



TOWN OF THOMPSON
Board of Selectmen- Minutes
Tuesday- June 6, 2023
Merrill Seney Room - Town Hall
and via ZOOM Online Meeting

- I. The call to order by Selectman Amy St Onge was at 7:00 pm, with all 3 Selectmen present
Roll Call: First Selectman Amy St Onge, Selectmen Susanne Witkowski and Ken Beausoleil.
Bill Steglitz (Finance Director). Fire Department Chiefs and leadership. Many members of the public in person and via Zoom, Members of Boards & Commissions. Recording Secretary Dotti Durst.
- II. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited
- III. Approval of Minutes
- A. BOS Special Meeting 5-15-2023 Cancelled
 - B. **Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to approve the minutes of the 05-16-2023**
BOS Special Regular Meeting carried unanimously.
 - C. **Motion A. St Onge seconded by K. Beausoleil to approve the minutes of the 05-18-2023**
BOS Special Meeting carried unanimously.
 - D. BOS Special Meeting 5-19-2023 Cancelled
 - E. BOS Special Meeting **Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to approve the minutes of the 05-30-2023**
BOS Special Meeting carried, with K. Beausoleil, who was away, abstaining.
- IV. Correspondence
- A. CCM Discount Prescription card Usage Feb 2023
 - B. Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours June 2023
- V. Selectmen Comments:
- K. Beausoleil: there has been a disruption in town; an unsigned letter was circulated which was appalling- it was so bad that townspeople stated that they could not let their kids even see it. On a positive note, at the Referendum next week the voters will speak about the budget so the town can move ahead.
 - S. Witkowski: none of the townspeople should tolerate this sort of unsigned document which was distributed; this is unacceptable. But more upbeat: 9 teachers have completed a certification program involving phonics-based reading skills, which has proven very effective in classrooms.
 - A. St Onge: unfortunately, the unsigned letter that was circulated indicates mental instability. The State Police are looking into the matter as a possible Hate Crime. Thompson is strong, however, and will rise above this. Good news: the DPW Roads Maintenance work is ready to begin; the process will involve several steps including chip-sealing, and drainage/culvert work with the goal of long-term solutions.
- VI. Citizens' Comments:
- Tom Angelo, Fabyan Road, asked about possible action to address the tilting billboard opposite the Town Hall/ Post Office, which is a possible hazard. A St Onge has identified and will contact the corporate owner.
 - Valerie Clark, Alm Road, noted Agenda item XI, and asked if information about has been made available.
- VII. Resolution regarding Connecticut Water Company easement: Schools to RT 12 water lines were replaced in 2017-2018; the final steps reconstruction, being mindful of the town hall fiberoptic cables, is wrapping up in July. A site walk was conducted. The Town Attorney has reviewed the language of the easement.
Motion S. Witkowski seconded by K. Beausoleil to approve the Easement and to grant authorization for the First Selectman to move ahead carried unanimously.
- VIII. Resolution regarding Connecticut Department of Economic Development Grant Application: the grant application total is \$3.8M with the largest portion for Main Street and sidewalk reconstruction, a smaller amount for 65 Main Street, and another amount for reconfiguring Swanson Park, including moving memorials and making the park a tranquil location to reflect on the sacrifices of military personnel and their families. The re-design was donated by J&D Civil Engineering. This is not a matching grant; Federal and State awards have come in and the grant application should receive extra points because of what the town already has in place, including design work.
Motion A. St Onge seconded by K. Beausoleil to adopt the Resolution as presented and to allow the Director of Planning and Development to move forward with the specified Grant application carried unanimously.

