

TOWN OF THOMASTON MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER

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THOMASTON'S JULY 4TH

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM

*Kids One Mile Fun Race

*5K Firecracker Race Same Day Sign Up

8:00 AM

*One Mile Fun Race Starts



8:30 AM

*Parade Staging

9:00 AM

*Craft Tent Opens

9:15 AM

*Pet Show



11:00 AM

*Fourth of July Parade

NOON

*Opening Ceremony (Following Parade)

*Booths Open

*Bouncy Houses

*Face Painting

1:00 PM

*Cod Adams Memorial Horseshoe Tournament

9:15 PM

Fireworks



[Download your parade application packet today!](#)

Or, Request the parade applications from
parade@thomaston4thofjuly.com

Volunteers Needed

If you are interested in supporting this community organized event, please let us know. Check in via email: info@thomaston4thofjuly.com

MR & MS THOMASTON

The Thomaston 4th of July Committee is pleased and proud to announce Mr. and Ms. 4th of July

2016. Coby Dorr and Meredith Mitchell are both graduated seniors from Oceanside High School, and were chosen by the faculty based on their grades, activities, leadership, community involvement, and positive outlook.



Meredith Mitchell, of Thomaston, is the daughter of Denise and Peter Mitchell. Her high school activities included playing soccer, indoor track, and tennis. She was actively involved with Trekkers, including the Trekkers student leadership program and Big Trek Little Trek, and volunteered with the Thomaston Recreation Department's youth soccer clinics. She is a member of the National Honor Society and graduated with honors. Meredith will be working at McLoon's Lobster Shack and the Farnsworth Art Museum during the summer. She will be attending Saint Anselm College in New Hampshire in the fall.



Coby Dorr, of Thomaston, is the son of Ann and Rene Dorr. His high school activities included playing varsity soccer all four years, varsity baseball for three years and varsity basketball for 2 years. Coby has been involved in the Oceanside Theater including Tarzan, Mulan and Nuggets. He is also a member of the National Honor Society and graduated with honors. Coby will be working this summer with the Thomaston Recreation Department assisting with the day camp. He will be attending Husson University to study Physical Therapy in the fall.

Ms. Mitchell and Mr. Dorr will be riding in the 2017 Thomaston 4th of July parade which starts at 11am on Tuesday, July 4th. The parade will travel from North to South on Main Street in Thomaston, beginning at Erin Street and ending on Booker Street. The parade will be followed by a full day of activities in Thomaston, Maine, including a road race, craft tent, chicken barbeque, live music, free bouncy houses, a hot

dog eating contest, food vendors, and the traditional fireworks display at 9:15pm. Rain/fog date for the fireworks is July 5th.

THIS YEARS GRAND MARSHALL

Chubbs, An All American Dog, will lead the Thomaston 4th of July Parade

Chubbs will lead the 2017 Thomaston 4th of July parade as the Grand Marshal to represent the parade theme, It's a "Pet" -riotic 4th!

Even though it was a tough decision for the Thomaston 4th of July Committee to choose from all the wonderful submissions, Chubbs' story won their hearts.

This letter was submitted by Kathy and Jim Cuthbertson:

"Despite our usual focus on Washington and Jefferson and the other "founding fathers", our country was largely created by men and women of humble origins. They were farmers, fishermen, laborers, homesteaders and servants and they came to this country because they were looking for a second chance. These "everyday patriots" believed that the circumstances of their birth should not determine their destiny and that hard work and adherence to the ideals of freedom and liberty could build a country of opportunity and hope. They faced adversity with determination and optimism and fought and died for what they believed in.

Like many of our forbearers, Chubbs came from the humblest of backgrounds. He arrived at Pope Memorial Humane Society after he was found abandoned in the Walmart parking lot. Chubbs had obviously not had an easy life. He was grossly overweight and carried two very large tumors on his side. His nails were so long that they curved back into his paws and it was apparent that he had received very little veterinary care in his previous home. Pope Memorial welcomed Chubbs just as America has always welcomed the homeless and "the tired and the poor" and they were determined to give him a better life. It helped that Chubbs, like any good patriot, was a fighter and he survived a lengthy surgery to remove his tumors despite a less than perfect heart. The shelter staff and dog walkers fell in love with this plucky dog who was so brave and

always happy and friendly, despite a tough past. He would waddle around the lobby and greet everyone with his sweet doggy smile and he soon became something of a shelter ambassador as he accompanied shelter staff to various events in the community.

