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Board of Selectmen

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SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Tuesday, September 17, 2019
Thompson Town Hall – Seney Room
MINUTES

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

I. Attendance:

First Selectman Ken Beausoleil, Selectmen Amy St Onge and Steve Herbert.
Steve Benoit (Director, Emergency Management), Charlene Langlois (EDC Branding & Planning and Zoning), WINY, Members of the public
Staff: Recording Secretary Dotti Durst

II. Motion S. Herbert seconded by A. St Onge to approve the BOS Meeting 9-03-2019 Minutes carried unanimously.

III. Correspondence

- A. Chamber of Commerce - Business After Hours
- B. DESPP Report: August 2019
- C. E-mail Correspondence re: 363 Quaddick Town Farm Road

IV. Selectmen Comments

S. Herbert- referendum is next week, calls on all to vote
A. St Onge -none
K. Beausoleil - Community Day Oct 5, is a quality event open to everyone
-Brandy Hill Road paving is complete; finishing touches are next
- the Thursday BOF meeting includes the presentation by the Fire Association of what they call The Woodstock Model of fire department funding
- no applications came in for the assessor's position; it is posted on the state site. Other towns are also looking, such as Pomfret. The state exam will be offered soon, possibly creating a new group of applicants
- NECCOG now has the ability to purchase property, and is following up concerning the parcel where they are currently located. A location is needed for Household Waste disposal; they are looking at a site on RT 44 near Paquette Electric where all the NECCOG town residents could participate.
- a street light on RT 12 near the playground is out. When Eversource was contacted, it was learned that Thompson has not paid for that light for a lengthy period of time.

V. Citizen Comments- none

VI. 0 Center Street Bid - Discussion/Action: a quit claim deed is needed.
Motion S. Herbert seconded by A. St Onge to accept the bid of \$1,750 with

the stipulation that any and all closing fees for the quit claim filing be handled by the bidder, Charles Thayer, 40 Lakeview Street, Thompson. Motion carried unanimously.

- VII. Open Bids for Town Hall Generator: when the generator went down a Facilities grant was sought which will cover 55 cents per dollar of replacement costs. Three bids were received:
T B Generators, Putnam- \$42,193 including propane
Paquette Electric, Pomfret-\$48,000 with other details provided
Thompson Electrical Contractors -\$34,817 with propane not included
K. Beausoleil-the town will review all bids in detail, working with the Emergency Management and Facilities Director
- VIII. **Motion S. Herbert seconded by A. St Onge proposing acceptance of the Proclamation by Eagle Scout Troop 66 to move James Ralph to Eagle Scout carried unanimously.**
- IX. **Motion S. Herbert seconded by A. St Onge to approve the Diaper Need Awareness Proclamation as presented carried unanimously.**
- X. Request to hold Cookie Sale at the Transfer Station- Out of fairness, one date was selected. **Motion S. Herbert seconded by A. St Onge to authorize a Cookie Sale by Girl Scout Brownie Troop 65217 at the Transfer Station on Nov 2, from 9-1 carried unanimously.**
- XI. **Motion S. Herbert seconded by A. St Onge to authorize a Cookie Sale by Girl Scout Troop 65500 at the Transfer Station on Nov 9, from 8-12 carried unanimously.**
- XII. Project Graduation Class of 2020 request: Fill the Paw at the Transfer Station- **Motion S. Herbert seconded by A. St Onge to accept the request for October 19 as presented carried unanimously.**
- XIII. Tax Abatement Request by Mr. Ato Asham: A. St Onge- it is a challenge to balance the information we have available to us against the current environment. K. Beausoleil – we do sympathize when people fall on hard times. It is difficult, however, to see a course of action that would not set a precedent. After discussion, S. Herbert proposed and it was unanimously agreed that the Board take no action.
- XIV. Other Business:
Motion K. Beausoleil seconded by A. St Onge to add two agenda items under XIV. Other (lighting on RT 12 near the playground, and a Homeland Security Resolution) carried unanimously.
* The extinguished light bulb on RT 12/Riverside Drive, located on a curve of the road, should be replaced, and a \$12 per month fee will commence.
Motion S. Herbert seconded by A. St Onge to approve as presented carried unanimously.
* K. Beausoleil read the annual Homeland Security Resolution into the record

which identifies the First Selectman's responsibilities to the Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security.

Motion K. Beausoleil seconded by S. Herbert that the Resolution be ratified as presented carried unanimously.

XV. Citizens' Comments- none

XVI. **Motion K. Beausoleil seconded by S. Herbert to approve the tax refunds as presented carried unanimously.**

Para, Gregory J. and Linda A. \$243.00

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XVII. **Motion to go into Executive Session at 7:26 PM by K. Beausoleil seconded by S. Herbert, to discuss the listed matters, carried unanimously.**

A. CBUC Litigation

D. Union/CMERS Litigation

B. Starr Road

E. Possible Land Acquisition -

C. School Oil Spill

Riverside Dr.

Executive session ended at 7:50 PM. No action was taken.

XVIII. **Motion for adjournment at 7:51 PM by S. Herbert seconded by K. Beausoleil carried unanimously. K. Beausoleil so adjourned.**

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.