



THOMPSON Board of Finance
Special Meeting/Budget Workshop-Minutes
Tuesday, April 12, 2022
Town Hall-Merrill Seney Room
and via Zoom from remote locations

1. The call to order by Chair Aaron McGarry was at 7:00 PM
Roll Call: All 6 BOF members were present. Via Zoom: Rob Mann, Robert Werge.
In person at the Town Hall: Aaron McGarry, Steve Herbert, Dave Johnson, Laurent Guillot.
First Selectman Amy St Onge, Finance Director Bill Steglitz. Many members of Boards/Commissions and of the public. Recording Secretary Dotti Durst
2. Approval of Minutes:
- **Motion L. Guillot seconded by D. Johnson to approve the March 31, 2022 Regular Meeting/Budget Workshop minutes with modifications carried unanimously. 1). Jessica Bolte/Citizens' Comments "...attend ~~education~~ community events" 2). BOF member D. Johnson asked the salaries of the new Finance Director and the Director of Public Works; the First Selectman responded to both. 3). Section 6, BOF comments: D. Johnson * The grand List shows an increase of \$34,278,869 (+1.5%) after re-valuation**
3. Correspondence, all submitted via the town website for comments to the BOF:
- 04-03-2022 memo: Michael Darcy regarding Animal Control/spoke favorably
- 04-04-2022 memo: Sherry Harmon regarding Animal Control/spoke favorably (Chair McGarry noted the correspondence was from a resident of Moosup)
- 04-07-2022 memo: Jessica Bolte regarding the March 31, 2022 BOF meeting minutes/requested a change
4. Citizens' Comments:
Joy Harmon, 346 Brickyard Rd; Mary Byrnes, 150 Wilsonville Rd; Kathleen Herbert, 122 Wilsonville Rd; Danielle Carlson, 3 Rachel Dr; Tom Angelo, 640 Fabyan Rd; Gail Brooks, 74 Oakwood Dr; Greg Mountford, 510 E. Thompson Rd; Vanessa Hoenig, 254 E. Thompson Rd; Fred Smith, 78 Lehtinen Rd; Steve Thomas, 402 Brandy Hill Rd; Dr. Gwen Gaumond (DMV) works with the ACO, Tourtellotte grad who lives in Woodstock; Jessica Bolte, 1081 Riverside Dr; Shawn Brissette, 342 Lowell Davis Rd; Andrea Edmonds, 21 Fairway Dr; Kathleen Herbert as BOE Chair; Sharon O'Connell, 49 Fernwood Ave; Sally White, 308 E. Thompson Rd.
5. Budget Workshop: At 51 minutes, the Budget Workshop section of the meeting began

BOF members interacted with First Selectman A. St Onge and Finance Director Bill Steglitz regarding many budget line items. Note was made that information became known in the Bonds section after the budget was prepared and will be modified for next meeting. The Fringe Benefits line will become complete in time for the upcoming BOF meeting. Throughout the meeting, the new Municipal software was demonstrated to be effective.

Line # 383, Transfer Station:

Motion D. Johnson seconded by L. Guillot to reduce Line # 418, Salt and Sand (533060) from \$199,500 to \$179,000 (- \$20,500) carried 4-2.

R. Werge- no D. Johnson-yes L. Guillot- yes S. Herbert- no R. Mann- yes A. McGarry- yes

Line # 423, Building Official:

Motion S. Herbert seconded by D. Johnson to reduce Line # 438, Emergency Safety Expenses (533065) from \$5,500 to \$1,000 (- \$4,500) carried 6-0.

R. Werge- yes D. Johnson-yes L. Guillot- yes S. Herbert- yes R. Mann- yes A. McGarry-yes

Line # 450, Human Services:

Motion D. Johnson seconded by L. Guillot to reduce Line # 461, Miscellaneous Programs (522747) from \$12,550 to \$6,500 (- \$6,050) carried 4-2.

R. Werge- no D. Johnson-yes L. Guillot- yes S. Herbert- no R. Mann- yes A. McGarry-yes

Line # 482, Civic and Cultural/Library Administration:

Motion D. Johnson seconded by L. Guillot to reduce Line # 505, Books and Periodicals, from \$39,000 to \$37,000 (- \$2,000) and Audio-Visual, Line #506, from \$10,000 to \$9,000 (- \$1,000). After discussion, the Motion was rescinded by D Johnson and the Second was rescinded by L. Guillot.

Motion D. Johnson seconded by L. Guillot to reduce Line # 507, Library Administration, from \$395,584 to \$392,584 (-\$3,000) carried 6-0.

R. Werge- yes D. Johnson-yes L. Guillot- yes S. Herbert- yes R. Mann- yes A. McGarry-yes

Line #509, Library/Faucher Community Center:

Motion R. Werge seconded by S. Herbert to reduce Line # 518, Building Repair and Maintenance (522260) from \$25,000 to \$20,000 (- \$5,000) carried 6-0.

R. Werge- yes D. Johnson-yes L. Guillot- yes S. Herbert- yes R. Mann- yes A. McGarry-yes

Motion R. Werge seconded by R. Mann to reduce Line # 519, Water and Sewer (522700) from \$5,000 to \$3,000 (- \$2,000) carried 6-0.

R. Werge- yes D. Johnson-yes L. Guillot- yes S. Herbert- yes R. Mann- yes A. McGarry-yes

Line # 651, Conservation Commission:

Motion S. Herbert seconded by L. Guillot to increase Line # 654, Conservation Officer (510156) from \$17,765 to \$26,455 (+ \$8,690) carried 6-0.

R. Werge- yes D. Johnson-yes L. Guillot- yes S. Herbert- yes R. Mann- yes A. McGarry-yes

Line # 655, Economic Development:

Motion D. Johnson seconded by L. Guillot to reduce Line # 676, Printing and Publications, from \$5,000 to \$3,000 (- \$2,000). After discussion, the Motion was rescinded by D. Johnson and the Second was rescinded by L. Guillot.

Motion D. Johnson seconded by L. Guillot to reduce Line # 672, Branding Initiatives (522231) by \$15,000 and increase the Contingency Fund by \$15,000, did not carry, 3-3.

R. Werge- no D. Johnson-yes L. Guillot- yes S. Herbert- no R. Mann- yes A. McGarry-no

6. Board of Finance Member Comments:

- D. Johnson: there is no definition/job description/list of duties for the proposed Town Administrator
- S. Herbert appreciates all the citizens' comments; it is good to see the public come out to participate
- A. McGarry concurred, noting this to be Democracy in action.

7. Adjourn:

Motion S. Herbert seconded by L. Guillot to adjourn carried unanimously. The Chair adjourned at 9:28 PM.

The next meeting/budget workshop of the BOF: Thursday, April 14, at 7 at the Town Hall and via Zoom.

The ZOOM recording of the meeting, audio and video, in its entirety:

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/F2IU1Dp4KmWXeeXkediRCHRTwuy2P3O8qHsFVp3MPxnVTmhwsuud_EJcnVHzbRLuA8Zb1I7S4xHCMCC Passcode !J3Xc#.R

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