



**TOWN OF THOMPSON**  
**Board of Selectmen- Minutes**  
**Tuesday, September 6, 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 7:00 PM with all selectmen present.  
Roll Call: First Selectman Amy St Onge, Selectmen Susanne Witkowski and Ken Beausoleil  
Members of Boards, Commissions, Fire Departments and the public, Recording Secretary Dotti Durst
- II. The pledge of allegiance was recited.
- III. Approval of Minutes
  - A. **Motion A. St Onge seconded by K. Beausoleil to approve the minutes of the 08-16-2022 BOS Meeting carried unanimously**
  - B. **Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to approve the minutes of the BOS 08-18-2022 Special Meeting carried unanimously**
- IV. Correspondence: none
- V. Selectmen Comments:
  - K. Beausoleil: noted that the audit should be underway and brought up previous discussion about possible additional staff in the Finance Office, given the combination of two positions into the one.
  - S. Witkowski: none at this time
  - A St Onge: Foodies Fest: Saturday at Riverside Park. \* The Sidewalk rebuilding work is coming along nicely, with a pause over Labor Day weekend. \* Milling along Rt 12 will address potholes.
- VI. Citizens' Comments:
  - Amanda Lewis, representing the Recreation Department, supported the appointment of Ashley Lewis to the Recreation Commission
  - Wayne O'Brien , Fabyan Road, commented about the redesign of the Blain Road intersection and asked the use of last year's remaining funds which were planned to address Fabyan Road needs.
  - Sally White, Alm Road, asked about the status at EASTCON as well as noting that there is no Correspondence listed on today's BOS agenda.
- VII. Fire Marshal Mutual Aid Services Agreement Pomfret, Putnam, Woodstock, Thompson: The proposed agreement, drafted by Attorney Rich Roberts, was reviewed by the Selectmen. Previously, Thompson only had a Mutual Aid agreement with Woodstock; this proposal extends coverage to Pomfret and Putnam, provided greater emergency back-up coverage. Additionally, the State Fire Marshal's office is understaffed and cannot provide support as they previously could.  
**Motion K. Beausoleil seconded by S. Witkowski to authorize the First Selectman to enter into an agreement for Mutual Aid (Fire) Services with the towns of Pomfret, Putnam, Woodstock along with the Town of Thompson carried unanimously.**
- VIII. DPW Director Search: A 17-year staff member at the Highway Garage has asked about moving to the role of Director of the DPW, based on extensive experience. He has developed concepts for a broader Roads maintenance Plan and has other ideas. The consensus of the BOS was to set up an interview with the individual.
- IX. Thompson Middle School PTO 8th Grade "Stepping-Up" Request for Fundraiser at the Transfer Station from 8-2 on Saturday.  
**Motion S. Witkowski seconded by K. Beausoleil to honor the request to conduct a Fill The Paws event on September 10, as proposed, carried unanimously.**
- X. Appointment:  
**Motion K. Beausoleil seconded by S. Witkowski to appoint Ashley Lewis to the Recreation Commission through April 15, 2024 carried unanimously.**

- XI. Resignation:  
**Motion A. St Onge seconded by K. Beausoleil to accept the resignation of Pat Charron from the Trails Committee with regret carried unanimously.**
- XII. Open 5 RFP Bids for Main Street Reconstruction. The BOS looked through the proposals, seeking the quotes. Most proposed a base amount plus a State requirement amount. The packages will be sent to appropriate committees including MSRAC for detailed review. Subsequently, they will be looking at a grant for Main Street sidewalks & repaving
- Wendell, MacDonald & Costello, Newington (\$90K + \$11K)
  - AI Engineers, Middletown (\$135K)
  - Freeman Company, LLS Hartford (\$99,900)
  - GM2, Glastonbury (\$119K + \$6K)
  - BETA Group Inc, Hartford (\$88k + \$115K)
- XIII. Other Business: none
- XIV. Citizen Comments:
- Sally White, E. Thompson Road, asked bid details. She requests the public see background information about those who are appointed to public service positions. S. Witkowski noted that frequently, a newly-appointed member of a Board/Commission is introduced and the person's background is presented at that time.
  - Wayne O'Brien, Fabyan Road, asked about details of 2 previous EMS calls. K. Beausoleil: the reports are presented so the process and details of what took place can be reviewed.
- XV. Tax Refunds **Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to approve the tax refunds as presented, for a total of \$ \$2,546.81 carried unanimously.**

A J Manufacturing LLC	\$53.24	LaFramboise Water Service, .	\$46.90
Beaulieu, Lucien J. Jr.	\$6.81	Masters, Paul A.	\$17.76
Berthiaume, Catherine J.	\$55.60	O'Brien, Wayne D.	\$38.53
Cournoyer, Richard E.	\$5.26	Sellers, M & Devine, P	\$12.61
Cournoyer, Richard & Teena	\$6.55	St Lawrence, Michael E.	\$26.85
Gendron, Barry R.	\$39.41	Toyota Lease Trust	\$398.80
Hyundai Lease Titling Trust	\$541.56	VW Credit Leasing LTD	\$30.10
Jewell, Marvin E.	\$95.25	VW Credit Leasing LTD	\$406.40
King, Ann C.	\$39.51	Waterhouse, Mark A.	\$31.08
Labby, Peter T & Candis	\$646.53	Wiik, Robert G. and Susan A.	\$12.16
Rhonda Rooney	\$35.90		

- XVI. Adjourn:  
**Motion A. St Onge seconded by K. Beausoleil to adjourn at 7:46 PM carried unanimously.**

The ZOOM recording of the meeting:

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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.*