



Town of Thompson  
Board of Finance  
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**Minutes – Board of Finance Regular Meeting**  
**Thursday, September 19, 2019, 7:00 PM**  
**Thompson Library/Community Center Meeting Room**

1. Call to Order & Roll Call:

**Chair Aaron McGarry called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.**

**Present:** Chair Aaron McGarry, Jim Bellavance, Rhonda Rooney and Rob Mann

**Absent:** Vice-Chair Larry Groh Jr. and Susanne Witkowski

A moment of silence was taken in memory of Ron Brissette.

2. Approve Minutes:

A. 8/15/19 Regular Meeting

**Jim Bellavance moved and Rhonda Rooney seconded the motion to approve the 8/15/19 minutes as written.**

**The motion carried 4-0**

B. 8/21/19 Special Meeting

**Rhonda Rooney moved and Jim Bellavance seconded the motion to approve the 8/21/19 minutes as written.**

**The motion carried unanimously 4-0**

C. 8/27/19 Special Meeting

**Rhonda Rooney moved and Jim Bellavance seconded the motion to approve the 8/27/19 minutes as written.**

**The motion carried unanimously 4-0**

3. Correspondence:

A. Updated Proposed FY20 Budget

B. BOE Admin Contract Negotiations Meeting Invite

C. BOE Agendas for 9-9-19

D. Email from Tax Collector re: amount collected 9/3-9/9.

E. Portrait of a Graduate Invitation for Wed 10-2-19

4. Citizen's Comments:

- Jessica Bolte, 1081 Riverside Dr, was not ok with her, as a citizen, that the BOF budget meeting was held at the same time the BOE meeting; she wants to see "Citizens Comments" at the end of the agenda also; asked if there was going to be a referendum exit polling?
- Jim Bellavance, 91A Riverside Dr, upset the BOS didn't do budget vote at a Town Meeting, how do they find out why the budget is not passing.

5. Kenneth Beausoleil: Selectmen's Update:

Referendum is Tuesday 9/24/19 12pm – 8pm; Oil spill remediation date is 10/11/19 hopefully it will be finished and the town will recuperate more money; working on town hall generator; completed paving on Gawron & Brandy Hill Roads, Red Bridge

Rd & Rawson Ave should be finished on 10/5/19, 8 weeks left in construction season; Sand Dam Rd culvert replacement project is complete.

6. Melinda Smith: Education Update: none
7. Orla McKiernan-Rafferty: Financial Report  
2 months of FY20 report given; property tax total is \$127 K; only rec'd cafeteria grant; Local revenue is \$110 K; committed expenses for year is \$1.85 M; cash decreased by 3 M. Finalizing FY19 reports; Auditors will be here in 4 weeks for their preliminary audit.
8. Board of Trustees of the Tourtellotte Fund Update: Meeting with Town Planner, working on 65 Main St (old TEEG) building, volunteers have been working on cleaning up the outside of the building.
9. New Business:
  - A. FY17-18 Special Education Audit Excess Cost Reimbursement of \$41,000.00 – no funds received yet; table till October meeting
  - B. Vote on a 30 day emergency budget: Should the referendum fail on 9/24/19, start a 30 day emergency budget on 9/29/19 and end 10/28/19 – table until the 9/24/19 meeting after the vote results if applicable.
    - Jim Bellavance - What is BOS plan if budget doesn't pass again? We need to find out what's going on of it will continue
    - Sylvie Hanshaw, 33 Blackmer Downs Rd - after the last referendum didn't pass there was a Facebook post budget lost by 15 votes and 30 people explained why they didn't/couldn't vote that day; the support is there people are just not coming out to vote.
10. Old Business:
  - A. Thompson Fire Advisory Committee - discussion re: Woodstock Financing Model – Kim Austin, 61 QTFR, Thompson Fire Advisory Committee Chair expressed the Fire Dept.'s rely very heavily on financial support of the town; no budget is impacting them tremendously; the Thompson Fire Advisory Committee is looking at 2 financial models to help keep the 5 Fire Dept.'s operational 1) The Woodstock Model, which is being presented tonight and 2) Dayville Fire Tax district, which will be presented in October; Today Chief Doherty, President of the Woodstock Fire Protection Association, Inc. was present to explain how Woodstock started, 19 years ago, and continues to run their Fire Dept.'s and answer any questions; Woodstock kept all stations open; they submit a Fire Service Budget to the Selectmen, like a "Dept."; they decided the fire service budget would receive an appropriation not to exceed 1 Mil of the taxes and the Assoc. handles the funds, it doesn't matter where you live in town, everybody's tax is the same for their fire service; They do not collect separate taxes; their Ambulance service is treated like a department within the Assoc.
  - B. FY21-23 Auditor RFP – Is ready, just needs to be sent to Attorney for approval;
  - C. Board / Commission / Committee Recording Secretaries – Town has additional Recording Secretary available, previous discussion on how to spread workload out between secretaries so one isn't overloaded and another with free time, best course of action for BOF is to rotate Diane out and Dottie Durst in as Recording Secretary because Diane has 4 boards and Dottie has 1, just to spread out the workload.

11. Board of Finance Members Comments:
  - Thanks to the Fire Department, the info was very enlightening, and thanks for their service, it doesn't go un-noticed
12. Adjourn.  
**Rob Mann moved and Jim Bellavance seconded the motion to adjourn.**  
**The motion carried unanimously 4-0**  
**Aaron McGarry adjourned the meeting at 8:11 PM.**

Respectfully Submitted,

*Diane Minarik*

Recording Secretary  
09-19-19 Minutes BOF Regular Meeting