



TOWN OF THOMPSON
Board of Selectmen- Minutes
Tuesday, October 17, 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. 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 S. Witkowski to approve the minutes of the 10-03-2023 BOS Meeting carried unanimously.**
 - B. **Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to approve the minutes of the 10-05-2023 BOS Special Meeting carried unanimously.**
- IV. Correspondence: none
- V. Selectmen Comments:
 - K. Beausoleil suggested a look at the Parks lighting timers. A. St Onge has asked that they are looked at; if that is not the reason for the darkness, the situation should be examined
 - S. Witkowski thanked Thompson Together for conducting Municipal Elections Candidate Nights which was live-streamed for viewing away from the site.
 - A. St Onge praised the Democrat Town Committee for the desserts they contributed to the Candidates event. * On 10-26 at 7 PM (Thursday), a presentation to the public will be made at the Library to review the entire scope of the repaving project. Same night: Recreation's Laser Lights Show at the schools.* Walktober is underway, with interesting activities all across the northeast. Brochures are in the Town Hall corridors.
 - K. Beausoleil asked that Troop D confirm the State Park closure time (8 PM/at dark?).
 - S. Witkowski called upon all voters to exercise their right, 6 AM – 8 PM.

NOTE: The first BOS meeting in November is moved to Wednesday, November 8
- VI. Citizen Comments:
 - Valerie Clark, Alm Road, again noted the conflict in scheduling multiple Boards on the same day and time (The IWWA is moved to tonight), making public participation difficult.
 - Steve Benoit, Emergency Management Director, reviewed the training and drills for emergency situations last weekend, which went well. A. St Onge concurred.
- VII. PZC Approval of Town of Thompson Acquisition of a parcel of property: The ½ acre parcel on E. Thompson Road adjacent to the Great East Thompson Train Wreck Memorial Park will expand the historic site, funded through the DEEP Recreational Trails Grant. Once the parcel has received BOS approval, it will go to a Town Meeting for a vote. The BOS reviewed the documents provided, including from the Trails Committee, Planning and Zoning Commission, and others. After positive comments and discussion:
Motion K. Beausoleil seconded by A. St Onge to refer the matter to the PnZ Commission, with authorization to acquire Parcel A on the provided map, along

E. Thompson Road, for inclusion in the East Thompson Great Train Wreck Memorial Site, carried unanimously.

- VIII. Historical Society Request to conduct their annual Holiday Gift Shop - Chase Rd closure:
Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to approve a partial closure of Chase Road for the Historical Society event on November 24, 25, 26 and December 2,3, 9,10, 16,17 and 24 carried unanimously.
- IX. Re-appointment:
Motion K. Beausoleil seconded by S. Witkowski to re-appoint Lynne Comtois to the Thompson Housing Authority Commission through 10-31-2028 carried unanimously
- X. Staff:
Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to accept with deep regret, as was noted at the last BOS meeting, the resignation of Pete Ernst as Town Hall Maintainer, carried unanimously.

Motion K. Beausoleil seconded by S. Witkowski to hire Thompson resident Paula Cahill for the part-time position at the Building Office carried unanimously.
- XI. Other Business: none
- XII. Citizen Comments:
- Valerie Clark, Alm Road, thanked the BOS for using the respectful and appropriate name for the Great East Thompson Train Wreck Memorial Site, asking that the name be prompted/distributed as such.
- XIII. Tax Refunds:
Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to approve the tax refunds as presented for a total of \$35.80 carried unanimously.
Benoit, Kyle \$18.93 Magill, Donald and Phyllis \$16.87
- XIV. Adjourn:
Motion K. Beausoleil seconded by S. Witkowski to adjourn at 7:23 PM carried unanimously.

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

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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 the next meeting's minutes for approval of and/or amendments to these minutes.