



TOWN of THOMPSON

Board of Selectmen

**Minutes: Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 17, 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. **Shaina Smith moved and Steve Herbert seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the April 19, 2016 meeting as written.**

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

The motion carried unanimously.

B. **Shaina Smith moved and Steve Herbert seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the May 3, 2016 special meeting at the Library/Community Center with the following corrections:**

1. Page 1, halfway down: Should be "...services and areas within the building."
2. Page 1: "Meeting was adjourned..." rather than "Motion was adjourned..."

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

The motion carried unanimously.

C. **Shaina Smith moved and Steve Herbert seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the May 3, 2016 meeting at the East Thompson Fire Department with the following corrections:**

1. Page 2, Section IV: Remove "(Limit 3 Minutes)" from title.
2. Page 2, Section IV(A): S. Smith believed Al Landry stated the bridge being out would impact his business, not that he may go out of business.
3. Page Section IV(D): "...responsible for detour signs..." rather than "...responsible for detour sings..."
4. Page 3, Section IV(H): "...State get its budget in order..." rather than "...State get is budget in order..."
5. Page 3, Section IV(H): "...at some point..." rather than "...as some point..."
6. Page 3, Section IV(I): "...he is busy..." rather than "...he is buys..."
7. Page 3, Section IV(J): S. Smith believed that the First Selectman responded to the citizen as to her request. The Board decided to not make this correction.
8. Page 4, Section V(A): S. Smith wanted to change the wording from "...grants for the Quaddick Lake treatment" to "...grants for the treatment of Quaddick Lake." The Board decided to not make this correction.

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9. Page 4, Section VII(B): Add "S. Smith would work on the proposed language for the Constable ordinance."
 10. Page 4, Section VII(A): S. Herbert believed that K. Beausoleil did not state that work for the bridge would have to start within 10 days of final approval, however K. Beausoleil could not remember exactly what he said. The Board agreed to make the correction: "Work must be completed with 30 days."
 11. Page 4, Section XI(A): S. Herbert believed the discussion regarding the Secretary/Clerk position should be titled something else to explain which position was being discussed. Upon being told that the official title of that position is "Secretary/Clerk," the Board decided to not make this correction.
- Ken Beausoleil- Yes Steve Herbert- Yes Shaina Smith- Yes

The motion carried unanimously.

- D. **Shaina Smith moved and Ken Beausoleil seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the May 6, 2016 special meeting as written.**

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

The motion carried unanimously.

II. Correspondence

- A. K. Beausoleil presented the following correspondence:
1. Troop D report regarding calls in Thompson for March and April.

III. Selectmen's Comments

- A. K. Beausoleil presented the following Selectmen's Comments:
1. Emergency Management Director Steve Benoit is hosting an active shooter class on June 18th.
 2. The June 7th BOS meeting will be at the Thompson Historical Society, Old Town Hall.
- B. S. Smith presented the following Selectmen's Comments:
1. Thanked everyone for attending the Town Meeting, and reminded everyone that the Referendum will be on May 25th from Noon to 8:00 PM.
 2. Still working on the ordinance for Constables.
 3. Will work on a proposed draft for another Selectmen's Update to be published.

IV. Citizens' Comments (Limit 3 Minutes)

- A. Steve Benoit, Emergency Management Director, asked if the appropriate entities would be alerted when Quaddick Road Bridge closes, to which K. Beausoleil responded affirmatively.
- B. Don Pimental, 40 Starr Rd., stated that he has three written requests for the Board and he read each request aloud after presenting copies to the Board members. In addition, he asked how Mr. Lenky filled out an application after he told the public he was not going to take action and he was not the authorized representative. He stated that the Board took a vote not to act on the request from River Junction. The legal fees related to the Inland Wetlands application have cost the Town over \$13,000 for no reason because the application should have never gone forward. He asked how one document can say that Mr. Rawson is the land owner, and another say that the Town is the land owner.

