Citizens of South Thomaston

Later in the fall, the Board of Selectmen will be conducting a Public Information Session followed by a Special town Meeting.

The subjects of these meetings are:

                The Board will be seeking an Advisory Opinion from the Town regarding the Board’s desire to change the fiscal year from its current January - December calendar year to a Fiscal Year beginning on July 1 and ending on June 30.  The Board is convinced this change will make for better financial planning and reduce the uncertainty around School budgets and state revenues.

Coincidental with the fiscal year change the Board will ask the Town to endorse a plan for the Town to collect taxes twice a year.  This change will allow better management of the Town's cash flow and bill paying and reduce the number of times the Town must resort to short term borrowing to meet its payment obligations. The method and timing of tax collection must be voted on each year by the Town at Town Meeting.

If the above changes are adopted, the Selectboard and Budget Committee will develop an 18-month budget to be followed by successive annual budgets tied to the newly approved fiscal year.

Finally, the Board will ask the Town to approve a change to the electoral process for Selectboard Members and the RSU13 Representative.  Under this plan, the elections would take place as Secret Ballot elections held in June on the day of RSU13 Budget ratification and any statewide Primary or Ballot Initiative elections.

The Information Session will take place on October 22, 2020 and the Special Town Meeting will be held on November 17. We are still evaluating the safest sites for these events so stay tuned for future announcements.

Until then, we wish all good health and safety.

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