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SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Tuesday, January 15, 2019 7:00 p.m.
Thompson Town Hall – Seney Room
MINUTES

- I. Roll Call: Selectman Ken Beausoleil, Selectman Steve Herbert.
Steve Benoit (Director, Emergency Management)
Members of the public, WINY Staff: Recording Secretary Dotti Durst

First Selectman K. Beausoleil called the meeting to order at 7 PM.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion S. Herbert seconded by K. Beausoleil to approve the Minutes of December 18, 2018 carried unanimously with two notes: ITEM IV, p 2 Blum Shapiro.
S. Herbert asked for precision in reporting the words that were said
Jan. 2, 2019 – No Meeting was held; no minutes

III. Correspondence

- A. Recreation Commission Invitation to 13th annual Bonfire, January 19 at Duhamel's Pond 6:30 – 8 PM, which is always a good night.
- B. State Department of Public Health letter re: Mosquitos and West Nile Virus
- C. Diana Couture, Assessor, letter: Supplemental Motor Vehicle Tax Collections were \$288,414. This is \$78,414 greater than the \$210,000 anticipated in the budget.
- D. Josh Kusek Letter: interest in Deputy Fire Marshal position, when that time comes
- E. NDDH Letter: Thompson Report FY 2018- Environmental Services 482 for the year
- F. The Fire Advisory Committee asks about the selection process for Deputy Fire Marshal
- G. CERC 2018 Town Profile provides detailed demographic and employment information
- H. New Mail received after the agenda was submitted:
 - a. Assessor memo regarding pro-rated new construction/property tax ramifications
 - b. NECCOG program assessments for use in budget process
 - c. Business After Hours will be at EASTCONN January 29
 - d. The Starr Road decision was rendered, the finding was in favor of the plaintiffs and the Town of Thompson. Formal findings will be issued, beginning the appeal period.

IV. Selectmen's Comments:

S. Herbert – none

K. Beausoleil –on Friday January 4 the new Thompson website “went live.” Praise to the four town staff members who worked diligently to make it happen
- a Selectman's meeting with full Board participation is being scheduled, perhaps on February 5, to meet with the Town Attorney; 65 Main Street will be discussed with the options for acting in compliance of the Trust. Several ideas will be considered.
The BOE and Tourtellotte Board of Trustees, the BOF and the Planning and Zoning Chair will be involved.

- the library is experiencing a problem with the fire alarm panel that cannot be repaired. Bids are being sought, as the panel is essential to keeping the library available to the public; they will be opened on March 5
- Ordinances and specifically the Budget Ordinance are under review by the Town Attorney; State statutes show certain fees which Thompson must duplicate. The question is being asked if we can put these numbers in our fee chart and remove the numbers from the Ordinance, such as was done with the Bingo and Bazaar fees.
- the school oil spill mediation was planned for January-February; a Hartford Court judge will take over. The mediation is now scheduled for March 14.
- the position of Town Planner is re-posted and resumes are coming in
- the Recreation Commission is reassessing the situation with the vacant position of Recreation Director
- Rivermill: a meeting January 30-February 1 is planned with DEEP and EPA; the developer needs to know his responsibilities
- ML King Day, January 21, town offices will be closed

S. Herbert – the town webmail seems to be down today

- V. Citizens' Comments: S. Benoit (Emergency Management Director) concurred on the town website. Someone who tried to look into it could not gain access as he has no password. It will be looked into.

- VI. Local Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Plan: A 5-year plan is proposed.

S. Herbert – noticed the \$\$75,000 for each of the 5 years which appears in the proposal, which is a surprise as this is new. Because of the dollar amount, does this necessitate that it go to the BOF? Does the Town need to go out for quotes? Neighboring towns' participation has yet to be worked in. The current contract expired January 1.

K. Beausoleil – NECCOG is considering a regionalization approach, which includes a survey regarding First Responders.

S. Herbert –are there consequences of the contract not being current?

K. Beausoleil – no, the process is underway and we will work our way through it.

- VII. DEEP Resolution (regarding the Trinity sewer) to obtain a special use license for temporary access, to conduct boring on the Thompson Air Line State Park Trail to determine suitability for installation of a municipal sanitary sewer pipe beneath I-395 and the Air Line Trail:

Motion S. Herbert seconded by K. Beausoleil to authorize the DEEP resolution as presented carried unanimously. Note was made that Steve Herbert's name was misspelled.

- VIII. School Security Update: The BOF authorized funding; an ad ran for staff and applications have begun to arrive. Woodstock Academy Security staff members came to view the Thompson school system security provisions. They concur that 2 personnel are needed at any one time, due to the size of the complex. The Woodstock representatives were asked if any Woodstock security personnel might have an interest in additional hours in Thompson. It will be a BOE decision to consider the need for armed/unarmed staff. S. Herbert -in the interim, what security measures are in place? K. Beausoleil – sections of the school are being kept locked after hours, limiting access. School personnel are supervising the situation; when events or sports are scheduled, they have the responsibility.

- IX. Motion by K. Beausoleil seconded by S. Herbert to appoint James Seney Jr. as Fire Marshal for an indefinite term carried unanimously. The Fire Advisory Committee has expressed interest in how the deputy Fire Marshal position will be filled. A training class is required; costs are being investigated and whether the cost is to be town-sponsored.

Motion by K. Beausoleil seconded by S. Herbert to reappoint Jo Ann Hall to the Economic Development Commission as of January 15, 2019, through December 31, 2023 carried unanimously. Discussion: the official term of office for a position on the Economic Development Commission will be reviewed.

- X. Girl Scout/Brownie Troop 65217 and Cadette Troop 65421 request permission to sell cookies at the Transfer Station Saturdays through March, from 9 AM -12 noon. Motion by S. Herbert seconded by K. Beausoleil to authorize the cookie sale as requested carried unanimously.

XI. Other Business: none

XII. Citizens' Comments: none

- XIII. Tax Refunds: Motion K. Beausoleil seconded by S. Herbert to authorize tax refunds as presented carried unanimously.

ACAR Leasing Ltd	\$316.21	Krohn, Ryan & Holger	\$5.36
CCAP Auto Lease Ltd	\$128.20	Toyota Lease Trust	\$241.97
CCAP Auto Lease Ltd	\$351.09	VW Credit Leasing Ltd	\$68.77
Gaboury, Dean C.	\$91.77	Rawson, Donna M. and James W.	
JP Morgan Chase Bank NA	\$295.82		\$194.53
P Morgan Chase Bank NA	\$106.70		

- XIV. Motion by S. Herbert seconded by K. Beausoleil to adjourn carried unanimously.

K. Beausoleil adjourned the meeting at 7:35 PM.

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.