



TOWN OF THOMPSON
Board of Selectmen - Minutes
Tuesday, September 20, 2022
Town Hall- Merrill Seney Room
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 Ken Beausoleil and Susanne Witkowski.
Michelle Giammarinaro (HR Director). Members of Boards and 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 accept the 09-06-2022 BOS Meeting Minutes as presented carried unanimously.**
 - B. **Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to accept the 09-12-2022 BOS Special Meeting Minutes as presented carried. (K. Beausoleil abstained)**
 - C. **Motion A. St Onge seconded by K. Beausoleil to accept the 09-16-2022 BOS Special Meeting Minutes as presented carried unanimously.**
- IV. Correspondence
 - A. Paul Manchuck – Storm Water Management: Labby Road/Dennis Dr @ the Webster boarder: the matter was referred to the DPW
 - B. DESPP Summary of Services August 2022: the report was read aloud
*After the agenda was posted: K. Beausoleil noted an email arrived from Bill Warner which can be brought up under Citizens' Comments.
- V. Selectmen Comments:
 - S. Witkowski noted the fun of the Food Truck event.
 - K. Beausoleil: it might be scheduled in conjunction with other events, with more publicity.
 - A. St Onge * A \$496K STEAP Grant came in for the Library Roof project. * Community Day is coming soon, October 1. * The town will have a new-hire at the DPW. Seventeen-year veteran of the department, Joe Tkacik, applied for the position of Director, was interviewed and a job offer will be extended, as of 10-31. The subject will be on the October 4 BOS agenda for confirmation.
- VI. Citizen Comments:
 - Nadine Williams-Edwards, Spicer Rd * armed schools Security Officers (SROs) are being discussed. The BOE seems to be the deciding authority. A. St Onge: Dave Johnson, BOF member, noted that actually it should be the public's (voters') decision. She reviewed the research which has already been conducted on the matter and other research which is planned; an informed decision with all details and the process planned out, whichever path is taken, is essential.
 - Bill Warner, Lowell Davis Dr, discussed PA 490 and detailed his concerns about how the assessor is handling implementation, calling upon the BOS to address the matter.
 - Valerie Clark, Alm Rd *a citizen's address was incorrect in the minutes of the 09-06-2022 BOS meeting. * Noting that Mr. Williams cited many of her same PA490 concerns, she brought up the use of the GIS system for decision-making, the appraisal software change and believes there to be a lack of published information about the process.
- VII. Report – Tyra Penn-Gesek, Director of Planning & Development, reviewed the details and status of all pending grant applications as well as identifying possible new applications which may be sought. All Board/Commission interactions within the Land Use Department and others were discussed, as well as two other matters: * her participation at the Big E, Springfield Fair, in the Connecticut Building as part of the Tourist District display * the Transfer Station design work by UCONN engineering students has been accepted by the college and will move ahead.
Board questions for the Town Planner:
 - K. Beausoleil asked her about efforts for the Fire Departments. Planner: Grant applications require particular statistics, which are not always readily available in the format needed. The planner will always help the chiefs. A St Onge noted the Chief Grauer/Thompson Hill was awarded a \$50K USDA grant.

-S. Witkowski * asked about the plan to maintain 65 Main when the renovation is complete. Yes, Operations/Scheduling and Maintenance will follow. * She praised the grant process for the Library Roof grant. * The Planner was thanked for the report and its detailed delivery to the BOS.

- VIII. DECD CT Communities Challenge Grant Resolution Partnership: based on the State's utilization of their ARPA allotment, a private/public partnership is being developed, demonstrating clear lines to the goals and priorities of the grant. A graphic display of the proposed 152-acre French River project along Riverside Drive allowed the BOS and the public to see the proposed development, and in particular the areas that will be available for public use along the southern area of the parcel. This aspect of the development will require \$3 - \$6 Million of the total anticipated \$65M expenditure; the grant request is \$3.157M which includes support of the town's shovel-ready "Wayfinding" signage program. The grant brings no financial obligation to the town; the Planner would act as grant manager. Discussion of the benefits of this proposal included water access for public use, trails access and overall, a 45% preservation of land in open space, including a buffer toward adjacent private property, and. It was noted that the developer is already working on the dam repairs.

Motion K. Beausoleil seconded by S. Witkowski to adopt and certify the DECD Grant Partnership Resolution as presented carried unanimously.

- IX. Community Fire – Request for Boot Drive Fundraiser at Transfer Station and Riverside Drive:
Motion S. Witkowski seconded by K. Beausoleil to approve the Community Fire Company 09-24-2022 Boot Drive request as presented carried unanimously.

X. Other Business: none

- XI. Citizen Comments:
- Valerie Clark, Alm Rd * believes that the DECD Resolution, agenda item VIII, seemed to have needed more time and citizens awareness. * the PA 490 matter has been handled in ways she believes to be inappropriate.

- XII. Tax Refunds:
Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to authorize the tax refunds, for a Total of \$2,211.55 carried unanimously.

CCAP Auto Lease Ltd	\$617.47	Leo, Parmi P.	\$8.66
CCAP Auto Lease Ltd	\$394.32	Lindell, Gary J.	\$42.29
CCAP Auto Lease Ltd	\$360.37	Ostowski, David S.	\$70.80
Dowd, Adam	\$176.21	Rybacki, Raquel C.	\$40.83
Ellison, Jane L.	\$42.16	Schmeelk, Darrin D.	\$39.53
Frasier, Mary J.	\$32.08	Wagner, Christian T.	\$63.75
Jezierski, Jason J.	\$150.12	Worley, Lewis E. 2nd	\$16.01
Kulaga, Mark A.	\$14.36	David A. Reynold	\$10.68
Roy G. Lebo	\$87.57		
VW Credit Leasing LTD	\$44.34		

- XIII. Adjourn:
Motion A. St Onge seconded by K. Beausoleil to adjourn at 8:15 PM carried unanimously.

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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.

