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## Board of Selectmen

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### SELECTMEN'S MEETING

Tuesday, April 2, 2019 7:00 p.m.

Thompson Town Hall – Seney Room

### MINUTES

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- I. Roll Call: First Selectman Ken Beausoleil, Selectmen Amy St Onge and Steve Herbert. Steve Benoit (Director, Emergency Management), Jamie Seney (Fire Marshal), John Rice (Building Committee), Melinda Smith (Superintendent of Schools) Members of the public; Recording Secretary Dotti Durst

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

II. Approval of Minutes

Special Meeting March 4, 2019 A.M. – no action (ambiguous reference)

**Motion S. Herbert seconded by A. St Onge to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting March 4, 2019 P.M carried unanimously.**

**Motion S. Herbert seconded by A. St Onge to approve the minutes of the BOS**

**Meeting March 5, 2019 carried unanimously**, with the note that in Item IX, page 2, that the last sentence regarding the Fire Marshal shall read “...both attorneys have are part of the same legal firm (Halloran Sage), but have reviewed the proposal separately.”

**Motion S. Herbert seconded by A. St Onge to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting March 8, 2019 carried unanimously.**

**Motion S. Herbert seconded by A. St Onge to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting March 15, 2019 carried; S. Herbert abstained.**

BOS Meeting March 19, 2019 was cancelled- no minutes

III. Correspondence

A. Chamber of Commerce – Denim & Diamonds, 05/17

B. Prescription Card Savings Report – January 2019

C. Gilman & Valade – Thank You

D. Veterans of Foreign Wars – Recognition Invitation- Mon, 04/15

E. TEEG – Thank You

F. Zoning Issue

G. Assessor's Office – 2018 Grand List Increase

H. Roadside Clean-up: April All Month, 2019

- IV. Selectmen's Comments: S. Herbert – Presented a document he has prepared with concise data regarding the Voting Districts, demonstrating the cost each time a Referendum, Primary or Election is held. It concludes with data demonstrating the financial effects of reducing the number of voting districts, incrementally.

A. St Onge- inquired about an email as a Correspondence from Fire Advisory: K. Beausoleil noted it is no longer an issue (see below)

K. Beausoleil – The French River Cleanup and Thompson Together Town wide cleanup are scheduled

- P & W; vegetation control along the rail line in June; notice will be on the website
- BOF budget workshops are Thursday evenings, 7-9 and are open to all
- NECCOG is working with TEEG regarding a possible grant-funded bus for Senior REC and other uses; it would be handicapped-accessible
- April 17: Oil Spill Mediation
- April 23: Sewer issue mediation
- DEEP and DPW are working on the RT 12 rebuilding at the Airline Trail
- The DPW Road Grader is awaiting repair, which will delay the grading of unpaved roads

- V. Citizens' Comments: Linda Jarmolowicz, 7 Denis Drive – proposes that the Town budget be presented with a single vote for the General Government as well as Education. If the budget fails, the mandated MBR prevents the town from reducing the budget for Education below the previous year's amount, and this is particularly true for an Alliance District, such as Thompson. Penalties for disregarding the MBR are onerous.  
– John Rice: contact phone numbers for all of the town officials should be easily accessed on the town website
- VI. School Security Update/Action: M. Smith, K. Beausoleil and S. Benoit have worked collaboratively with Ben Barber, who has been asked to serve as a consultant, in developing school security procedures and protocols. Five candidates for school security personnel will be interviewed. M. Smith – thanks to the BOS/BOF for listening and responding to the need for evening school security. The details are being addressed, such as the need for uniforms, for incident report forms and many more. Once in place, Thompson's School Security Protocols may become a model for other similar schools.
- VII. Melinda Smith (Superintendent) – CT Collaborative Health Insurance Program (CT-Chip) Details: Larger school districts have had E-Chip health insurance group plans for some time; now a group is being created for smaller communities. Town personnel as well as the school district personnel would be combined and significant savings can be realized over the 3-year time span. The policy would continue with the current provider, Cigna. The BOE has approved entering the Group; the collaborative attorney has examined it and it appears identical to the group plan for larger communities, adjusted for the smaller towns. **Motion S. Herbert seconded by A. St Onge to authorize the First Selectman to enter into the CT-Chip collaborative carried unanimously.**
- VIII. **Motion S. Herbert seconded by A. St Onge to accept the resignation of Dominick Lucenti with regret carried unanimously.**
- IX. **Motion S. Herbert seconded by A. St Onge to endorse the hiring of Tyra Penn-Gesek as Town Planner carried unanimously.** She will accept the position and begins very soon.
- X. **Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Herbert to approve the Fire Department abatements totaling \$37,407.07 carried unanimously.**
- XI. Bus Transportation RFP Bid Opening – Summer Camp; two bids were received. 1). DATTCO, which holds the current Thompson school bus contract, and 2). Rukstela from Eastford. Both bids cover an extended time span and offer multiple staffing options. They will be sent to the Recreation Commission for review.

