



TOWN of THOMPSON
Board of Finance
North Grosvenordale, CT 06255

THOMPSON Board of Finance

Public Hearing From remote locations via Zoom

Thursday, May 14, 2020

MINUTES

1. The call to order by Chair Aaron McGarry was at 7:03 PM. He noted that all six members of the Board of Finance were present.

Roll call: Members-Aaron McGarry (Chair), Jim Bellavance, Rob Mann, Rhonda Rooney, Robert Werge, Steve Herbert. Others- Orla McKiernan-Raftery, Finance Director; First Selectman Amy St Onge; Selectman Susanne Witkowski; Melinda Smith (Superintendent of Schools); Kathleen Herbert (BOE Chair); Many Board and Commission members, Many Town Officials and Department heads, Members of the public, Recording Secretary Dotti Durst. The Zoom count icon showed 139 accesses to the meeting.

Chair A. McGarry thanked the BOF, BOE, BOS, Town Department Heads and staff and the general public for participation and strengthening our democratic process. He reviewed procedures to be utilized in a Public Hearing. Anyone who wishes to make a comment should so indicate in the software's "chat box" providing a full name and address. The person will be called upon to be heard. That procedure will also apply during the Question/Answer period of the agenda. Given the nature a Hearing, only verbal comments can be accepted, as would be the case should the meeting have been held in a public venue. The questions will be answered by anyone present qualified to do so, with participants again indicating willingness by use of the "chat" provision of the software.

2. Citizens' comments – Chair A. McGarry noted that some comments came in through use of the special email address set up for the public; the format did not ask for a residential address but he will assume all to be from Thompson residents. These were submitted prior to the Hearing, so he read each aloud into the record. Comments were submitted by the following (the full audio of each comment is available via Zoom; see below):

- Matt Polsky, 92 Sunset Hill Rd
- Erica Groh, 183 Wagher Rd
- Susan Emerson-Hill
- Mary Eames, 20 Labonte Rd
- Cynthia Antos (Rec Commission)
- Jessica Bolte, 1081 Riverside Dr

- Kies Orr
- Don and Marie Jezierski, 1 Jezierski Dr
- Ken Beausoleil, 21 Walker Dr
- Danielle Carlson, 3 Rachel Rd
- Brittany Charboneau, 56 Juliette Ave

Utilizing the Chat feature of the Zoom software to so request, the following provided Comments (full audio of each comment is available via Zoom, see link below)

- Charlene Langlois, 369 Lowell Davis Rd
- Kathleen Herbert, 122 Wilsonville Rd
- James Clark, 113 Labby Rd
- John Rice, 39 E. Thompson Rd
- Justin Yong, 12 Fairway Rd
- Tom Angelo, 640 Fabyan Rd

- Melinda Smith (Superintendent of Schools)
- Shawn Brissette, Whittemore Ave
- Christine Campbell, 861 Thompson Rd
- Kristine Durocher, 5 Fernwood Dr
- Brittany Charboneau, 56 Juliette Ave
- David Ford, 200 Porter Plain Rd



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- Amy St Onge, 139 Riverside Dr
- Natasha Marrie, 9 Walker Dr
- Rob Mann, 15 Meadow Dr
- Geoffrey Bolte, 1081 Riverside Dr

- Tom Angelo, 640 Fabyan Rd
- Laurie DiCicco, 308 Thompson Hill Rd
- Kathleen Herbert, 122 Wilsonville Rd

3. Questions and answers: utilizing the Chat feature of the Zoom software to request participation, the following residents posed questions and answers were provided (full audio of the Questions and Answers is available via Zoom; see link below)

- Shawn Brissette, Whittemore Ave
- Brittany Charboneau, 56 Juliette Ave
- Kristine Durocher, 5 Fernwood Dr

- Justin Yong, 12 Fairway Rd
- Shawn Brissette, Whittemore Ave
- Valentine Iamartino, 24 Quaddick Rd

Chair McGarry reviewed the provisions of the Governor's Executive Order 71, prohibiting in-person budget voting and mandating that the responsible authority, the Thompson BOF, adopt the fy 20-21 budget. The remaining schedule for the budget process: the final meeting for the budget will be a Special Meeting on Monday, June 1 at 7 PM to adopt the budget and set the mil rate.

4. **Motion R. Rooney seconded R. Mann by to adjourn carried unanimously.**
BOF Chair A. McGarry adjourned at 9:22 PM.

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Meeting Recording:

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Respectfully submitted by Dorothy Durst, Recording Secretary *Dorothy Durst*

These minutes have not yet been approved by the Board of Finance. Please refer to next month's meeting minutes for approval of and/or amendments to these minutes.