



Town of Thompson
Board of Selectmen- Minutes
Tuesday - March 21, 2023
Merrill Seney Room- Town Hall
and via ZOOM Online Meeting Portal

- I. The call to order by Selectman Amy St Onge was at 7:00 PM.
Roll call: First Selectman Amy St Onge and Selectmen Susanne Witkowski. Ken Beausoleil was away.
Members of the public in person and via Zoom, Members of Boards & Commissions. Recording Secretary Dotti Durst
- II. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. First Selectman Amy St Onge called for a moment of silence in memory of Mercedes Robbins, former Thompson Probate Judge and Treasurer, who passed away March 18.
- III. Approval of Minutes:
 - A. **Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to approve the minutes of the 03-07-2023 BOS Regular Meeting carried unanimously.**
- IV. Correspondence: none
- V. Selectmen Comments:
 - S. Witkowski recognized the first day of spring and the happy occasion for the family
 - A. St Onge * Mary Poppins, this weekend. * April 1, Easter Egg Hunt on the Common * The BOF is meeting every Thursday for the Budget Workshops to examine the proposed budget, 7 Pm in the Merrill Seney Room at the town hall and via Zoom. * The Library Director sent a recommendation for two men to be hired for custodian positions.**Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to add an agenda item under Other (#IX) to discuss the recommendation for Library custodians carried unanimously.**
- VI. Citizen Comments:
 - Wayne O'Brien, Fabyan Road, asked about maintenance of his road and tree work
 - Valerie Clark, 105 Alm Road, inquired about agenda item VIII.
- VII. Resignations:
Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to accept the resignations of Heather Gauthier, Recording Secretary for Planning and Zoning, and of Robert L'Heureux, member of the Recreation Commission, both with regret, carried unanimously.
- VIII. Hire: Kevin Calabro, Recording Secretary - Planning & Zoning Commission.
Motion S. Witkowski seconded by A. St Onge to open the subject for discussion carried unanimously. Discussion included the excellent interview between a panel from the town and Mr. Calabro. He has a valuable background in construction; the question arose if this could possibly result in a conflict of interest as building projects come before PZC. The BOS requested further information; no action was taken.
- IX. Other Business: added to the Agenda—Discussion of two possible new staff members to be hired for the Library which the Library Director has recommended, via the Board of Trustees. Both are retirees from applicable careers.
Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski that Rodney Brook be hired as the daytime library custodian as of March 27 and that Michael Quesnel be hired as the evening Library custodian as of March 28 carried unanimously.

X. Citizen Comments:

- John Rice 39 E. Thompson Road, clarified that there is a town Ordinance applicable to elected and appointed individuals regarding possible conflicts of interest.
- Valerie Clark, 105 Alm Road, suggests the BOS keep the optics in mind in any hiring decision
- Wayne O'Brien, Fabyan Road, added comments about the schools' capacity/actual usage

XI. Tax Refunds:

**Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to accept the Tax Refunds as presented for a total of \$338.31 carried unanimously. Day, Robert L. Jr, and Marci J. \$12.48
Vincent, Norman D. \$108.02 Gadbois, Sarah E. \$217.81**

XII. Adjourn:

Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to adjourn at 7:29 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.