

- I. The call to order by First Selectman Amy St Onge was at 7:00 PM Role call: First Selectman Amy St Onge; Selectmen Ken Beausoleil and Susanne Witkowski. ACO Erin Impellizeri. Lynn Landry-Transfer Station Committee, Members of the public, Boards/Commissions, Recording Secretary D.Durst
- II. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### III. Approval of Minutes:

- A. Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to approve the minutes of the 08-15-2023 BOS Meeting carried unanimously
- B. Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to approve the minutes of the 08-29-2023 BOS Special Meeting carried with S. Witkowski abstaining (she was away)
- C. BOS Meeting 9-5-2023 (the meeting was cancelled)
- IV. Correspondence:
  - A. DESPP Services July 2023: A. St Onge read the Troop D, Danielson, report aloud
  - B. CCM Discount Prescription Usage June 2023
  - C. Chamber of Commerce: Several events were detailed. The new Executive Director is Elle-Jordyn Goslin

### V. Selectmen Comments:

- K. Beausoleil: Community Day, the 30th....hopes for good weather and strong citizen turnout
- S. Witkowski: thanks to all the poll workers who made the primary run so smoothly
- A. St Onge: the DPW's road work season has only a few details remaining, even though this is a tight budget year.
- \*Roads eval by BetaCorp- public presentation Oct 26: how we can better maintain roads thus reducing repairs
- VI. Citizens' Comments:
  - Al Landry, 33 Randall Road- NDDH cutting staff. A. St Onge hopes not Sanitarians who inspect restaurants,, etc.
    Valerie Clark, Alm Road: supports new IWWA policy regarding use of RoundUp
  - Bill Warner, Lowell Davis Rd- his "dog issue" memo was not listed. A St Onge: it's a pending criminal investigation
- VII. Appointments:

Motion K. Beausoleil seconded by S. Witkowski to appoint Steve R. Veilleux as Thompson's Poet Laureate carried unanimously. A Special BOS Meeting was held for interviews, 08-29. K. Beausoleil: Both candidates are excellent and hopefully will work together, as their skills complement each other. Motion K. Beausoleil seconded by S. Witkowski to appoint Jennifer Hall to the Recreation Commission through April 15, 2026 carried unanimously.

VIII. New Hire:

Motion K. Beausoleil seconded by S. Witkowski to approve the hiring of Bob Corriveau as the Library Morning Custodian with a 19-hour workweek, effective 08- 30-2023, per the recommendation of the Library Director, carried unanimously.

- IX. Award Bid: This Federally-funded design work will remove invasives plants, clear the space and restore a peaceful area which provides a natural setting for citizens' enjoyment.
   Motion K. Beausoleil seconded by S. Witkowski to award the bid for design services at 65 Main Street (3.2 acres) to Wayne Weiseman/Permaculture Food Forest Assessment/Design Services, as recommended, carried unanimously.
- X. Mutual Aid and Contingency Agreement: Motion K. Beausoleil seconded by S. Witkowski to adopt the 10-Year agreement for Mutual Aid and Contingency Services between the Quinebaug Fire Department and the Sturbridge MA Fire Department as presented carried unanimously.

# XI. Boot Drive Request:

# Motion K. Beausoleil seconded by S. Witkowski for Community Fire Company to conduct a Boot Drive at the Transfer Station on Saturday, Oct. 21, 2023, from 8 am – 2 pm carried unanimously.

- XII. 2006 Ambulance (Deisel, 97K miles) Status: various options were discussed to utilize the apparatus or monetize it. The Animal Control Officer Erin Impellizeri noted the ways it would assist that Department. Investigation of the options will be set up with the DPW and others; it will be on a future BOS Agenda.
- XIII. "Nips" state funds for Transfer Station: The specific requirements of the State for the use of these funds were reviewed, as were some improvements needed at the Landfill, one if which is the installation of an eyewash station for safety in a potentially hazardous environment. There is no budget for these changes.
   Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to authorize the allotment of Nips State-issued Funds for Transfer Station Improvements. Discussion ensued. Lynn Landry, Transfer Station Committee, added details, with a needed professional design for traffic flow, and determination of priorities. Motion withdrawn A. St Onge/second withdrawn S. Witkowski, pending further information.
- XIV. Other Business: none
- XV. Citizens' Comments:

-Al Landry, 33 Randall Road: an eye wash station is importance to DPW staff but also to the public

# XVI. Tax Refunds:

Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to approve the Tax Refunds in the amount of \$4,444.21 as presented carried unanimously.

ACAR Leasing LTD	\$271.62	Loffredo, Brian F.	\$239.33
Beaudreault, Gary L.	\$38.79	Mathon, Roberta	\$50.02
Boothby, Theresa G.	\$249.48	Nedzweckas, Peter J.	\$145.60
Chapdelaine, David C.	\$22.70	Nissan Infiniti LT LLC	\$270.58
Charron, Donat E. Jr.	\$10.35	Proulx, Dennis W.	\$2.16
Dumas, Daniel A.	\$52.81	Proulx, Dennis W.	\$2.10 \$85.41
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Dumas, Daniel A.	\$18.67	Proulx, Kadie E.	\$125.01
Duquette, Samuel J.	\$69.5 <i>5</i>	Rivera, William J.	\$70.90
Dvoryaninov, Sergey A	. \$16.64	Tackson, Rhonda L.	\$335.67
Jezierski, Joel T.	\$138.14	Torres, Jordan T.	\$137.07
Jezierski, Joel T.	\$225.68	Toyota Lease Trust	\$345.75
Johnson-Scott, Kelly A.	\$24.52	VCFS Auto Leasing Co	\$624.65
Labonte, Michael L.	\$106.91	Walker, Yolanda A.	\$63.78
Langway, Edgar G.	\$57.36	Walker, Yolanda A.	\$71.84
Acun, Sungar and Ulke	r S \$8.76	Acun, Sungar and Ulker	\$53.90
Poirier, Jeremiah T. an	d Katherine B. \$29.12	Hyundai Lease Trust	\$481.44

#### XVII. Motion K. Beausoleil seconded by S. Witkowski to adjourn at 7:49 PM carried unanimously.: To view and hear the complete meeting, click or copy/paste to your search bar: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/nmmjlFmkRswUWuk7pLwfckg3LaY81-U8-</u> gyeNtPFWR7AJWx53XPkEhiYV1nrsb6w.wZXL3QOZEjXS5b0Y Passcode: #SrEcqC8

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