



# **TOWN of THOMPSON**

## ***Board of Selectmen***

**Minutes: Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, November 1, 2016  
Merrill Seney Room, Town Hall**

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The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

First Selectman Ken Beausoleil called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Present: Ken Beausoleil  
Shaina Smith  
Steve Herbert

Staff Present: Tina Fox, Recording Secretary  
Also Present: Members of the Public

I. Approval of Minutes

**A. Steve Herbert moved and Shaina Smith seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the October 18, 2016 regular meeting with the following corrections:**

1. Page 2, Section III(B)(17): Change first sentence to: "Had a meeting about Gladys Green with Barney Seney and Deb Flannigan regarding the renovations."

Ken Beausoleil- Yes                      Steve Herbert- Yes                      Shaina Smith- Yes

**The motion carried unanimously.**

II. Correspondence

- A. Resignation of Linda Jarmolowicz from the Board of Assessment Appeals, received by Town Clerk and dated October 28<sup>th</sup>. The Republican Town Committee should make a recommendation to fill the vacancy.
- B. There will be a Veterans Day program at Oscar Swanson Park at 11:00 AM on Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>.
- C. Northeast Communities Against Substance Abuse (NECASA) will have an annual meeting at Eastern Connecticut State University.
- D. Two letters sent by Conservation Commission Chairman Phil Thomas, one to the Rhode Island Energy Facilities Board and one to the CT Siting Council, both regarding the Commission's thoughts about the two proposed power plants.
- E. Letter from Matthew S. about the proposed power plant in Killingly.
- F. An audit of the Small Cities grant being used for Phase 2 at Gladys Green will be conducted on November 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM.
- G. Resignation of Kerstin Forrester from the Building Committee.
- H. The cancellation request has been processed concerning the payphone. Alison Boutaugh was asked to put a sign up at the payphone to advise that it would no longer be in service.
- I. Memo written by Renee Waldron regarding the yearly schedule of meetings. This will be placed on the next meeting's agenda. S. Smith asked about earlier start times for meetings.

**J. Ken Beausoleil moved and Steve Herbert seconded the motion to move agenda item 5 up to 2(a).**

Ken Beausoleil- Yes

Steve Herbert- Yes

Shaina Smith- Yes

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**II(A). Executive Session- Pending Legal Issues**

**A. Ken Beausoleil moved and Steve Herbert seconded the motion to go into Executive Session with the Board of Selectmen and Town Attorney William St. Onge.**

Ken Beausoleil- Yes

Steve Herbert- Yes

Shaina Smith- Yes

**The motion carried unanimously.**

B. The Board went into Executive Session at 7:15 PM.

C. The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:10 PM.

D. K. Beausoleil stated that the Executive Session was in regards to the pending case with Starr Rd., some pending foreclosures, the Marianapolis Sewer Project, and the insurance issue with the oil spill at the Town Garage. Based on the Town Attorney's review of the policy, there was no insurance coverage in the matter.

**III. Selectmen's Comments**

**A. K. Beausoleil presented the following Selectmen's Comments:**

1. Voting will take place on November 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM.
2. Waiting for the final punch list for the Quaddick Rd. bridge, and for the railings to be installed.
3. Highway Department is working on Linehouse Rd., and will move on to Fabyan Rd. for some repairs.

**B. S. Smith presented the following Selectmen's Comments:**

1. S. Smith asked if there was any further correspondence from fire departments in regards to their budgetary needs.
2. K. Beausoleil responded that Thompson Hill Fire responded that what they need is covered in their budget. He is waiting to hear from Quinebaug, and East and West Thompson. West Thompson asked for a special meeting with the BOS to discuss fire department needs.
3. S. Herbert stated that the BOS meets twice a month, and a separate meeting with West Thompson is not needed.
4. S. Smith suggested inviting the Board of Finance (BOF) to any meeting with the fire departments.

**C. S. Herbert presented the following Selectmen's Comments**

1. Suggested adding the fire departments to the next agenda and to forward a request for funds to the BOF after the next meeting regardless of whether or not the other departments have come forward with their budget needs.
2. There was an Emergency Management disaster preparedness exercise on Saturday, and one fire department participated. K. Beausoleil stated that one constable, one fire chief, and Marie Mongeau from the Selectmen's Office participated, and everything went according to what they have practiced for in the past.
3. Lynn and Al Landry do a wonderful job with the plants around Town Hall and deserve recognition and our thanks. He suggested putting up a plaque of recognition in the flower beds because they go above and beyond.

IV. Citizens' Comments

- A. John Sharpe, Pasay Rd., suggested that the Board look at Thompson Hill's proposal again. The end of the year is coming soon. If his department knows funding will be available, they can start making orders, but it takes two to three months for personal protective equipment to come in. He asked for an update regarding the Fire Service Advisory Committee (FSAC).
- B. Don Pimental, 40 Starr Rd., asked if there is a letter that states the Historical Society will not be able to get a grant for the Ellen Larned library unless the same tile roof is used. K. Beausoleil answered affirmatively. D. Pimental asked for a copy of the letter.
- C. Al Landry, 33 Randall Rd., spoke about a repair to a two year old box outside of Town Hall. An area will have to be roped off because otherwise the perennials will be stomped on. The wetlands below his garden was restored, with two poles still in the stream. He would like to see all of the BOS meetings held at Town Hall. The paper always lists Town Hall as the location. It wastes time to move locations. No one different comes to meetings when it is at an alternate location.
- D. Paul Baer, Thompson Rd., stated that he finds it disheartening a fire chief would try to dictate that a special meeting be held because adding another meeting is an inconvenience to residents. Fire chiefs are in charge of fire services, and should be going to the president of their corporation with their money needs. Their presidents should be asking the BOS for money. K. Beausoleil was asked at the BOF meeting how long he would wait for information from the fire departments and he did not answer. Elementary school teachers don't wait months for homework. He is still waiting on the FSAC report. The person was appointed months ago. He supplied information regarding a fire consultant. Brooklyn is attempting to change its budget process for fire departments. There are no recordings on the website and the older minutes were not put back up. There are legal discussions regarding the Marianapolis Sewer project now. Maybe the Town should reconsider the path chosen for the sewer line. He stated that he previously recommended "roughing-in" sprinkler piping when the sheet rock was put in at Gladys Green, not to retro-fit the piping. The former Town Clerk has been paid up to July for consulting. The current Town Clerk based a campaign on being a qualified candidate. He stated that he hoped the pay for consultation wouldn't continue. He asked the Board to develop an RFP for Town attorney services and accounting services. The Board takes the Town Attorney's word as gospel, but not every attorney is right. A lot of money is being spent in Thompson for legal services.

