



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

Minutes – Special Meeting / Budget Workshop
Thursday, April 11, 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, Jim Bellavance and Rob Mann

Absent: None

2. Correspondence:

Received emails after agenda posted

- Letter from Superintendent of Schools re: possible cut in BOE FY20 Budget
- Transfer Fund for Capital Projects from Finance Director

3. Citizen's Comments:

- Linda Jarmolowicz, 7 Denis Dr, read the Superintendents letter and stated Thompson will not be receiving the Alliance District Grant this year.

All these residents of Thompson spoke in support of the BOE Budget:

Cole Coderre, 368 Chase Rd; Kathleen Herbert, Wilsonville Rd; Halladay Glode, 29 Blackmer Downs Rd; Brian Loffredo, 388 Lowell Davis Rd; Chris McClure, 25 Green Acres Ln; Raeanne Hazard, 52 Bonnette Ave; Valentine Iamartino, 24 Quaddick Rd; John Embair, 37 Buckley Hill Rd; Catalina Adams, 8B Marshall St; April Levesque, 321 Brandy Hill Rd; Kirsten Creighton, 354 Sand Dam Rd; Amy St. Onge, 139 Riverside Dr, BOS Member; Tom Angelo, 640 Fabyan Rd; Bill Witkowski, Clarence Dr; Shawn Brissette, Whittemore Ave; Joe Bogoslofski, 7 Indian Inn Rd; Karen Coderre, Chase Rd; Shannon Grauer, 42 Blain Rd; Alexandra LaMountain, 458 Fabyan Rd; Paul Boisvert, 1093 Quaddick Town Farm Rd; Nickolas Rolocut, 16C Marshall St; John Raduege, 6 Heritage Circle; Channing Boss, 663 Quinebaug Rd; Shannon Grauer, 42 Blain Rd; Karen LaMountain, 458 Fabyan Rd; Donna Godzik, 11 Meadow Dr.

- Ken Beausoleil, 21 Walker Dr, 1st Selectman is for both budgets, it's up to the Town Leaders to put out a budget the town needs and support it to get it passed.
- Larry Groh Jr, 183 Wager Rd, explained no funds were missing and clarified misunderstanding.
- Chair McGarry thanked students for standing up in a room full of adults and speaking.

8:10 Larry Groh Jr. moved and Susanne Witkowski seconded the motion to take a 5 minute break. The motion carried unanimously 6-0

8:16 Meeting reconvened

4. Budget Workshop: **starting with proposed Mill Rate increase of 1.03**

- Discussion on removing \$250,000 from Special Education Placement first to see how it effects proposed budget, most of the Board agreed.

Proposed Mill Rate increase is now 1.44

- Discussion on removing \$400K from Road Resurfacing line item

- Discussion on removing \$13K from Salt & Sand
- Discussion on removing \$5K from Historical Society Budget, amount increasing yearly; Town gives Society money because they are the care-takers of the Towns Historical Records; Town gave them building which depleted most of their resources to replace roof at \$150K; they are funded by donations; cost approx. \$20K a year to heat and maintain buildings and this year need to replace 3 boilers.
- Lengthy discussion on both budgets, the process of presenting a responsible budget, where to cut and how to get the budget passed.
- Lengthy discussion ensued on removing \$291,000 from Future Buses, money came from the sale of the bus fleet to DATTCO, pros and cons of using money; these funds are not included in the FY20 Proposed Budgets; how Special Ed excess costs grant effects future budgets; MBR; add to 4/18/19 agenda.

Larry Groh Jr. moved and Rob Mann seconded the motion to approve the changes below to the proposed FY20 Budget.

| Budget Revenue - 3020 State and Federal Grants Pg 7 | | | | |
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| Project Name | BOS Proposed | Action Voted | BOF Proposed | Reason |
| 430332 - Special Education Placement | \$250,000 | Remove \$250,000 | \$0.00 | Temp removal for budgeting purpose |
| Expenditures – 3206 Snow Removal Pg 59 | | | | |
| 533060 – Salt and Sand | \$188,000 | Remove \$13,000 | \$175,000 | |

A roll call vote was taken:

Aaron McGarry - Yes
Rhonda Rooney – Yes

Larry Groh Jr. - Yes
Jim Bellavance – Yes

Susanne Witkowski - Yes
Rob Mann – Yes

Motion passed 6-0

- Discussion on Underground Oil Tank Replacement & Oil Spill project balances.
 - Frank McGarry, Chase Rd, representing the Fire Companies and asked if the BOF has further need of these members, all BOF members answered no.
5. Board of Finance Member's Comments: None
 6. Adjourn.

Larry Groh Jr. moved and Rob Mann seconded the motion to adjourn.

The motion carried unanimously 6-0

Aaron McGarry adjourned the meeting at 9:34 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Minarik

Recording Secretary
 04-11-19 Minutes BOF Special Meeting