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Board of Selectmen

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SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 5, 2019 7:00 p.m.

Thompson Town Hall – Seney Room

- I. Attendance:: First Selectman Ken Beausoleil, Selectmen Steve Herbert and Amy St Onge
Also present: Attorney Kenneth Slater, Orla McKiernan-Raftery (Finance Director),
Rhonda Rooney, Thomas Angelo, Steve Benoit (Director, Emergency Management)
Members of the public and representatives of the media
Staff: Recording Secretary Dotti Durst

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

- II. **Motion K. Beausoleil seconded by S. Herbert to approve the Minutes of January 15, 2019 carried with A. St Onge abstaining.**

III. Correspondence

- A. Thompson Business Association meeting: The Faraway Café, Main Street: 02/20
- B. DESPP Report: December 2018
- C. Gilman & Valade Funeral Home and Crematory: Invitation to the celebration of the firm's 100th anniversary: 02/21
- D. Ct State Employees Retirement System: Valuation and Forecast calls for stepped increases, which is likely to have a significant impact on labor costs to the towns
- E. DexYP Northeast CT Phone Directory Distribution: it is possible to opt out
- F. Received after the agenda was printed: TEEG Fundraiser at Thompson Speedway

IV. Selectmen's Comments: S. Herbert –none

- A. St Onge – none
- K. Beausoleil – the NECCOG report on several matters under review is due out
 - congratulations to the N E Patriots
 - the state biannual bridge report was received/forwarded to the DPW Director for review
 - the vacant industrial building at 720 Thompson Road has been sold to strong company already in the region; this will have a positive impact on the town

- V. Citizens' Comments: Wayne O'Brien, 108 Fabyan Road – in the recent icy conditions during the cold snap, road salt was not applied to some roads, resulting in dangerous driving conditions. When the Highway Department was asked, they reported that the product does not function at temperatures lower than 12 degrees. He asked that the matter be examined from a public safety perspective.

- VI. Discussion with Town Attorney Ken Slater of some current matters of interest to the Board of Finance and the Board of Education as well as the Tourtellotte Board of Trustees, all of which have representatives present:
- ** The easement for Buckley Hill Road is in process.
 - ** The Cold Spring property - when the estate transferred to the beneficiary, two of the 3 parcels were so deeded. The intention of creating a Lifetime Interest in the parcel containing the spring to be retained by the owner, which upon his death would then be conveyed to the town, has imperfect language. It is being addressed.
 - ** 65 Main Street, formerly used by TEEG, has a deed restriction, the terms of which are being examined carefully, in order to determine the most appropriate course of action which will remain within the expectations of the Tourtellotte Trust, requiring that the site be used to fulfill the stated Education-related goals. Attorney Slater detailed the process, which involves the Connecticut Attorney General's office, which is charged with evaluating any proposal, in terms of it being as close as possible to fulfilling the intention of the donor. The building is in poor condition, with lead paint and has no handicapped access, but it does have river frontage.

- VII. **Motion K. Beausoleil to go into Executive Session with Town Attorney Ken Slater at 7:45 PM, seconded by S. Herbert, carried unanimously.**
- A. Possible Land Acquisition – Riverside Drive
 - B. CBU Litigation

Executive Session adjourned at 9:01 PM I(no action taken); the Regular meeting resumed.

- VIII. School Security Update: applications have come in and been sent to the office of the Superintendent of Schools. Per the BOE request, while the position(s) will be funded by the town, and the Town will actually hire, the program will be implemented by the School District/BOE. Interviews will be conducted; the panel will include a wide variety of representatives of all involved offices including Schools Facilities Management and Town Emergency Management.
- IX. Ordinance Discussion : Language has been drafted by the Town Attorney
- A. Bingo, Raffle – shall Thompson move the fees for these permits out of the Ordinance and into a Fee Schedule, in order to eliminate re-writing the Ordinance if the fees change
 - B. Town Budget – this is under review. The break-points at which a Town Meeting is required for an anticipated expense, and the breakpoint at which it goes to referendum are being considered. If a vote fails, what process shall be used to move ahead? How this is organized in adjacent towns is being reviewed.
- K. Beausoleil: If the oil tank question goes to referendum, these matters could be on the same ballot. However, a Town meeting can be called at any time.
- X. **Motion K. Beausoleil seconded by A. St Onge to appoint H. Charles Obert to the vacant seat at the Water Pollution Control Authority, through the current term expiring November, 2019, carried unanimously.**

After a review of the Terms of Office of members of the Economic Development Commission : **Motion K. Beausoleil seconded by A. St Onge to modify the terms of office of the following Economic Development Commission members, as revised by the Town Clerk, carried unanimously.** All other terms of office remain as posted.

| Economic Development Commission Member | | Correct end of term date |
|--|-----------|--------------------------|
| H. Charles Obert | | 12/31/2019 |
| Tyra Penn-Gesek | Alternate | 12/31/2019 |
| John Sharpe | | 12/31/2019 |
| Robert Larkin | Alternate | 12/31/2019 |
| Joann Hall | | 12/31/2021 |
| Brian Santos | | 12/31/2020 |

- XI. **Motion S. Herbert seconded by A. St Onge to approve the Girl Scout request to conduct a Tag Sale/Clothing Drive as presented carried unanimously.**
- XII. School Security Update: see above, # VIII.
- XIII. Other Business: none
- XIV. Citizens' Comments: none
- XV. **Motion K. Beausoleil seconded by S. Herbert to approve a tax refund of \$41.04 to William Berube carried unanimously.**
- XVI. **Motion to adjourn by S. Herbert seconded by A. St Onge carried unanimously.** Adjournment by K. Beausoleil was at 9:11 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.