



TOWN OF THOMPSON
Board of Selectmen - Minutes
Tuesday- April 4 2023
Town Hall- Merrill Seney Room
and via ZOOM Online Meeting Portal

I. The call to order was by First Selectman A. St Onge at 7 PM with all three selectmen present.

Roll call: First Selectman Amy St Onge, Selectmen Ken Beausoleil and Susanne Witkowski. Michelle Giammarinaro, (HR Director), Tyra Penn-Gesek (Director, Planning and Development), Joe Tkacik, (Director, DPW), Members of the public, Members of Boards & Commissions. Recording Secretary Dotti Durst

II. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

III. Approval of Minutes:

Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to approve the minutes of the 03-21-2023 BOS Regular Meeting carried, 2-0, with K. Beausoleil abstaining, having been away on that date.

IV. Correspondence: Thompson VFW invited the BOS to Community Recognition Day, 7PM on April 17 at the Quinebaug Fire Department, where volunteers and exceptional service will be acknowledged.

V. Selectmen Comments:

- S. Witkowski noted the talent by staff and students in the Mary Poppins school performance ** the question arose at the BOF whether the town hall parking lot is ADA-compliant; it is not. Improvements should possibly focus on the entrance nearest the elevator, although both must meet ADA standards.
- K. Beausoleil asked that the timer on park lighting be adjusted to accommodate the Day Light Savings Time change, saving power. S. Witkowski added that examination of the possible use of solar lighting seems timely. K. Beausoleil: motion detectors on LED lighting combined with available solar power would ensure public safety even when weather prevented the solar lights' production, suggesting checking Eversource incentives to upgrade to energy-efficient bulbs.
- A St Onge noted events: the 6 -7:30 PM reception for the 19th Annual Community Art Show tomorrow, at the Library; the Easter Egg Hunt April 8 due to a rain delay; and the Maker Fair (May 6, 11-4)

VI. Citizen Comments:

- Valerie Clark, 105 Alm Road, noted that the town meetings calendar does not seem up to date, again

VII. Bids Opening – Thompson Public Library Roof Replacement Project: 5 bids came in

- * Greenwood Industries, Worcester, MA: Primary bid \$418K, alternate project, \$48K
- * JJS Universal Dudley, MA: Primary bid \$189,160, alternate project \$18,200
- * Guaranteed Roofing, Canterbury, CT: Primary bid \$197,945, alternate project \$\$25,200
- * Imperial Company, Cromwell, CT: Primary bid \$250K, alternate project \$29,100
- * Young Developers, LLC, Hamden CT: Primary bid \$195K, alternate project \$49K

The bids will go to the Library Director, Director of Planning and Development and the Roof Replacement team for review.

VIII. Hires:

Motion A. St Onge seconded by K. Beausoleil that Margot Ring be hired as a Library Clerk carried unanimously.

**Rodney Brooks, Library Custodian morning and Michael Quesnel, Library Custodian evening: both of these were hired as of the March 21, 2023 BOS meeting; no action needed.

Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski that Kevin Calabro be hired as the Planning & Zoning Commission Recording Secretary. Research was done regarding possible Conflict of Interest, as Mr. Calabro is employed by a contractor. He was presented with and signed Ordinance 10-009, with an understanding of how it could possibly apply. After review: **Motion carried unanimously.**

IX. Appointment:

Motion K. Beausoleil seconded by S. Witkowski that Ryan Cournoyer be appointed to the Agriculture Commission as an Alternate, term to expire 08-01-2025, carried unanimously.

X. Appointment per the Republican Town Committee Recommendation for an elected position:

Motion K. Beausoleil seconded by S. Witkowski that James Niedzialkoski be appointed to the Board of Assessment Appeals to fill the unexpired term of Robert Pederson, term to end 11/18/2023, carried unanimously.

XI. Other Business: none

XII. Citizen Comments:

- J. Rice (the Building Committee): the Imperial Company has done work in Thompson, which was a job well done.
- Sally White, E Thompson Road, confirmed that all of the just-hired individuals reside in Thompson.

XIII. Tax Refunds:

Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to accept the Tax Refunds as presented for a total of \$830.46 (two refunds to Toyota Lease Trust: \$598.35 and \$232.11) carried unanimously.

XIV. Executive Session:

Motion A. St Onge seconded by K. Beausoleil to go into Executive Session at 7:28 PM for two consecutive matters:

A. Personnel Matter: attending will be 3 BOS members, HR Director Michelle Giammarinaro and DPW Director Joseph Tkacik.

Immediately followed by

B. Possible Sale or Acquisition of Real Estate Interests: attending will be 3 BOS members and Director of Planning and Development Tyra Penn-Gesek

-motion carried unanimously.

Executive sessions ended at 8:24 PM with no action taken; the regular meeting resumed at that time.

XV. Adjourn:

Motion S. Witkowski seconded by K. Beausoleil to adjourn at 8:25 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 Finance. Please refer to next month's meeting minutes for approval of and/or amendments to these minutes.