

RESULTS OF TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF THOMPSON
October 28, 2015

The Electors and Citizens qualified to vote in Town Meetings of the Town of Thompson, Connecticut, are hereby notified and warned that a Town Meeting of said Town will be held at the Library/Community Center, 934 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale, Connecticut, on **Wednesday, October 28, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.** in the evening for the following purposes.

1. To choose a moderator for said meeting;

Motion to make Brian Lynch, Moderator
By John Rice, 2nd Al Landry
Motion to close nominations John Rice, 2nd Larry Groh.
So voted.

2. To determine the wishes of those present and eligible to vote at Town Meeting of the Town of Thompson upon the following proposed resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen are hereby authorized to grant an easement to The Connecticut Water Company for a water line as is more particularly set forth in a draft easement on file in the Office of the Board of Selectmen available for inspection during normal business hours.

Motion to approve John Rice, Kerstin Forrester 2nd.
No Discussion.
So voted (2 no)

3. To determine the wishes of those present and eligible to vote at Town Meeting of the Town of Thompson upon the following proposed resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen are hereby authorized to accept a tract of 1.29 acres of land more or less located at 0 Quaddick Town Farm Road, Assessor's Map 156, Block 6, Lot 1B, a/k/a the "Cold Spring" Parcel owned by Joseph Duhamel, et al.

Motion to approve Charles Obert, 2nd Carolyn Werge.

There was discussion about the well, the restrictions, the preservation and the deed to town of 1.29 acres.
So voted unanimous.

4. To determine the wishes of those present and eligible to vote at Town Meeting of the Town of Thompson upon the following proposed resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen are hereby authorized to accept a 3.05 acre tract of land located at 0 New Road, Assessor's Map 154, Block 3, Lot 2A owned by River Junction Estates, LLC
Motion to approve Carolyn Werge; 2nd John Rice.
General discussion of conservation to Town; loss of tax revenue. Robert Mann said it was a sand pit with a pond. Questions as to whether it was an asset to the Town, whether it needed to be reseeded and the gravel pit reclaimed?

Motion failed 23-72+

5. To determine the wishes of those present and eligible to vote at Town Meeting of the Town of Thompson upon the following proposed resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen are hereby authorized to accept 24.5 acres of an approximately 40.05 acre parcel of land located at 0 East Thompson Road, Assessor's Map 154, Block 5, Lot 10 owned by River Junction Estates, LLC.

Motion to accept by John Rice, 2nd by Joseph Iamartino.
General discussion about the condition of the land.
Motion Failed 43-72

6. To determine the wishes of those present and eligible to vote at Town Meeting of the Town of Thompson upon the following proposed resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen are hereby authorized to execute easements placing conservation restrictions on the following town owned properties:

- A. Former Quaiel property at Quaddick Lake
- B. Former Furno property at New Road
- C. Former Richardson property off New Road
- D. Former Rice property at Ridgewood Avenue
- E. Former Beauchesne property at Wagner Road

Copies of all of the proposed easements including both the description of the land subject to the easement and the language of the easement are on file in the Office of the Board of Selectmen and subject to review during normal business hours.

Motion to approve by John Rice, 2nd Carolyn Werge....

General discussion of the restrictions, natural state, passive recreation use.

Motion passed 100-4

7. To determine the wishes of those present and eligible to vote at Town Meeting of the Town of Thompson on a proposed Ethics Ordinance, which would adopt a code of ethics and create an ethics commission. A copy of the proposed ordinance is on file in the office of the Board of Selectman and available for review during normal business hours.

Motion to approve Charles Obert, 2nd Joseph Lindley.
General discussion that the ordinance was not well written, confusing, no public hearing; exclusion of other boards.

Motion to move question; Mr. Barske 2nd Mr. Rice
So moved.
7 fails 1-99

8. To determine the wishes of those present and eligible to vote at Town Meeting of the Town of Thompson to amend and restate the ordinances creating and defining the duties of the Conservation Commission and Inland/Wetlands Commission and replacing all existing ordinances with proposed Ordinance 10-011a, Conservation Commission, and proposed Ordinance 10-011b, Inland/Wetlands Commission, copies of both proposed ordinances are on file in the office of the Board of Selectman and available for review during normal business house.

Motion to approve Charles Obert, 2nd Joseph Lindley.

General discussion that item description and reasoning was unclear.

Motion fails 27-72.

9. To determine the wishes of those present and eligible to vote at Town Meeting of the Town of Thompson upon a proposed Blight Control Ordinance, a copy of the proposed blight control ordinance is on file in the office of the Board of Selectman and available for review during normal business hours.

Motion to approve Joe Lindley; 2nd Jos. Iamartino.

General discussion that ordinance was not fine-tuned; that Town doesn't need it, that taxpayers have rights to their own property use.

Question was moved successfully.

Motion failed 4-92.

10. To determine the wishes of those present and eligible to vote at Town Meeting of the Town of Thompson to amend the existing ordinance establishing an Economic Development Commission to decrease the authorized number of members from seven members to five members.

Motion to pass by Kerstin Forrester, 2nd by Susanne Witkowski. John Sharpe mentioned there had been trouble with assembling a quorum.

Motion passes 79-32.

11. To determine the wishes of those present and eligible to vote at Town Meeting of the Town of Thompson to amend the ordinance creating the Planning and Zoning Commission to decrease the number of authorized regular members. The number of regular members shall be decreased from ten members to nine members with three alternate members and further to provide that at each bi-annual election three full members and one alternate member shall be elected.

Motion to approve John Rice; 2nd Carolyn Werge. There was discussion that a P+Z membership of 10 or 9 was allowed by statute.

Motion failed 11-88.

12. To determine the wishes of those present and eligible to vote at Town Meeting of the Town of Thompson upon an amendment to the existing ordinance 10-012 dated June 18, 2007, establishing elected constables for the Town of Thompson, said ordinance shall be amended as follows: the maximum number of constables to be appointed shall be increased from seven to twelve and providing that the appointment of all constables shall be for an initial six (6) year term.

Adjourned at 840pm as moved by Larry Groh and 2nd by Don Pimental.

Attest.



Jeffrey C. Barske,
Town Clerk