



TOWN OF THOMPSON
Board of Selectmen-Minutes
Tuesday - February 7, 2023
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 Ken Beausoleil, and Susanne Witkowski.
Town staff members. Members of Boards and Commissions, 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 01-17-2023 BOS Meeting carried unanimously**
 - B. **Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to approve the minutes of the BOS Special Meeting (Budget Reviews 01-24-2022) carried unanimously**
 - C. **Motion A. St Onge seconded by K. Beausoleil to approve the minutes of the BOS Special Meeting (Budget Reviews 01-26-2023) carried unanimously**
- IV. Correspondence:
 - A. The First Selectman read aloud the January 2023 DESPP Police Services Report.
-K. Beausoleil noted the frequency of out-of-compliance, and other vehicle-related situations on Buckley Hill Road and requests greater State Police attention to that area.
- V. Selectmen Comments:
 - K. Beausoleil: the lights in the park are still out. A. St Onge will follow up.
 - S. Witkowski: State Rep. Rick Hayes will be involved in the Quaddick State Park matter
 - A. St Onge * The CT DEEP is working locally to draft a proposed ordinance regarding Quaddick Lake * research is underway about a possible way to identify abandoned mill sites for inclusion in the possible ordinance. Riverside Drive work order for lighting is submitted *Thompson Historical Society lease proposal has been reviewed and the process is moving along. * the DPW budget is running favorably, there having been, so far, a minimum of salt needed and overtime. ** loss of power town-wide was significant, but the Fire Departments, DPW and Eversource worked diligently and power was fully restored within 24 hours. Emergency Services Director Steve Benoit added that there was, for the first time, a communications glitch. * The Quinebaug Fire Department opened the emergency shelter —Thank you to them! *The fees that will be assessed for the Stewardship of the former landfill on Pasay road have been reduced, with a key test not yet required but to be scheduled for a future date. *The Budget Workshops began in February, with the major departments and the Fire Companies being scheduled for the next two weeks. Goal: by the end of February, the proposed budget will be finalized and presented to the public on March 2.
- VI. Citizen Comments:
 - Valerie Clark, 105 Alm Road noted the recent very bad weather conditions, with Thompson among the towns with the greatest number of outages, yet the workers were able to fully restore power in 24 hours. She offered her Thank You to them.
- VII. MRFES PTO Request: Jessica Bolte was present to review the status of the playground.
Motion S. Witkowski seconded by K. Beausoleil that the BOS approve the use of the Transfer Station by the elementary school PTO for the “Fill The Swing” event on March 11 & 25, 2023 carried unanimously.

- VIII. Girls Scout Request:
Motion K. Beausoleil seconded by S. Witkowski that the BOS approve the use of the Transfer Station by the Girl Scouts for a cookie fundraiser on Saturdays April 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2023 carried unanimously.
- IX. Appointment:
Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski that the BOS appoint Kevin Fijol to the Trails Committee for an indefinite term 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 as presented for a total of \$1,921.92 carried unanimously.
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| Duquette, David A. | \$123.00 | Sidebottom, Steven S. | \$46.74 |
| Ficher, William T. | \$61.30 | Sipes, Charles Jr /Charlene M. | \$845.05 |
| Hart, Rebecca L. | \$589.87 | Toyota Lease Trust | \$255.96 |
- XIII. Adjourn:
Motion K. Beausoleil seconded by S. Witkowski to adjourn at 7:31 PM carried unanimously.

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

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/pROFB3w80LcOc5n7MVNqiz9FMpOFFzsHbLfqGesWX3IPICiz8rS4JIN7WZVTH3gM.DOFAJSX4g_sCA2YM Passcode: K7LN+c1U

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.