V. Executive Session- Pending Legal Issues (moved to item II(a))

VI. Access to Public Records Policy and Form Discussion

- A. K. Beausoleil suggested that each member should use a Word document of the current policy and make suggested changes accordingly, then compare changes, so that the Board has something to work off of. The Board briefly discussed this idea.

VII. Ordinance Review

- A. The Board briefly discussed the ordinances for Inland Wetlands Commission, Conservation, Emergency Management, Constables, and Town meeting date.

- B. S. Herbert asked about insurance costs for constables, which K. Beausoleil would look into.
- C. S. Herbert agreed to rewrite a draft for the Emergency Management ordinance.

VIII. Road List: No Update

IX. CT DEEP MS4 Storm Water Permit

- A. K. Beausoleil stated that approximately five years ago, the Town was cited and fined for not having an MS4 storm water permit in place. J&D Engineering did the work for the permit and got the Town into compliance. A new storm water permit has to be filed by April 1, 2017. He spoke with Marla Butts about doing the permit work in-house, and she felt Town Hall does not have the resources. Registration cost is approximately \$1,200. The updated plan through J&D Engineering would be \$7,500. And the storm water management costs for five years would be \$3,500. The BOF will be put on notice that these funds are needed.

X. Building Committee Discussion and Appointments

- A. K. Beausoleil stated that the Building Committee charge was changed to take on all capital projects at the school. They would like to increase their membership to seven members.

- B. **Ken Beausoleil moved and Steve Herbert seconded the motion to increase the Building Committee to seven members.**

Ken Beausoleil- Yes                      Steve Herbert- Yes                      Shaina Smith- Yes

**The motion carried unanimously.**

- C. **Ken Beausoleil moved and Shaina Smith seconded the motion to appoint Larry Consiglio to the Building Committee to fill the unexpired term of Kerstin Forrester, term to expire November 1, 2017.**

Ken Beausoleil- Yes                      Steve Herbert- Yes                      Shaina Smith- Yes

**The motion carried unanimously.**

- D. **Ken Beausoleil moved and Shaina Smith seconded the motion to appoint Frank Langlois and Jonathan Hoenig to the Building Committee, term to expire November 1, 2019.**

Ken Beausoleil- Yes                      Steve Herbert- Yes                      Shaina Smith- Yes

**The motion carried unanimously.**

XI. Assessor-in-Training Hire

- A. K. Beausoleil stated that interviews were conducted and there was a consensus to offer the position to a candidate. The person has accepted the position. He should be able to officially start in three weeks, and will start helping in the Assessor's office immediately while he is in the process of giving his notice.

- B. **Steve Herbert moved and Shaina Smith seconded the motion to hire Dominic Lucenti for the position of Assessor-in-Training.**

Ken Beausoleil- Yes                      Steve Herbert- Yes                      Shaina Smith- Yes

**The motion carried unanimously.**

XII. Other Business: None

XIII. Citizens' Comments

- A. John Sharpe, Pasay Rd., again asked about the FSAC. K. Beausoleil stated that someone had been appointed to complete the report, and there was mention of compensation. The Board will now have to revisit finding someone to complete the report.
- B. Paul Baer, Thompson Rd., stated that the BOS is going to the BOF numerous times for funds. The storm water permit fees could have been covered by wasted legal fees. Committee members should be disqualified if they don't show up to meetings. He asked when the Quaddick Rd. bridge will be completed, and there were supposed to be penalties for not completing on time. He hopes that when K. Beausoleil files a certification of land records that he does not certify they are accurate. The previous Town Clerk recorded copies of deeds. The Town has refused to correct it. If the certification is signed that the land records are accurate, that is fraud.

XIV. Tax Refunds

**A. Ken Beausoleil moved and Steve Herbert seconded the motion to approve the following tax refunds:**

1.Kathleen E. Caplette-Flynn	\$102.15
2.AnnMarie and Timothy C. Chisholm	\$93.29
3.Hyundai Lease Trust	\$23.55
4.Hyundai Lease Titling Trust	\$86.35

Ken Beausoleil- Yes                      Steve Herbert- Yes                      Shaina Smith- Yes

**The motion carried unanimously.**

XV. Adjourn

**A. Shaina Smith moved and Steve Herbert seconded the motion to adjourn.**

Ken Beausoleil- Yes                      Steve Herbert- Yes                      Shaina Smith- Yes

**The motion carried unanimously.**

- B. First Selectman Ken Beausoleil adjourned the meeting at 9:32 PM.

Tina Fox  
Recording Secretary