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**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT  
FOR FISCAL YEAR  
JULY 1, 2003 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2004**

**TO: Kevin Haj, Constable or Resident of the Town of Thomaston in the County 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 **WATTS HALL AUDITORIUM** in said town on **MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2003 at 9:45** (nine forty-five) **A.M.** prevailing time, then and there to act upon **ARTICLE 1 AND 2 OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT. POLLS WILL OPEN AT TEN (10) 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 **WATTS HALL AUDITORIUM** in said Town on **TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2003 at 7:00 P.M.** prevailing time, then and there to proceed with **ARTICLES 3 through ARTICLES 35.**

**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.**

**After being nominated and duly seconded Michael Mayo was elected and sworn as moderator.**

**ARTICLE 2:** To choose by ballot, one Selectpersons for a term of 3 years, one Assessor for a term of 3 years, one Assessor for a term of 1 year, one M.S.A.D. #50 School Board Director for a term of 3 years.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN THREE YEAR TERM**

**Wayne Linscott - 101**

**Stephen A. Little - 92**

**BOARD OF ASSESSORS THREE YEAR TERM**

**Peter R. Lammert - 171**

**BOARD OF ASSESSORS ONE YEAR TERM**

**Lee-Ann Upham - 8**

**MSAD #50 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Ronald Gamage - 152**

**Municipal Officials Elected**

**Selectman - Wayne Linscott - Three Year Term**

**Assessor - Peter Lammert - Three Year Term**

**Assessor - Lee-Ann Upham - One Year Term**

**MSAD#50 Board of Directors - Ronald Gamage - Three Year Term**

**June 24, 2003 – 7:00 P.M. – WATTS HALL AUDITORIUM**

**ARTICLE 3:** 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.

State Local Road Assistance	\$ 25,020
Gasoline Refund	2,000
Education Block Grant	Unknown
State Revenue Sharing	415,968
General Assistance	6,000
Snowmobile Reimbursement	400
Tree Growth Reimbursement	500
CEP Reimbursement	250
Veteran's Exemption Reimbursement	3,000
Property Tax Relief Funds	Unknown
State Grants & Other Funds	Unknown

**SELECTPERSONS RECOMMEND APPROVAL**

**Article 3: Passed as presented**

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to lapse all non-real estate/personal property tax revenues to Undesignated 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, 2003 through June 30, 2004:

**DESCRIPTION:**

Appropriate from Fund Balance and Transfer	Unknown
From Anticipated State Revenue Sharing	<u>415,968.00</u>
TOTAL \$	415,968.00

**SELECTPERSONS RECOMMEND APPROVAL**

**Article 4: Passed as presented**

**ARTICLE 5:** To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for GENERAL GOVERNMENT for Fiscal Year July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004:

DESCRIPTION:

Selectpersons	\$	7,798.00
Legal		14,000.00
Selectmen's Office		4,150.00
Manager		51,908.00
Exec Secretary/Office Coordinator		25,669.00
Manager's Office		8,000.00
Clerk		24,856.00
Clerk's Office		4,965.00
General Office		22,350.00
Municipal Accounting Clerk		27,227.00
Finance Office		6,350.00
Administration		16,350.00
Planning Board		50.00
Contingency		750.00
Computer		10,280.00
Code Enforcement Officer		30,745.00
Code Enforcement Office		<u>3,825.00</u>
TOTALS	\$	259,273.00

**SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL**

Article 5: A motion was made by Dwight Henry seconded by John Miller to reduce this article by \$37,000.00. This motion failed to pass. A second motion was made by Mr. Henry and seconded by Mr. Miller to vote on this article by secret ballot this motion also did not pass.

**Article 5: Passed as presented**

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$59,795.00 for maintenance and operation of MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS for Fiscal Year July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004:

DESCRIPTION:

Watts Block	\$	31,500.00
Academy Building		<u>28,295.00</u>
TOTAL	\$	59,795.00

**SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL**

**Article 6: Passed as presented**

**ARTICLE 7:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the POLICE DEPARTMENT WAGES for Fiscal Year July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004:

DESCRIPTION:

Chief	\$	42,843.00
Patrolmen (3)		85,426.00
Reserves		4,000.00
Overtime		7,000.00
Detective		-0-
Sergeant		34,126.00
Special Details		500.00
Court Time		1,400.00
Sick Leave		2,000.00
Vacation Buyback		2,000.00
Holiday Pay		<u>7,570.00</u>
TOTAL	\$	186,865.00

**SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL**

Article 7: A motion was made by John Miller and seconded by Dwight Henry to amend this article by reducing it 15% or a bottom line total of \$159,865.00. This motion failed to pass.

