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**Board of Selectmen**

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SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
Tuesday, October 1, 2019 7:00 p.m.  
Thompson Town Hall – Seney Room  
MINUTES

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

I. Roll Call:

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 9-17-2019 Minutes carried unanimously.**

III. Correspondence

- A. TEEG Thank You Letter for food donations on voting days
- B. Chamber of Commerce Breakfast Meeting/Senator Chris Murphy 10/08, Black Dog

IV. Selectmen Comments:

A. St Onge- Let's all be present to enjoy Community Day this Saturday  
S. Herbert – good news that the budget passed  
K. Beausoleil- the budget carried 3-1 for the Town General Government proposal and 2-1 for the Education budget proposal

V. Citizen Comments- none

VI. Request to Install a Security Gate at the end of LaBonte Road by W. Ruoppo- Wes Ruoppo, 25 Labonte Road, provided maps and photos in a packet of materials to document the property as well as the issue which is taking place there. He notes that the proposed gate will not obstruct any other property owner. K. Beausoleil- this proposal would shorten the road by just over 100 feet, requiring a little work by the DPW to provide a turn-around for town vehicles including ploughs. A. St Onge- clarifies that no neighbors will be impacted. S. Herbert- will fire personnel have access? Yes, the lock could have a code provided to the town. However, first responders carry tools to grant access in scenarios such as this, if needed. S. Herbert – confirmed that the applicant assumes all costs associated with the installation of a gate. K. Beausoleil- a previous situation in Thompson was resolved in this manner; this is not the first request to address intruder/trespass issues.

**Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Herbert to grant the request as detailed carried unanimously.** K. Beausoleil asks that the applicant keep the DPW informed throughout the process.

- VII. Board of Finance Request for the Town to Fund a Security Coordinator, from Melinda Smith, Superintendent of Schools (daytime security for the schools): K. Beausoleil- the history is that the proposed budget included \$63,240 for school security at night, but now there is a need to even fund daytime security. A. St Onge- wonders if supporting the funding for school security seems to undermine the will of the voters, in terms of what they said about the education budget proposal in each referendum. However, she supports the need for school security. S. Herbert-yes, we want to avoid what could be taken as an end run around the referendum results. K. Beausoleil-school security is very important; it appears to be up to the BOF as to how to handle the request, given that there is possible reimbursement. S. Herbert- supports funding for school security but the BOS does not have any budget for it. The consensus of the BOS is to send the request to the BOF to ask them to determine how to handle it.
- VIII. Town Hall Generator Bid – Discussion/Action: bids have been reviewed by the Selectmen, by Jamie Seney (Fire Marshal), by Steve Benoit (Emergency Management Director) and by Terry Bellman (Building Inspector). One bid was for a Commercial-level generator, whereas an Industrial-level unit was specified. The two other bids were discussed.  
**Motion S. Herbert seconded by A. St Onge to award the Generator bid to Thompson Electric, Quinebaug, carried unanimously.**
- IX. Request/Thompson Congregational Church to close Bates Ave on Oct. 26, 2019, 2-7 PM  
**Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Herbert to approve the Thompson Congregational Church request as presented carried unanimously.**
- X. Other Business – S. Herbert: let's ask the Fire Marshall Jamie Seney for an update since he took office, then a report monthly. K. Beausoleil- other town entities already do likewise.
- XI. Citizens' Comments -none
- XII. **Motion K. Beausoleil seconded by S. Herbert to approve the tax refunds as presented carried unanimously.**  
Mechanicsville Realty \$1,050.30      Mechanicsville Realty \$1,079.46
- XIII. **Motion for adjournment by S. Herbert seconded by A. St Onge carried unanimously.**  
K. Beausoleil so adjourned at 7:20 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.*