**XII. Appointments -**

**Motion S. Herbert seconded by A. St Onge to appoint James Seney Jr: Burn Officer (No term limit) carried unanimously.**

**Motion S. Herbert seconded by A. St Onge to appoint Costantino Galasso: Burn Officer (No term limit) carried unanimously.**

**Motion S. Herbert seconded by A. St Onge to re-appoint Cynthia Antos: Recreation Commission carried unanimously.**

**Motion S. Herbert seconded by A. St Onge to re-appoint Robert Monahan: Recreation Commission (term ending 04/15/2022) carried unanimously.**

**Motion S. Herbert seconded by A. St Onge to re-appoint Kimberly Prescott: Recreation Commission (term ending 04/15/2022) carried unanimously.**

**XIII. Proclamation – Town Clerk Week, May 5-11, 2019**

**Motion S. Herbert seconded by K. Beausoleil to endorse the Proclamation carried unanimously.**

**XIV. Recreation – Request Easter Egg Hunt Closure of Bates Av, 10 – 3 on 04/06; 04/13 rain**

**Motion S. Herbert seconded by A. St Onge to approve as submitted carried unanimously.**

**XV. Hometown Bank –Community Shred Day utilizing the town parking lot on 06/08**

**Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Herbert to approve Hometown's request carried unanimously.**

**XVI. 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Boston - Greenwich Tri-State Bicycle Trek 06/21 - Request for Road Use, -**

**Motion S. Herbert seconded by A. St Onge to approve pending receipt of Insurance carried unanimously.**

**XVII. West Thompson Fire Department – Request for Boot Drive 05/25, 9 - 2**

**Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Herbert to approve the Boot Drive carried unanimously.**

**XVIII. Fire Marshal Mutual Aid Services Agreement: Fire Marshal J. Seney reviewed the proposal to work with Woodstock's Fire Marshals, as Thompson has only one certified Marshal at his time. Details of how the agreement would play out, and in particular some specific language which seemed to be unclear or less than ideal was reviewed, and some modifications will be made. Agreement was reached, after discussion, that once the Ordinance implementing Fire Marshal services was ready, and a fee schedule created, all in time for the May 16 Ordinance Review meeting, everything should be in place to implement the agreement. A. St Onge and S. Herbert expressed praise for the goals of this initiative.**

**XIX. Ordinance Discussion in preparation for the May 16 Meeting:**

**A. Bingo, Raffle: language is complete**

**B. Town Budget modifications of breakpoints requiring a referendum and others**

**C. Fire Marshal Ordinance Fee has been drafted by the Fire Marshal**

**D. Inland-Wetlands: language to reduce the Commission size to 5 with 2 alternates is complete**

**\* In each case involving fees, they will not be enumerated in the Ordinance, but rather in a separate fee schedule; this allows adjustments over time without needing an Ordinance revision.**

- XX. Other Business: **Motion K. Beausoleil seconded by S. Herbert to add an agenda item, Little League request for their Parade carried unanimously.** April 20/rain date April 27, State Police will be notified for a road closure, as well as Fire personnel. **Motion K. Beausoleil seconded by S. Herbert to allow the Little League Parade as detailed carried unanimously.**
- XXI. Citizens' Comments: Linda Jarmolowicz reviewed the details of expectations of budget/funding requirements in an Alliance District, such as Thompson.
- XXII. **Motion K. Beausoleil seconded by A. St Onge to refund property taxes as itemized carried unanimously.**
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| Enterprise FM Trust | \$264.74 |
| St Cyr, Beatrice N. | \$199.38 |
- XXIII. Executive Session:  
**Motion K. Beausoleil seconded by A. St Onge to go into Executive Session at 8:55 PM to address the two itemized matters carried unanimously.**  
Executive Session adjourned at 9:05 PM.
- The regular monthly meeting resumed at 9:06 PM.  
Starr Road: No action was taken  
**Motion S. Herbert seconded by A. St Onge to move ahead with a candidate for Recreation Director who has been selected and an offer will be extended; motion carried unanimously.**
- XXIV. **Motion K. Beausoleil seconded by A. St Onge to adjourn carried unanimously.**  
The meeting was adjourned by K. Beausoleil at 9:07 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.*