**Article 7: Passed as presented**

**ARTICLE 8:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for GENERAL EXPENDITURES - POLICE DEPARTMENT for Fiscal Year July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004:

DESCRIPTION:

Transportation	\$	12,000.00
Supplies & Equipment		<u>30,600.00</u>
TOTAL	\$	42,600.00

**SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL**

Article 8: A motion was made by Dwight Henry and seconded by Donna Pease to reduce this article by \$5,000.00. This motion failed to pass.

**Article 8: Passed as presented**

**ARTICLE 9:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the FIRE DEPARTMENT for Fiscal Year July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004:

**DESCRIPTION:**

Fire Chief	\$	10,746.00
Deputy Chief		5,330.00
Call Members		17,000.00
Operations		15,450.00
Communications		4,600.00
Fire Equipment		7,000.00
Fire Vehicle Maintenance		7,000.00
Station Building		<u>12,974.00</u>
TOTAL \$		80,100.00

**SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL**

**Article 9: Passed as presented**

**ARTICLE 10:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for PROTECTION AND PUBLIC SAFETY for Fiscal Year July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004:

**DESCRIPTION:**

Street Lighting	42,200.00
E.M.A.	721.00
Animal Control	3,407.00
Hydrant Rental	<u>100,000.00</u>
TOTAL \$ 146,328.00	

**SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL**

**Article 10: Passed as presented**

**ARTICLE 11:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for PUBLIC WORKS for Fiscal Year July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004:

**DESCRIPTION:**

Director	\$	39,459.00
Full Time Employees (3)		82,524.00
Overtime		5,150.00
Public Works General		4,750.00
Operations		16,500.00
Winter Roads		55,350.00
Summer Roads		16,700.00
Stump Dump		48,611.00
Town Garage		<u>5,800.00</u>
	TOTAL \$	274,844.00

**SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL**

**Article 11. Passed as presented**

**ARTICLE 12:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT for Fiscal Year July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004:

**DESCRIPTION:**

Director	\$	6,854.00
Assistants		7,887.00
Call Attendants		10,000.00
Meetings & Drills		1,000.00
Training		4,000.00
Transportation		2,200.00
Administration & Office Supplies		5,300.00
Operations		11,000.00
Communications		<u>7,000.00</u>
	TOTAL \$	55,241.00

**SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL**

**Article 12. Passed as presented**

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$198,896.00 for SANITATION for Fiscal Year July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004:

**DESCRIPTION:**

Transfer Station Fees	\$	198,896.00
TOTAL	\$	198,896.00

**SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL**

**Article 13. Passed as presented**

**ARTICLE 14:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the ASSESSOR'S OFFICE for Fiscal Year July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004:

**DESCRIPTION:**

Assessors' Compensation	\$	2,218.00
Assessors' Agent		11,000.00
Office Supplies		200.00
Mileage		450.00
Training		300.00
Telephone		500.00
Memberships		50.00
Computer Maintenance		250.00
Legal & Professional Services		<u>5,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$	19,968.00

**SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL**

**Article 14: Passed as presented**



**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$12,000 for FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE for Fiscal Year July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004:

DESCRIPTION:

General Assistance	\$	<u>12,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$	12,000.00

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

**SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL**

**Article 15: Passed as presented**

**ARTICLE 16:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the RECREATION DEPARTMENT for Fiscal Year July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004:

DESCRIPTION:

Director's Salary	\$	10,000.00
League Fees		3,400.00
Office Supplies		550.00
Field Maintenance		2,250.00
Senior Citizen's Account		3,000.00
Supplies & Equipment		4,250.00
Basketball Referees		250.00
Mileage		<u>100.00</u>
TOTAL	\$	23,800.00

**SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL**

**Article 16: Passed as presented**

**ARTICLE 17:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for LEISURE SERVICES for Fiscal Year July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004:

DESCRIPTION

SHADE TREES

Tree Warden	\$	662.00
Tree Removal		1,500.00
Tree Planting		400.00
Dead Limb Sanitation		3,000.00
Equipment		600.00
Stump Removal		<u>500.00</u>
SUBTOTAL	\$	6,662.00

HARBOR SERVICES

Harbor Master	\$	1,061.00
Public Landing Maintenance		300.00
Float Maintenance		500.00
Miscellaneous		500.00
Education/Training		<u>300.00</u>
SUBTOTAL	\$	2,661.00

FOURTH OF JULY

4th of July Electrical		<u>200.00</u>
SUBTOTAL	\$	200.00

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Conservation Committee	\$	<u>200.00</u>
SUBTOTAL		<u>200.00</u>

TOTAL \$ 9,723.00

**SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL**

**Article 17: Passed as presented**

**ARTICLE 18:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$484,313.00 for UNCLASSIFIED ACCOUNTS for Fiscal Year July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004:

DESCRIPTION:

Worker's Compensation	\$	20,000.00
Unemployment Insurance		8,848.00
FICA		48,000.00
Health Insurance		150,762.00
Additional Payroll & Benefits		45,793.00
Retirement		<u>4,500.00</u>
SUBTOTAL	\$	277,903.00

INSURANCE

Commercial Package/Auto	\$	37,000.00
Public Official Liability		3,600.00
Employee Dishonesty Bond		<u>800.00</u>
SUBTOTAL	\$	41,400.00

COMPUTERS

Computer & Printers		<u>2,000.00</u>
SUBTOTAL	\$	2,000.00

Public Restrooms	\$	750.00
Ambulance Billing		<u>3,800.00</u>
SUBTOTAL	\$	4,550.00

TAN Interest		2,000.00
Memberships		4,500.00
Regional Planning Commission		500.00
Debt Service		150,000.00
Parking Leases		<u>1,460.00</u>
SUBTOTAL	\$	158,460.00

TOTAL \$ 484,313.00

**SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND**

**Article 18: Passed as presented**

**ARTICLE 19:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS/RESERVE ACCOUNTS for Fiscal Year July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004:

DESCRIPTION:

Police Cruiser Reserve	\$	10,000.00
Academy Maintenance Reserve		12,000.00
Ambulance Reserve		10,000.00
Fire Engine Payment		31,088.00
Back Hoe Reserve		<u>10,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$	73,088.00

**SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL**

**Article 19. Passed as presented**

**ARTICLE 20:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for PROVIDER and LOCAL AGENCIES for Fiscal Year July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004:

DESCRIPTION:

PROVIDERS AGENCIES

Mid-Coast Mental Health	\$	1,676.00
Coastal Workshop		250.00
CCAP		3,000.00
Mid Coast Children's Services		700.00
Kno-Wal-Lin		3,000.00
New Hope for Women		1,000.00
Coastal Transportation		1,800.00
Senior Spectrum		2,272.00
Humane Society of Knox County		<u>500.00</u>
SUBTOTAL	\$	14,198.00

LOCAL AGENCIES

Historical Society	\$	750.00
Christmas Lighting		1,000.00
Memorial Day Committee		750.00
Friends of Montpelier		2,000.00
Landscape Committee		<u>500.00</u>
SUBTOTAL	\$	5,000.00

TOTAL \$ 19,198.00

**SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL**

**Article 20: Passeedd as presented**

**ARTICLE 21:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for Fiscal Year July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004 and to utilize undesignated funds to pay balance of the cost to pave the following streets:

**DESCRIPTION:**

Ridgeview Drive  
Dexter St. Extension  
Gleason (Robinson to Pine)  
Roxbury St.  
Booker St.  
Beechwood St. (3,700 feet)  
Sawyer St  
Est. cost @1" overlay \$49,122 for all Paving

**SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL**

**Article 21: Passed as presented**

**ARTICLE 22:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 towards upgrade of Harbor Float.

**SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL**

**Article 22: Passed as presented**

**ARTICLE 23:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Undesignated Fund Balance a sum not to exceed 30% of the Operating Budget annually of the THOMASTON LIBRARY and to relinquish the charge for annual rent of \$4,896.00.