- C. Christine Campbell, Thompson Rd., asked what the current mill rate is, to which the answer was given 24.80. After clarifying that she meant the proposed mill rate for Fiscal Year 2016-2017, the answer was given as 26.40. She asked for an update on the remediation related to the oil spill at the school, to which K. Beausoleil responded that they are still working with the attorney and cannot speak about it in detail because it is a legal issue. She asked for an update on the school bus RFPs, to which K. Beausoleil responded that he has no update. She asked that K. Beausoleil reach out to the school and provide her with an update. C. Campbell stated that she heard on the news that a private bus company went on strike and left 9,000 children with no way to get to school, and stated that if the school outsources the buses, it will be a nightmare financially and with the possibility of striking. She stated that a flyer was sent home from the school to parents regarding the upcoming Referendum, and she asked who paid for the flyer, if it was paid with Thompson's budget, and asked if the flyer was legal. She stated that two years ago, Dr. Jolin told her that the PTO members were not allowed to make phone calls from the school telling people to vote because it was not legal. The flyer was not a bulk mailing and not all residents received one. There was no date on the flyer stating when the Referendum is. K. Beausoleil suggested she talk to officials at the school such as Dr. Jolin and Mr. Breen, and the legality depends on what the flyer says and who sent it out. S. Smith suggested she contact the State School Board and the Secretary of State.
- V. Executive Session: Review of Secretary/Clerk Applications; School Remediation Legal Update.
- A. **Ken Beausoleil moved and Shaina Smith seconded the motion to go into Executive Session with the Board of Selectmen for the review of the Secretary/Clerk applications and school remediation legal update.**
Ken Beausoleil- Yes Steve Herbert- Yes Shaina Smith- Yes
The motion carried unanimously.
- B. The Board went into Executive Session at 7:29 PM and came out of Executive Session at 8:10 PM.
- C. **Steve Herbert moved and Shaina Smith seconded the motion authorize the First Selectman to sign a letter dated May 13, 2016 provided by the Town counsel to Shipman and Goodwin concerning recovery of oil spill remediation costs.**
Ken Beausoleil- Yes Steve Herbert- Yes Shaina Smith-Yes
The motion carried unanimously.
- VI. Request of Funds from BOF in the Amount up to \$19,000 for School Oil Spill/Remediation Recovery
- A. **Shaina Smith moved and Steve Herbert seconded the motion to authorize the First Selectman to go before the Board of Finance and request funds up to \$19,000 for counsel for school oil spill remediation and recovery.**
Ken Beausoleil- Yes Steve Herbert- Yes Shaina Smith- Yes
The motion carried unanimously.
- VII. Request of Funds from BOF in the Amount up to \$4,200 for HVAC Repairs in Town Hall
- A. **Ken Beausoleil moved and Steve Herbert seconded the motion to request funds from the Board of Finance in the amount of \$4,200 for HVAC repairs in the Town Hall.**
Ken Beausoleil- Yes Steve Herbert- Yes Shaina Smith- Yes
The motion carried unanimously.

- VIII. Appointment: Kimberly Prescott to the Recreation Commission
- A. **Ken Beausoleil moved and Shaina Smith seconded the motion to appoint Kimberly Prescott to the Recreation Commission, term to expire April 15, 2019.**
1. S. Herbert stated that his last name is misspelled on the appointment sheet, which would be fixed before being signed.
- Ken Beausoleil- Yes Steve Herbert- Yes Shaina Smith- Yes
- The motion carried unanimously.**
- B. S. Smith requested the full volunteer application as she only received the first page.
- IX. VFW Request to Sell Poppies at Transfer Station and Other Establishments in Town
- A. K. Beausoleil read a letter aloud from the VFW, requesting permission to sell poppies at the Transfer Station and other establishments on May 25th, 26th, 27th and 28th.
- B. **Ken Beausoleil moved and Steve Herbert seconded the motion to grant the VFW permission to use the Transfer Station to conduct their poppy sales.**
- Ken Beausoleil- Yes Steve Herbert- Yes Shaina Smith- Yes
- The motion carried unanimously.**
- X. Memorial Day Festivities
- A. K. Beausoleil stated that there would be a parade on Monday, May 30th beginning at 9:00 AM and leaving from Town Hall. He stated that the Town needs to get attendance back up and show proper respect.
- XI. Budget/Referendum Discussion Update
- A. K. Beausoleil urged everyone to vote during the Referendum. He stated that items 5 through 8 on the ballot are the resolutions that allow the Town to apply for grants, and stressed that the money related to those grants is already included in the dollar amount of the budget in item number 2 of the ballot. The resolutions just authorize the Town to acquire the funds; the amounts are not in addition to the budget numbers in item number 2. K. Beausoleil and Dr. Jolin will make arrangements to go on WINY and answer questions about the budget.
- XII. Burrillville Rhode Island Energy Plant Public Forum Update
- A. K. Beausoleil stated that there will be a meeting on May 26th at 7:00 PM at the Library with Paul Roselli from the Burrillville Land Trust. The proposed developers chose not to come to the meeting, but were invited.
- B. S. Herbert stated that he invited the developers to come to speak at the meeting after the May 10th public hearing in Burrillville, and the person he spoke to expressed tentative interest but did not commit. He left a message with the company to reiterate his invitation but his call was not returned.
- XIII. Other Business
- A. K. Beausoleil stated that there will be a special meeting on May 24th at 11:00 AM in the Selectmen's Office to open the bids for phase 4 of the Gladys Green project. He mentioned that the BOS will need to have a meeting after the Referendum if it passes to set the mill rate. If the Referendum does not pass, there will need to be a meeting of the BOS to send the budget to Town Meeting again, which will be on June 1st.

XIV. Citizens' Comments

- A. Christine Campbell, Thompson Rd., stated that Monday, May 23, 2016 is the next public hearing in Burrillville. She attended the previous public hearing from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM and it was very enlightening and informative.
- B. Don Pimental, 40 Starr Rd., stated that he was born and raised in Burrillville and he is a big supporter of not having a power plant, and that methane gas is not that clean. He asked for a timeframe for when his requests from earlier in the meeting would be addressed, and he hoped he would have his answers by the next BOS meeting.

XV. Tax Refunds

- A. **Ken Beausoleil moved and Shaina Smith seconded the motion to approve the following tax refunds:**

1) Robert A. Brelecki	\$32.24
2) Troy L. Brunelle, Sr.	\$22.12
3) Kristen M. Hewey and Paul A. Proulx	\$62.00
4) Daniel Langevin and Raymond Cote	\$31.00

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

The motion carried unanimously.

XVI. 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 8:28 PM.

Tina Fox
Recording Secretary