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Board of Selectmen

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SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Tuesday, February 18, 2020
Thompson Town Hall – Merrill Seney Room
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by First Selectman A. St Onge. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: First Selectman Amy St Onge and Selectmen Ken Beausoleil & Susanne Witkowski.
Recording Secretary Dotti Durst.

- I. **Motion K. Beausoleil seconded by S. Witkowski to approve the BOS Meeting minutes for the BOS Special Meetings of 02-03-2020 and 02-05-2020 as well as the Regular Meeting of 2-04-2020 carried unanimously.**
- II. Correspondence
 - A. DESSP - January 2020 Services Troop D
 - B. Chamber of Commerce - Business After Hours Events: DKH/Fields Conf Room, Feb 26, 5-7 as well as at Pomfret School Parsons Lodge, March 5, 5-7. S. Witkowski confirmed that the town is a member of the N E Chamber of Commerce, the sponsoring organization, and thus the invitation applies to town personnel.
- III. Selectmen Comments:
 - S. Witkowski- none
 - A. St Onge- the budget preparation cycle is almost complete, with the last workshop on Feb 24 at 9 AM, then reviews Feb 25 and 26 at 4 PM. The public hearing on the proposal will be March 5 at 7 PM.
 - the Ask Me Anything public information event will be on Wednesday, March 4 at 6 PM at the Library/Community Center, with an open forum format. All residents are welcome to come learn more about Thompson government activities.
 - K. Beausoleil – regarding the final reviews of the proposed budget on the evenings of Feb 25 and 26; hopefully the weather will cooperate so a budget can be prepared and a recommendation can go to the BOF.
- IV. Citizen Comments: none
- V. **Motion K. Beausoleil seconded by A. St Onge to appoint Michael B. Darcy to the Housing Authority through October 31, 2024 carried unanimously.** Note was made that he will not begin service until after his retirement on April 1. S. Witkowski observed that the representation among political parties seems fine. On a related note, Deb at the Housing Authority needs to know about prospective new members as well as terms which are coming to an end, for the 2 annual audits. Marie Mongeau will be asked to provide a list of the terms of office of the other members of the Housing Authority.

- VI. Certificate of Appreciation - Stephen G. Bordua: A. St Onge read a formal commendation for Stephen Bordua, expressing gratitude for his over 16 years of service to the Town of Thompson. He is retiring from the Recreation Commission, having served as Chair.
- VII. Creation of Advisory Sub-Committee for 65 Main/The Garden by the River Project, as requested by the Economic Development Commission: The BOS thanked the EDC, through Planner Tyra Penn-Gesek, for the update and are supportive of this new subcommittee. Once active, they will contribute data for the town website. Note was made that Planner Penn-Gesek was able to obtain a grant from the EasternCT Association of Realtors in the amount of \$5,000 to help develop the community garden. They will be thanked for the grant by the placement of a marker at the site.
- VIII. Donovan Drive Open Space Land Acceptance: after discussion of the Donovan Drive subdivision and the Planning and Zoning Regulations regarding town-owned Open Space- **Motion S. Witkowski seconded by A. St Onge to accept the parcel of Donovan Drive Open Space land, as per the Statutory Warranty Deed, carried unanimously.**
- IX. Other Business: none
- X. Citizens' Comments: none
- XI. **Motion A. St Onge seconded by K. Beausoleil to approve Tax Refunds for a total of \$686.68 carried unanimously.**
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| Metzler, Vincent M. | \$85.75 | Roy, Gary E. and Lori J. | \$ 2.66 |
| Fairley, Judith A. | \$48.06 | LeBlanc, Joseph R. | \$30.09 |
| Bennett, Sean J. &
Rosebrooks, Earl W. | \$520.12 | | |
- XII. **Executive Session: Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to go into Executive Session at 7:16 PM to discuss a Potential Land acquisition in North Grosvenordale and to discuss a Windham North Property Lien carried unanimously.**
- Executive session ended at 7:42 PM. No action was taken.
- XIII. **Motion to adjourn by A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski carried unanimously.**
First Selectman A. St Onge adjourned the meeting at 7:42 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.