Chubbs became a special member of our family when, after meeting him on several visits to the shelter, it became apparent that we were meant to be together. We took him home, continued his weight loss program and found that we had adopted a minor celebrity. Wherever we went, people would approach us and ask, "Is that Chubbs?" Those who hadn't met him yet, especially children, are now some of his biggest fans as he walks around Thomaston, his new hometown. For us, Chubbs truly symbolizes the best of the American ideal. He has overcome adversity and blossomed into a dog of such optimism and good will. Clearly Chubbs, like many American patriots, has embraced his second chance and filled our home with such joy at the same time."

Congratulations Chubbs!

Parade applications for floats, cars, walkers, bands and more can be downloaded from the webpage: www.thomaston4thofjuly.com. The 4th of July Committee encourages participants to show their Pet-riotic Pride!



NOTICE: Board of Selectmen is holding a Fiber Optic Broadband Public Meeting on July 24th in Watts Hall 5-7pm.

"Fiber 101" - Everything you ever wanted to know about Fiber Optic Broadband (but were afraid to ask).

You are invited



Join us for Pizza & a look into the Future

Come learn about our plans to bring blazing fast (up to a Gigabit!)

Fiber Optic Broadband to Thomaston

Monday July 24th
Watts Hall
174 Main St.
Thomaston, ME
5:00 – 7:00PM

Maps will be available on large monitors to show you our Network – Let's get your "Dot" on our Map!



This Budget also supports \$778,000 of new capital purchases and requires only \$100,000 to be raised in taxes. The items are in Articles 23, 24, 34 35 and 36 of the Warrant. Their approval will allow the Town to complete \$177,000 of paving roads, purchase a \$190,000 Public Works Dump Truck with snow plow etc., purchase a \$26,000 Police Department cruiser, purchase twenty-three air packs for the Fire Department costing \$200,000 and purchase a new ambulance at the cost of \$185,000.

The additional \$668,000 funding sources are \$253,000 from the Reserve Account, \$38,000 from the Dragon Products T.I.F., \$180,000 from a Federal and State Fire Department Grant, \$71,451 from the unexpended balance of the Winter Roads and Snow Removal Account and \$135,518 from the Unassigned Fund balance (surplus).

It should be further recognized that the Town's Unassigned Fund balance will be \$1,017,459 after these expenditures. This represents 14% of the Town total tax commitment of Municipal, County and RSU #13.

The other item the Board of Selectpersons continues to work on that is not in this Budget, is the impact of the Town accepting ownership of the Lura Libby School from RSU #13 in late November of 2016.

At the Special Town Meeting voters accepted the property and approved expending \$22,754 from the \$200,000 Municipal Facility Reserve of which the Town expended \$20,556.73.

The Board has pursued the review of moving all Municipal Town Office and Public Safety Services to this facility. Architect John Hansen has completed a preliminary analysis of the building and determined the cost to be between \$1,381,000 and \$1,757,000, which includes the Fire and Ambulance services.

The Board of Selectpersons plan to hold a Special Town Meeting in early fall to address the future use of this facility and any required funding will be proposed to be expended from the Facility Reserve Account.

Thomaston Town Meeting Results

June 14, 2017

The voters approved all 44 Warrant Articles. The Municipal Budget totaled \$3,259,455.71. This represents a 2.83 percent increase over the current year. The increase is categorized as a 9/10 of a percent increase for payroll, 1 percent for the General Operating Budget and 9/10 of a percent for three one-time requests totaling \$29,360. They are Articles 37, 38 and 39 of the Warrant; Lowes tax appeal \$10,000, the gazebo construction \$5,000 and the Comprehensive Plan update cost of \$14,360.

The mil rate impact on taxes without consideration of increased valuation or revenues represents a \$21.00 increase per \$100,000 of property valuation.

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOURS 8 - 5	HOURS 8 - 5	HOURS 8-5	HOURS 8 - 5	HOURS 8 - 2
3	4	5	6	7
Fire Dept. Meeting 7PM @ Fire Station	4TH JULY CLOSED			
10	11	12	13	14
Board of Selectmen 7:00PM Watts Hall	Appeals Board 7:00 PM Watts Hall Conservation Comm. 6PM TREATMENT PLANT			
17	18	19	20	21
	Planning Board 6:00 PM Watts Hall			
24	25	26	27	28
Board of Selectmen 7:00 PM Watts Hall	Board of Assessors 5:00 PM @ T.O.		Solid Waste 7:00PM Owls Head T.O.	
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ALL MEETINGS LISTED ABOVE ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND MAY BE CANCELLED IF THERE IS NO BUSINESS
 For up to date notification of meeting schedules and agendas sign up to receive the newsletter by email