



**TOWN OF THOMPSON**  
**Board of Selectmen – Minutes**  
**Tuesday - November 15, 2022**  
**Merrill Seney Room-Town Hall**  
**and via ZOOM Online Meeting Portal**

**i.**

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.  
HR Director Michelle Giammarinaro, Finance Director William Steglitz, Library Director Alison Boutaugh.  
Members of Fire Departments, Boards and Commissions as well 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 approve the minutes of the 11-01-2022 BOS meeting carried unanimously**

IV.Correspondence

A.Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours, Loos Center for the Arts, Woodstock Academy

V.Selectmen Comments:

-K. Beausoleil: sidewalk project almost complete/ lines painted, Rawson Ave area seems dark  
-S. Witkowski : the election ran smoothly, RT 193 work underway, asked about Quaddick drawdown  
-A St Onge: researched CT waterways fatalities- 2022 is consistent with other years @ 9; on 11/09 the ad hoc school security committee met and will meet again on 11/30 at 6, Town Hall (open to the public) to determine the options and goals, then create a proposal to go to the public. \* Main Street reconstruction is underway, with hopes for a grant to upgrade sidewalks. \* The DPW received 200 tons of road salt. \* The Recreation Department is conducting a Holiday Lights Contest, details are on the website. \* K. Beausoleil asked and confirmed that road salt went up 30% over the previous year.

VI. Citizen Comments: - Valerie Clark, 108 Alm Road \*noted that her street number was recorded as 109 Alm Road, incorrectly, in the previous minutes. \* Despite searching for the meeting notice or link to the November 9 discussion, she could not find it posted. A. St Onge will double check for all special meetings in the future.

VII.Library Request to Waive Bid Process- after discussion of the possible installation schedule:

**Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to approve the request for a waiver of the bid process for both Library upgrade projects: 2 sets of Sliding Door Replacements (\$24,200, Door Control) ) and Boiler Replacement (\$24, 972 New England Mechanical) carried unanimously.**

VIII.Budget Transfers- Finance Director William Steglitz reviewed the actions taken by town departments to surrender budgeted amounts in order to balance against expenses. Even with that effort, the budget shortfall remains \$37K, a factor of the ambulance situation which unexpectedly arose. The Finance Director was praised for the detailed documents provided to demonstrate what departments surrendered budgeted funds to try to achieve balance.

**Motion K. Beausoleil seconded by A. St Onge to accept the Budget Transfers proposal as presented, demonstrating a \$37,000 shortfall, and to send the matter to the BOF, carried unanimously.**

IX. Grant Resolution –School Facilities Director Bill Birch reviewed possible access to State-issued hvac upgrade grant funds, and the 12/01 application deadline. The reimbursement rate will be 68.2% with the 28% remaining balance to be handled by the town. Since school ARPA funds were previously used for the hvac study, the application can be submitted by the deadline. The School HVAC Grant Resolution was read into the record by First Selectman A. St Onge.

**Motion A. St Onge seconded by K. Beausoleil to move ahead with the HVAC Upgrade project at the School as read aloud in the Resolution carried unanimously.**

X. Other Business: none

XI. Citizen Comments: none

XII. Tax Refunds:

**Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to approve the tax refunds for a total of \$650.51 carried unanimously.**

Johnston & Associates	\$157.50	Maynard, Brian & Bruce	\$208.33
JP Morgan Chase Bank NA	\$63.18	Simpson, Derek D.	\$84.07
LeMay, Danielle M.	\$99.35	Todd, Daniel O.	\$38.08

XIII. Adjourn:

**Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to adjourn at 7:36 PM carried unanimously.**

To see the meeting, click on this link or copy/paste into your search bar:

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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.*