



**TOWN OF THOMPSON**  
**Board of Selectmen- Minutes**  
**Tuesday, May 17, 2022**  
**Merrill Seney Room, Town Hall**  
**and via ZOOM Online Meeting Portal**

- I. The Call to Order by First Selectman Amy St Onge was at 7:05 PM.  
Roll call: First Selectman Amy St Onge, Selectman Susanne Witkowski. Selectman Ken Beausoleil arrived at 7:09 PM. Michelle Giammarinaro (HR Director), Bill Steglitz (Finance Director). Members of Boards and Commissions and the public, Recording Secretary Dotti Durst
- II. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- III. Approval of Minutes:  
**Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to approve the minutes of the 05-09-2022 BOS Special Meeting carried unanimously, with the correction that Armando Nunes was present, representing the bid submitted by NC Inc.**
- IV. Correspondence:  
A. Chamber of Commerce - Business After Hours: Woodstock Building Associates new RT 169 location at the Thompson/Woodstock Town Line.  
B. Thompson Public Schools Thank You to Fire Departments' for pre-prom safety sessions  
\* After the agenda was posted, a letter of resignation was received from Matt Whipple/DPW
- V. Selectmen's Comments:  
- S. Witkowski praised the Makers Fair, noting the excellent participation, as did K. Beausoleil  
- A. St Onge \* A digital Budget Book, as contrasted with the previous paper, many-paged documents, is being compiled by the Finance Director and First Selectman collaboratively, to be completed within the next two weeks. \* Regarding the receipt of the Matt Whipple resignation:  
**Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to add the resignation to agenda item #IXa, Other, carried unanimously.** \* Planning and Zoning has completed their revision of the PoCD regarding PA 490, with a slight modification in the original language. The words completely unimproved are crossed out and the words unbuilt and undeveloped are inserted.  
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**Motion A St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to add to the Agenda under item #IXb, Other, possible acceptance of the revised PoCD language regarding PA 490, carried unanimously.**  
\* The Memorial Day events, May 30, spearheaded by Superintendent of Schools Melinda Smith, are shaping up to create an exciting day, with many ways for students and the community to be involved.
- VI. Citizens' Comments:  
- Charles Obert, 10 Quaddick Town Farm Rd \* offered to participate in suggested upgrades to technology so all residents have access to meetings, \* asked about the procedural documents in place for public meetings, again offering time \*inquired about the status of the Marianapolis Sewer project.  
- Valerie Clark, 105 Alm Rd, reviewed her previous request for full public access to all meeting dates/times/locations/agendas including any re-scheduled meetings.
- VII. Tax Warrant/Rate Bill – Review/Take Action: A. St Onge read into the public record the Tax Warrant and Rate Bill, prepared by Tax Collector Rene Morin on 05-17-2022, per CGS 12-132, who cited the BOF action on 05-16-2022 to set the mil rate for FY 2022-2023 at 25.02. After discussion:  
**Motion A. St Onge seconded by K. Beausoleil to approve the Tax Warrant and Rate Bill as presented carried unanimously.**

## VIII. VFW Request:

**Motion K. Beausoleil seconded by S. Witkowski to approve the VFW request to distribute poppies at the Transfer Station on May 28 and at other locations between May 25-28, 2022 carried unanimously, with the provision that if staffing becomes available, the distribution dates may be expanded at the Transfer Station, carried unanimously.**

## IX. Other Business:

**a Motion S. Witkowski seconded by K. Beausoleil to accept the resignation of Matt Whipple from the DPW with sincerest regret carried unanimously.**

**b. Motion K. Beausoleil seconded by S. Witkowski to accept the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommended language regarding PA 490 for inclusion in the revised PoCD, which includes slight modifications from the original Open Space text as listed during discussion, carried unanimously.**

## X. Citizens' Comments:

- Ray Williams, Porter Plain Rd, thanked the BOS for opening up VFW dates for poppy distribution
- Dave Clark, Alm Road: in the current contentious environment, advocated for total transparency and that every possible step be taken to prevent questioning of any town procedure or event
- Charles Obert, 10 Quaddick Town Farm Road, noted the progress on The Airline Trail and a possible TAP grant (Transportation Alternative Plan)
- Steve Herbert, Wilsonville Road, praised the 14% of Thompson registered voters who turned out to vote, supporting the budget proposal by a good margin.

## XI. Tax Refunds: none

## XII. Executive Session – Possible Land Acquisition:

**Motion S. Witkowski seconded by K. Beausoleil to enter Executive Session at 7:40 PM, with all 3 Selectmen present, to discuss a Potential Land Acquisition in North Grosvenordale, carried unanimously.**

The Executive Session began at 7:40 PM and ended at 7:55 PM. No action was taken.

The BOS meeting resumed at 7:56 PM

## XIII. Adjourn:

**Motion K. Beausoleil seconded by S. Witkowski to adjourn at 7:56 PM carried unanimously.**

To hear and see the meeting, use the link to the Zoom recording

<https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/ek9-Y-nh07PZGjkSy0Kwq8sFFjY3Lizo0s7T5rqQTtKCn6lGBn-qsd8l40TN6CAQ.l62NmyhtLhBU0b6> Passcode: 40l\*msA^

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.*