EXAMPLE: 2000/2001 \$69,160.00 X 30% = \$20,748.00 From Undesignated  
Fund Balance Rental Relief - 4,896.00  
Total Financial Assistance to Library \$25,644.00

**SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL**

**Article 23: Passed as presented**

**ARTICLE 24:** To see if the Town will vote to name the Town's Public Works Garage after the former Public Work's Director of 22 years. The "David W. Taylor Public Works Facility".

**SELECTPERSONS RECOMMEND APPROVAL**

**Article 24: Passed as presented**

**ARTICLE 25:**

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 claims deeds for said property, said real estate to be sold 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 before the expiration of fourteen days from the date of such publication, 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 AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL**

**Article 25: Passed as presented**

**ARTICLE 26:** To see if the Town will vote to permit acceptance of PREPAID TAXES and to fix the dates of **December 8, 2003 for the first payment and June 7, 2004 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 7% percent to be charged on taxes unpaid after said date; and to see if the Town will fix the rate of interest for overpayments of taxes at 4 percent. For the period July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004.

NOTE: Pursuant to Title 36 M.R.S.A. section 506-A "Overpayment of Taxes."

**SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL**

**Article 26: Passed as presented**

**ARTICLE 27:** 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 AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL**

**Article 27: Passed as presented**

**ARTICLE 28:** 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 28: Passed as presented**

**ARTICLE 29:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 for assistance to the Recreation Director.

**SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL**

**Article 29: Passed as presented**

**ARTICLE 30:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 TO SUPPORT THE SHELLFISH MANAGEMENT PROGRAM.

**SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL.**

**Article 30: Passed**

**ARTICLE 31:** To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from undesignated fund balance \$3500 to complete the comprehensive plan update and to utilize \$1500 of donated funds.

DESCRIPTION: Proposed \$5,000.00 Total expenditure.

**SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL**

**Article 31: Passed as presented**

**ARTICLE 32:** To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from the sale of Fire Apparatus to purchase

S.C.B.A. bottles 2,550  
Protective Clothing 6,000  
\$8,550

**SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL**

**Article 32: Passed as presented**

**ARTICLE 33:** To see if the Town will vote to accept the property known as Bobolink Lane for a Town Road and the property known as Atticus Hill Common Land and to allow the Board of Selectmen enter into an agreement with the A.H.H.A. to complete the improvements.

**Description:** Said road is laid out 60' wide on site plan approved as Atticus Hill by the Town and recorded in the Knox County Registry of Deeds on July 22<sup>nd</sup> 1987 recorded in Cabinet 6 sheet 213. The Atticus Hill Common Land is North of Lot 19 and Shown as Lot 201 on current tax map #201 including a waste water pump station. The Common Land was added in a map revision dated June 6, 2002. The property owners of the Subdivision have been working with the Town since last year to have the Town accept ownership of the road and infrastructure. This Subdivision had no requirement for paving and the owners wish to pay all cost for paving and improving the wastewater pump station. The Town has procured a \$20,000. Grant for the pump station to assist the owners. The approval of this will allow the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement with said owners to complete all improvements at no cost to the Town.

**SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL**

**Article 33: Passed as presented**

**ARTICLE 34:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, from undesignated 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 34: Passed as presented**



**ARTICLE 35:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$ 20,000.00 from Undesignated Fund Balance, with utilization of annual ambulance revenues, to continue funding the PER DIEM LICENSED AMBULANCE PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EMERGENCY SERVICES COORDINATOR to provide adequate emergency service and to assist with Fire and Ambulance Department Administration.

**DESCRIPTION:** The Town has 6AM to 6PM ambulance coverage 5 days per week. Approval will continue this coverage and utilize one of the two individuals for Fire and Ambulance Administrative duties as well as ambulance calls.

**SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL**

**Article 35: Passed as presented**

**Meeting Adjourned at 10:10PM**

**Recorded**

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joan Linscott', is written across the middle of the page. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

**Joan Linscott  
Town Clerk  
Thomaston ME  
June 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 2003**