



**Town of Thompson**  
**Board of Finance**  
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TOWN CLERK, Asst

**Minutes – Regular Meeting**

**Thursday, February 21, 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 7:06pm.**

**Present:** Chair Aaron McGarry, Vice-Chair Larry Groh Jr., Susanne Witkowski, Rhonda Rooney, Jim Bellavance and Rob Mann

**Absent:**

2. Approve Minutes:

A. 1/17/19 Regular Meeting

**Larry Groh Jr. moved and Susanne Witkowski seconded the motion to accept the 1/17/19 minutes as written. The motion carried unanimously 6-0**

3. Correspondence:

A. Board of Education Agendas for several meetings

B. Minutes of other Boards/Commissions

After agenda published

C. Town attorney's opinion on the matter of BOE Excess Special Education Costs / revenue email.

D. Conservation Commission email re: available Bluebird Nest Boxes.

4. Citizen's Comments: None

5. Kenneth Beausoleil: Selectmen's Update

A hand out was distributed; Nutmeg Container purchased 720 Thompson Rd, fka Norampac/Johnson Corrugated; Branding Committee's meeting on 2/6/19 was videotaped and will be put on town's website; Marianapolis sewer mediation is scheduled for 3/12/19; oil spill mediation is scheduled for 3/19/19; still looking for town planner; BOS planning on finalizing the towns budget by 3/1/19; River Mill redevelopment is moving forward and work on Quinn's Shirt Shop should resume in coming weeks.

6. Melinda Smith: Education Update

Enrollment hand out was distributed; total enrollment 977; outplacement is up by 1 student with high cost; the new Special Education Director started; interviewing for evening security; The Wizard of OZ production on 4/6/19 & 4/7/19; BOE budget should be ready by 3/4/19.

7. Orla McKiernan-Rafferty: Financial Report

Summary of the Towns finances through the end of January 2019 was given; started receiving 1<sup>st</sup> quarter grants; auditors will present on 3/21/19.

8. Board of Trustees of the Tourtellotte Fund Update:

The Board held a Public Hearing; no new business.

9. New Business: None
10. Old Business:
  - A. Special Education Excess Costs – a discussion ensued on the different opinions received; will send Atty. Slater the other opinions.
  - 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 on pros and cons of combining for votes – No Action Taken.
  - D. Update on Branding Plan objectives meeting from 2/6/19 – explanation of items discussed at the meeting is positive for the town.
  - E. Agenda for FY19-20 Budget Presentation Meeting on Thursday 3/7/19 at the Thompson Public School Auditorium at 7:00 PM – discussion on posting notices and when budgets will be available.
11. Board of Finance Members Comments:
  - J. Bellavance will be absent at the 3/14/19, 3/21/19 & 3/28/19 meetings
  - S. Witkowski & O. McKiernan-Rafferty will be absent at the 3/14/19
  - cancel the 4/25/19 meeting because the Town Meeting is on Monday 5/6/19.
12. Adjourn.

**Larry Groh Jr. moved and Susanne Witkowski seconded the motion to adjourn.**  
**The motion carried unanimously 6-0**  
**Aaron McGarry adjourned the meeting at 8:49 PM.**

Respectfully Submitted,

*Diane Minarik*

Recording Secretary  
02-21-19 Minutes BOF Regular Meeting