



Town of Thompson
Board of Finance
815 Riverside Drive
North Grosvenordale, CT 06255

Minutes – Regular Meeting

Thursday, January 17, 2019, 7:00 PM

Thompson Library/Community Center Meeting Room

1. Call to Order & Roll Call:
Chairman Aaron McGarry called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.
Present: Chair Aaron McGarry, Vice-Chair Larry Groh Jr., Susanne Witkowski, Rhonda Rooney, and Rob Mann
Absent: Jim Bellavance
2. Approve Minutes:
A. 12/20/18 Regular Meeting
Rhonda Rooney motioned and Rob Mann seconded the motion to accept the 12/20/18 minutes as written. The motion carried unanimously 5-0
3. Correspondence:
A. 1/14/19 BoE Agenda
B. CERC Town Profile
C. Minutes of other Boards/Commissions - None
Received after agenda was posted – email from Assessor Diana Couture re: unbudgeted taxes to be collected on new construction for FY19.
4. Citizen's Comments: None
5. Kenneth Beausoleil: Selectmen's Update
Discussion on the school oil spill litigation on 3/19/19; Marianapolis sewer project is ongoing; Rec. Dept. Bon fire on 1/19/19, rain date 1/20/19; Jamie Seney is Town's new Fire Marshall; still looking for new Town Planner & Recreation Director; budget process has started in the Town Hall; 65 Main St building; new Town Attorney will be at the 2/5/19 BOS meeting.
6. Melinda Smith: Education Update
Discussion on enrollment numbers; evening security; Professional Development Day; The Wizard of OZ production on 4/6/19 & 4/7/19; Special Ed programs; bus tracker app for families; interviewing for new Special Education Director; starting BOE budget process next week.
7. Orla McKiernan-Rafferty: Financial Report
Summary of the Town's finances through the end of December 2018 was given.
8. Board of Trustees of the Tourtellotte Fund Update:
The Board met last week; reviewed investments and making no changes for FY20r; re-elected same officers; no major plans for FY20 to build up funds.
9. New Business:
A. Economic Development Commission's request for representation at 2/6/19 meeting on Branding Plan objectives. Rhonda Rooney & Rob Mann will attend meeting.

- B. TVCCA charges for FY2018 \$10,000.00 – they provide Meals on Wheels and Senior Citizen lunches weekly at the Library; monies were budgeted in FY2018 General Expenditure line item but not paid due to the lateness of the budget approval.

Rob Mann motioned and Larry Groh Jr. seconded the motion to pay \$10,000 out of FY2019 Contingency Budget line item for FY2018 Thames Valley Council Community Action services.

Discussion on motion – it was an oversight that the appropriation was not made in the previous fiscal year.

Roll call vote was taken. **The motion carried unanimously 5-0**

- C. Audit Update – Auditors unable to attend this meeting so they will present their report at the 2/21/19 Board of Finance meeting; Audit reports were handed out to Board Members.
- D. FY2020 BOF Dept. Budget Request – the Board went over their departments proposed budget; a discussion ensued on going out to bid for Auditors for FY2020 and NECCOG is looking into a group RFP for Auditors.

10. Old Business:

- A. Special Education Excess Costs – a lengthy discussion ensued on Atty. Slaters opinion of this State Statute and past practices; requesting, in writing, professional opinion from Town Attorney and Auditors on how to proceed.
- B. BOE – establishment of savings account with any remaining funds at years end up to 1% of the school budget as allowed under state statute. – No Action Taken.
- C. 12/26/18 amended draft of ORDINANCE No. 10-005 – A discussion ensued on the proposed changes.
- D. Starr Rd Update – the Judge made a decision in favor of the Town and plaintiffs; Towns total amount spent on court case to be emailed to the Board.

- 11. Board of Finance Members Comments: asked for new Surplus Line Item amount to be emailed to them.

12. Adjourn.

Larry Groh, Jr. moved and Susanne Witkowski seconded the motion to adjourn.

The motion carried unanimously 5-0

Aaron McGarry adjourned the meeting at 9:44 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Minarik

Recording Secretary
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