinance certified by the municipal officers has been on file with the municipal clerk’s office at least seven days before the Town Meeting. A certified copy of this ordinance is available for review in the Office of the Town Clerk during regular business hours.

SELECTPERSONS AND PLANNING BOARD RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 40: “Shall ordinance amendments to “Chapter 7 of the Land use, Section 725 Pre-Application Procedure (Step One)” be enacted?

A copy of this ordinance certified by the municipal officers and the Planning Board has been on file with the municipal clerk’s office at least seven days before the Town Meeting. A certified copy of this ordinance is available for review in the Office of the Town Clerk during regular business hours.

SELECTPERSONS AND PLANNING BOARD RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 41: “Shall ordinance amendments to “Chapter 10 of the Land Use, Definitions” be enacted?

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SELECTPERSONS AND PLANNING BOARD RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 42: Shall ordinance amendments to the Budget Committee Ordinance be enacted?

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SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 43: Shall ordinance amendments to the Personnel Committee Ordinance be enacted?

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SELECTPERSONS AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 44: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Thomaston Village Cemetery Ordinance by adding Section 106.9 entitled Right, Title and Interest of Lot Owners which reads as follows:

“No internment should be made in the Town of Thomaston Village Cemetery until the Cemetery Sexton is furnished a permit such as may be required by the Laws of the State of Maine, together with an agreement signed by the owner of record of the burial lot or their legal representative that indemnifies and saves harmless the town from liability should the dead human body be buried in the wrong burial lot or should the owner of record or their legal representative have insufficient title to the burial lot.”

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SELECTPERSONS AND VILLAGE CEMETERY TRUSTEES RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 45: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000.00 to fund the continued work of the 30’ octagon gazebo at the Thomaston Green Park.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 46: To see if the Town will vote to utilize current street light funding to fund the purchase of public street lights from C.M.P. and to convert to L.E.D. lights through RealTerm Energy US, L.P., with a long-term maintenance agreement.

EXPLANATION:

Energy and Cost Savings:

Parameter (Annual):	Before Upgrade	Post Upgrade	Savings	Savings (%)
Energy Consumption (kWh)	119,131	30,314	88,817	75%
Annual Lighting Equipment Charges	\$22,956	\$0	\$22,956	100%
Annual Delivery Charges	\$5,865	\$1,497	\$4,369	74%
Annual Supply Rate	\$9,436	\$2,401	\$7,035	75%
Annual Maintenance Cost	\$0	\$4,896	(\$4,896)	N/A
Total Streets Lights Expenditures	\$38,258	\$8,794	\$29,464	77%
Average Cost per Fixture	\$188	\$43	\$144	77%

Smart Controls Option

Number of Fixtures	204
Net Adder for Controls	\$15,663
Total Project Cost with Controls	\$89,776
Total Project Cost with Controls & Acquisition	\$110,176
Payback with Controls	3.6 years

SELECT PERSONS RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 47: Shall the ordinance entitled “Georges River Regional Shellfish Management Ordinance” be amended?

THE GEORGES RIVER REGIONAL SHELLFISH JOINT BOARD RECOMMEND APPROVAL

A copy of this ordinance has been on file with the municipal clerk’s office at least seven days before the Town Meeting. A certified copy of this ordinance is available for review in the Office of the Town Clerk during regular business hours.

Given under our hands this 13th day of May in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Eighteen by the vote of the Select Board.

THOMASTON SELECT BOARD:

Peter Lammert, Chair

Peter Lammert

Lee-Ann Upham, Vice-Chair

Lee-Ann M. Upham

William Hahn

William Hahn

Peter McCrea

Peter McCrea

Beverly St. Clair

A true copy of the signed warrant as certified to me by the Thomaston Select Board.

Kara George
Kara George, Thomaston Town Clerk

5/13/2019
Date