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Board of Selectmen

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SELECTMEN'S MEETING

Tuesday, March 5, 2019 7:00 p.m.
Thompson Town Hall – Seney Room

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by First Selectman Ken Beausoleil at 7 PM.

- I. Roll Call: First Selectman Ken Beausoleil, Selectmen Steve Herbert and Amy St Onge
Members of the public, WINY. Staff: Recording Secretary Dotti Durst

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion S. Herbert seconded by A. St Onge to approve the Special Meeting minutes of February 4, 5, 7, 11, 15 and 27 carried unanimously. (February 19: No meeting)

Motion S. Herbert seconded A. St Onge to approve the BOS Regular Meeting minutes of February 5, 2019, with a notation, carried unanimously. In Section VI on page 2, the discussion with Town Attorney Ken Slater of the Special Education reimbursement status/cost sharing was omitted. *Attorney Slater: The State grant (\$300,000) is exclusively for Special Education costs; it comes in to the Town and then is directed to the Schools. The funds may not be used for any purpose other than Special Education costs. If any funds should remain, that amount must be retained for Special Education use. No part of these grant funds may be re-directed for any other use; there are tight guidelines.*

- II. Correspondence
- A. Chamber of Commerce – Business After Hours
 - B. Prescription Card Savings Report December 2018
 - C. Disposition Of Records – Meeting Recordings
 - D. Community Renewal Team – 2018 Community Benefit Report
 - E. Zoning Issue
 - F. Tri-State Golf
 - G. Relay For Life
 - H. Municipal Fiscal Indicators
 - I. Anya – Introduction
 - J. TVCCA – Gala Carnevale 2019
 - K. DESPP Report: January 2019
 - L. Connecticut Water – Scholarship

III. Selectmen's Comments:

St Onge – none

S. Herbert – all last month the effort was excellent on budget planning, which has been forwarded to the BOF

K. Beausoleil – The BOF meeting will be on 3/7 at 7 PM in the school auditorium; the budget amount being presented is \$8,304,238, or 9.83 %

- DEEP will be looking at the Airline Trail with an emergency declaration to straighten out a culvert/drainage situation which needs a permanent solution.
- River Junction Estates has filed an appeal in the Starr Road matter.

IV. Citizens' Comments: none

V. Library RFP Bid Opening: three bids were opened for the needed repairs.

- Alarming Ideas, Norwich. The bid was \$12,439
 - Nationwide Security, Branford. The bid was \$13,428
 - SoundWorks and Security, Torrington. The bid was \$15,975
- All bids will be reviewed and the scope of work verified.

VI. School Security Update: The interview process is underway. One candidate, with a background in policy development, toured the facility and is creating a package for review.

VII. **Motion S. Herbert seconded by A. St Onge to re-appoint Francesca Morano to the Inland Wetlands Commission, the term to extend through March 15, 2024, carried unanimously.**

There are three vacancies on the IWC for which candidates are being sought.

VIII. Girl Scout Proclamation to recognize the 107th Anniversary in 2019:

Motion S. Herbert seconded by A St Onge to support the Proclamation as presented carried unanimously.

IX. Fire Marshal Mutual Aid Services Agreement with Woodstock: Fire Marshal Jamie Seney brought this forward as part of his review. The Mutual Aid staff services agreement requires that the requesting town pays mileage at the Federal rate to the Acting Fire Marshal, as that person is using a personal vehicle. It also asks for a per site inspection fee. A. St Onge – does it seem that the language should clarify that the fee would go to the requesting town? Is the fee then billed to the applicant? This language seems to state that the responding Fire Marshal would collect this fee. K. Beausoleil: this will be looked into. Note was made that the proposal has been reviewed by the Town Attorneys for Woodstock (Richard Roberts) and for Thompson (Ken Slater). It was further noted that both attorneys are part of the same Legal firm (Halloran Sage), but have reviewed the proposal separately; the costs to each town will be equal.

X. Local EMS Agreement: as is required each 5 years, the agreement is being reviewed. The language has been reversed back to the original; there is no longer a proposed annual fee for each of 5 years. Five Fire Departments are involved as well as ambulance services. Documentation is pending demonstrating that Webster Mutual Aid will back up Community when needed. This review should be concluded soon.

Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Herbert to authorize K. Beausoleil to sign the Agreement once it is completed carried unanimously.

XI. Hartford Marathon along the Airline Trail - TriState Relay Road Race Saturday, August 24, 2019 Request for the use by the runners of State and Town roads as well as the Airline Trail: This inaugural Eastern Connecticut race will be 95 miles, with 18 stages in 20 towns/3 states. It has been confirmed that the proper insurance is in place.

Motion S. Herbert seconded by A. St Onge to approve the request for the TriState Road Race as presented carried unanimously.

- XII. Motion S. Herbert seconded by A. St Onge to approve the Yard Sale request for Girl Scout Troops 65217 and 65421 in the Town Hall lot from 7 - 1 on Saturday, May 11, 2019 carried unanimously.
- XIII. KMC Cross Fest – Natchaug 100 kilometer Bicycle Paved and Unpaved Road Tour Sunday, March 31, 2019 Request:
Motion S. Herbert seconded by A. St Onge to approve the request for the KMC Cross Fest, subject to proof of appropriate insurance, carried unanimously.
- XIV. Ordinance Discussion:
 A. Bingo and Raffle fees: Town Attorney Ken Slater has provided a review of the proposed language; the matter is moving ahead
- B. Town Budget: The question as to whether the budgets should be combined back into one proposed number is under consideration; this may or may not be supported. Changing the percentages which trigger action on a budget number may address several issues. The matter will go to a town meeting at which time public sentiment will be expressed. S. Herbert – perhaps changing the breakpoint for sending the annual budget to referendum should be changed to greater than a 3% increase, given the increases in the costs of living; this would better reflect inflation. He and A. St Onge support putting this idea forward for public comment; it could reduce costs to the town. As an agenda item, this ordinance revision will be combined with other current matters to schedule for a Town Meeting.
 S. Herbert – research has revealed that reducing polling **places** is not adequate for saving, but rather reducing voting **districts**. The registrars are working with him on the specifics.
- XV. Other Business; none
- XVI. Citizens' Comments: none
- XVII. **Motion to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$608.74 by K. Beausoleil seconded by A. St Onge carried unanimously:**
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| Belanger, Kerry L. | \$35.82 | Santerre, Scott A. | \$94.41 |
| Honda Lease Trust | \$189.95 | Santerre, Seth E. | \$22.09 |
| Hyundai Lease | \$83.78 | Young, Amber L & | |
| Hyundai Lease | \$163.87 | Eugene H. Jr. | \$18.82 |
- XVIII. **Motion A. St Onge to adjourn by seconded by S. Herbert carried unanimously.**

K. Beausoleil adjourned the meeting at 7:27 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.