



**TOWN OF THOMPSON**  
**Board of Selectmen - Minutes**  
**Tuesday - April 18, 2023**  
Merrill Seney Room, Town Hall  
and via ZOOM Online Meeting Portal

- I. The call to order by Selectman Amy St Onge was at 7:46 pm, following the Special BOF meeting. Roll Call: First Selectman Amy St Onge, Selectmen Susanne Witkowski and Ken Beausoleil. Many members of the public in person and via Zoom, Members of Boards & Commissions. Recording Secretary Dotti Durst

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

II. Approval of Minutes

- A. **Motion A. St Onge seconded by K. Beausoleil to approve the minutes of the 04-04-2023 BOS Regular Meeting carried unanimously.**
- B. **Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to approve the minutes of the 04-12-2023 BOS Special Meeting carried unanimously.**

III. Correspondence

- A. Chamber of Commerce – Business After Hours: Tuesday, 04-26

IV. Selectmen Comments:

- A. St Onge: none at this time
- S. Witkowski is glad the budget was sent forward to the voters and that the salary for the Animal Control Officer was approved as presented.
- K. Beausoleil noted the public support of the 3 Referenda questions. The town is in need of strong Town and Schools budgets following lean budgets for several years. A significant effort now needs to be made to get the information about the proposed combined budget out to all voters.

V. Citizens' Comments:

- Several citizens advocated for a Budget vote exit survey so the town knows the precise thinking of the voters; SA. St Onge is looking at it in electronic format with the IT department
- Amber Comptois, Sunset Hill Road, believes all citizens should make the budget decisions
- Valerie Clark, Alm Road, agrees regarding for post-Referendum questions
- Jeff Bolte, Riverside Drive, if a citizen's budget poll is not used on May 15 and another vote is required, a survey could be used.
- Jess Bolte, Riverside Drive: the Girl Scouts will conduct a Women's Hygiene collection soon
- Nicola Chranowski, 49 Mountain Hill Road, advocates for an educational seminar/ informal training for people who have never voted, conducted by a non-political group. The Registrars of Voters may have access to media
- Steve Benoit, Emergency Management Director, has obtained a reimbursement from a 2019 grant; he praised the Finance Director for the follow-up
- Valerie Clark, Alm Road, training about the voting process should include those who own property but reside elsewhere, use of absentee ballots, and curb-side voting and other provisions

VI. Library Roof - Bid Award: although Young Developers, LLC was not the lowest bid, it is the recommended firm to be awarded the contract; the reasons for this recommendation were fully detailed by Planner Tyra Penn.

**Motion K. Beausoleil seconded by A. St Onge to award the contract for the Thompson Public Library Roof Replacement, to be undertaken under the State of Connecticut STEAP Grant program, to Young Developers, LLC, of Hamden, CT in the amount of \$244k for both parts of the project, contingent on State approval, carried unanimously.**

VII. Codification Ordinance: the firm General Code was contracted to fully review the town ordinances, compare against Statutes, clarify and streamline the text, and make use by the public easier. Making a draft available to the public for review, and scheduling a forum for discussion of the proposed changes is important, given that the document is quite lengthy. The process must keep

moving forward in order to meet the required timeframe.

**Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to move the Ordinance update forward to a town meeting was made but rescinded by A. St Onge / S. Witkowski.**

- VIII. Quaddick Lake Ordinance: Attorney Slater reviewed the revisions, working with DEEP, and proposed changes which include a no-wake zone around the islands, and more specific restrictions on weekends such as counter-clockwise movement and speeds lower than 45 mph. A. St Onge: Ideally it will be in place before Memorial Day weekend. The BOS reviewed the subject of enforcement. **Motion S. Witkowski seconded by A. St Onge to send the proposed Quaddick Lake Ordinance to the Town Meeting on May 1, providing the Town Attorney's comments and notes to the voters, carried unanimously.**
- IX. Legal Notice of Town Meeting and Referendum- the Legal Notice of the Town Meeting on May 1 and the Referendum on May 15 will be sent to the Norwich Bulletin, announcing the two questions: approval of the proposed combined budget and approval for a Resident State Trooper. The proposed Quaddick Lake Ordinance will be decided at the Town Meeting; the other two questions will go to Referendum. The funding for the Resident State Trooper is integrated into the proposed budget; if the question fails, the funds remain and can be re-directed. **Motion A. St Onge seconded by K. Beausoleil to adopt the Legal Notice as read at this meeting, sending the BOF-proposed fy 23-24 budget to the Norwich Bulletin for publication, announcing the Town Meeting on May 1 and the Referendum on May 15, carried unanimously.**
- X. Other Business:  
**Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to add to the agenda discussion of a publication by the town to inform voters about the details of the proposed budget, carried unanimously.** The handouts must clarify the details of the Resident State Trooper including the fact that a favorable vote will not add costs to the budget (already integrated) as well as the basics.
- XI. Citizens' Comments:  
- Valerie Clark, Alm Road, noted that the town calendar is not up to date  
- Nicola Chranowski, 49 Mountain Hill Road, had a follow-up question
- XII. Tax Refunds:  
**Motion A. St Onge seconded by K. Beausoleil to accept the Tax Refunds as presented for a total of \$25.92 carried unanimously. Johnson, Henry P. 3<sup>rd</sup> \$3.27 Lewis, Joshua A. \$22.65.**
- XIII. Adjourn:  
**Motion K. Beausoleil seconded by S. Witkowski to adjourn at 8:53 pm carried unanimously.**

**NOTE:** Zoom recording- Two meetings are continuous on this recording. After the close of the BOF meeting, which is at the beginning of this recording, the BOS meeting began at 7:46 pm

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

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