



## TOWN OF THOMPSON

Board of Selectmen - Minutes  
Tuesday, November 1, 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 PM with all selectmen present.  
Roll Call: First Selectman Amy St Onge, Selectmen Ken Beausoleil and Susanne Witkowski.  
HR Director Michelle Giammarinaro, Finance Director Bill Steglitz. 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:  
**Motion A. St Onge seconded by K. Beausoleil to accept the 10-18-2022 BOS Meeting Minutes as presented carried unanimously, observing a typo on agenda (the Minutes date).**
- IV. Correspondence: none previous to today  
\*At 9:41 AM today, 11-01-2022, an email from Sally White , 308 E. Thompson Road, was received at the town hall regarding recycling and included links to websites which provide recycling data.  
A. St Onge forwarded it to the Transfer Station Advisory Committee; the January BOS meeting can provide opportunity to review their findings.
- V. Selectmen Comments:  
-K. Beausoleil: regarding the citizens' inquiry about the recycling process in Thompson, outside experts are available and should be asked to work with the Transfer Station Advisory Committee  
A. St Onge added that she has looked at some of the articles referenced in the email.  
-K. Beausoleil: the crew paved on the weekend, moving the project almost to completion. All residents should exercise their right to vote next Tuesday, November 8.  
- S. Witkowski: Halloween went well, with the community heavily involved. She encouraged residents to be sure to vote.  
-A. St Onge noted a pleasant surprise in her family, limiting her opportunity to participate in Halloween. \* Friday, Veteran's Day November 11 at 11 AM at Oscar Swanson Park, a ceremony to honor all of those who served will be held.
- VI. Citizens' Comments:  
-John Rice, 39 E. Thompson Road asked about possible alternatives to recycling, noting the established impacts on sea life from floating debris.
- VII. Quaddick Lake Ordinance Update:  
As a follow-up to the recent tragedy, an Ordinance to control activities on the waterway is being considered. The town is working with DEEP to establish ways to reduce risk, especially on the weekends. The site, State property, is open to local as well as day users. A member of the ad hoc committee devised a chart to propose controls, but the DEEP is asking for text. Text examples: All traffic on the waterway shall move in a counterclockwise motion. Speed limits would be established. If an Ordinance is developed, it will first be approved by DEEP then come to the taxpayers for a final decision. \* Note that the lower basin has no ramp access, so no access is available by non-lakefront residents. The comment about fishing boats agitating invasive plant species and pushing them into the main lake is correct. \* The DEEP will independently conduct public hearings about noise levels on state park lakes and waterways, responding to complaints about disturbances to the tranquility on the waterbody and surrounding area.

\* If a fishing tournament is scheduled, restrictions on speed can be set aside briefly; usually the start is in the early AM. After the start of the event, restrictions can resume.

\* The possibility of a Resident Trooper, who would have enforcement authority on the land/lakefront, could be a deterrent to unwelcome behavior on the water (only the DEEP has jurisdiction on the waterbody itself). \* Discussion of the advantages of a Resident Trooper as compared to a Resource Officer will be part of an informal Public Safety forum on November 9 at 7 PM in the Town Hall; a Zoom link will be provided so all residents can watch/participate.

- VIII. Proclamation: First Selectman read aloud a Thompson Proclamation in recognition of Giovanni C. Couture: earning his Eagle Scout badge. Mr. Couture detailed his years in Boy Scouts, rising through the ranks to the present level. He is currently a student in the Killingly Vocational-Agriculture program, planning to attend college in Animal Health/Behavior and Environmental Science. His Eagle Scout project involved conservation work, repairing a watershed and trail. Congratulations were offered by all Selectmen, and photos were taken to commemorate the event.

- IX. Appointment:  
**Motion S. Witkowski seconded by K. Beausoleil to appoint Ryan Cournoyer as an Alternate on the Mill Sites Redevelopment Advisory Committee for an indefinite term carried unanimously.**

- X. Other Business: none

- XI. Citizens' Comments:
- Ray Williams, Porter Plain Road noted issues with weed entanglement regarding the use of electric motors on Quaddick Lake (State Park) as well as electric motors power failures
  - Caleb St Onge, Riverside Drive advocates that the town seriously examining the advantages of a Resident State Trooper. With State Police stretched thin, someone in-town would be watchful everywhere as well as at Quaddick and would serve as a deterrent.
  - Valerie Clark, 109 Alm Road \* Appreciates that the Selectmen are addressing the situation at Quaddick (State Park). \* Suggested that if an Ordinance is developed, that care be taken about Stump Pond, as some of the area is privately owned and is marked with approved pins. \* Clarified her views regarding recycling. \* Asked about speed limits on Quaddick and about DEEP jurisdiction. \* Asked about the ad hoc committee concerning Safety in the Schools as well as addressing safe waterways. \* For Giovanni Couture, she suggested studying the work of Temple Grandin regarding animal behavior.
  - John Rice, 39 E. Thompson Road: Congratulations to Thompson's new Eagle Scout!
  - Sally White, 308 E., Thompson Road noted that security at State Parks is an issue at other locations than just Quaddick, but demonstration of the seriousness of the situation here could call for additional coverage from The DEEP.

- XII. Tax Refunds: Noting an error on the October 18 tax refunds, which was an overstatement in the amount of \$1, the amount to be approved is accordingly being reduced by that amount.

**Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to approve tax refunds as presented in the amount of \$3,724.43 carried unanimously.**

Grauer, George /Pauline	\$510.53	Toyota Lease Trust	\$412.38
Toyota Lease Trust	\$143.91	Toyota Lease Trust	\$463.67
Toyota Lease Trust	\$298.22	Toyota Lease Trust	\$280.49
Toyota Lease Trust	\$170.46	Toyota Lease Trust	\$625.68
Toyota Lease Trust	\$342.03	Daimler Trust	\$307.15
Toyota Lease Trust	\$171.01		

XIII. Adjourn:

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

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

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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.*