



TOWN OF THOMPSON
Board of Selectmen – Minutes
Tuesday - February 20, 2024
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; all Selectmen present. Roll call: First Selectman Amy St Onge, Selectmen Ken Beausoleil and Susanne Witkowski. Members of Boards/Commissions and the public, WINY, Recording Secretary Dotti Durst
- II. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- III. Approval of Minutes:
A. Motion A. St Onge seconded by K. Beausoleil to approve the 02-06-2024 BOS minutes carried unanimously.
B. Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to approve the minutes of the 02-07-2024 BOS-BOF Special Joint Budget Presentation carried unanimously.
- IV. Correspondence:
-Today: a Little League Opening Day request was received; it will be added to the agenda
- V. Selectmen Comments:
- S. Witkowski: Budget workshops are underway which are very informative. The BOE budget presentation will be at TMHS on March 7 at 7 PM.
- K. Beausoleil: noted the budget process as modified seems to be going well
- A. St Onge regarding the Little League request received today:
Motion A St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to add the Little League road closure request to the agenda under # XIII, "Other Business" carried unanimously.
- VI. Citizen Comments:
- Saly White, E Thompson Road, asked about the current Maintenance contract on the elevator; repairs to it will be discussed this evening (Agenda item # VIII).
- VII. Transfer Station – Fees: Budget creation time is at hand. The Transfer Station Advisory Committee. The costs of running the facility have escalated while the income from recyclables dropped. The facility is of value to the entire town, especially for those who use it, but is a cost to all taxpayers. K. Beausoleil suggests that fee increases be incremental, so people can absorb the additional costs. A. St Onge: the Transfer Station has to be kept viable; favors the Transfer Station Committee recommendations. S. Witkowski asked for a breakdown of users by category, noting that a shortfall of \$115K is substantial. The BOS will look further at the options; a decision is needed by June for the next fiscal year's tax bills.
- VIII. Elevator Repair – Request \$41,215.49 from Board of Finance: A. St Onge reviewed the details of the search for the most favorable costs for the repair work, and the damage to be addressed. Sally White, E Thompson Road, noted that the current contractor for maintenance did not spot this issue. S. Witkowski commented that A. St Onge was diligent in getting the two viable firms who could do the repair to shave their prices, resulting in TK Elevator providing the best full-repairs cost quote. After considering many aspects of the situation and asking the Finance Director if Contingency has adequate reserve to handle this request, should the BOF determine that is how they would like to proceed:
Motion S Witkowski seconded by K. Beausoleil to forward a request to the BOF for \$41,215.49 for elevator repairs at the Town Hall carried unanimously.

- IX. TPS 8th Grade Moving Up Request for “Fill the Paw” Fundraiser at Transfer Station on ~~March 27, 2024~~, April 27, 2024, the second event this year:
Motion K. Beausoleil seconded by S. Witkowski to approve the TPS 8th Grade Moving Up Request for a “Fill the Paw” Fundraiser at the Transfer Station on April 27, 2024 carried unanimously.
- X. Appointment:
Motion S. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to appoint Brian Walker to the Thompson Hill Fire-Police Commission through November 18, 2025 carried unanimously.
- XI. Reaffirmation of DECD Resolution: In July, 2022, a \$2M Brownfield Grant application by the Director of Planning and Development for the Riverside Mill cleanup was authorized by the BOS and was successful. Now, the Department of Economic Development seeks confirmation from the BOS that as of this date the terms and conditions remain in full force and have not been rescinded, to be confirmed through an updated Resolution or confirmation of the previous Resolution.
Motion K. Beausoleil seconded by A. St Onge to declare the BOS Resolution to the DECD of July, 2022 regarding the Rivermill to be still in effect, unchanged and that, if requested, a new, identical Resolution shall be issued, carried unanimously.
- XII. NECCOG – Regional Hazardous Mitigation Plan: Cameron James (NECCOG Planner) will work with the town to update the 2020 Plan. He asked for a status report of the Thompson Mitigation activities; the BOS reviewed many projects. K. Beausoleil will assist the DPW to put a detailed status report together, including issues Thompson faces. The 2025 Plan update has to go through several steps, including approval by Partner towns, FEMA review and others, so quick action by Thompson is requested.
- XIII. Other Business: Little League request for road closure. The Little League Parade kicks off the season on Saturday, April 20 at 11 AM (Rain date April 27); Main Street would be closed for about 30 minutes. The BOS is invited to the parade and to the throw of the game’s first pitch.
Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to approve the closure of Main Street for the Thompson Little League on Opening Day, as specified, carried unanimously.
- XIV. Citizens’ Comments:
- Valerie Clark, Alm Road, **provided Eversource measurements of distances from the road the tree cutters should use in answer to a previous question. ** regarding Transfer Station fees: TEEG states that 16% of Thompson residents can’t afford food or rent. She does not support a fee increase.
- Sally White, E Thompson Road: Fire Departments are private corporations but quasi-public, wondering if only Town residents can be Members. ** the elevator manufacturer, Schindler, sent in a quote for the repairs, and may have a vested interest in its function.
- XV. Tax Refunds:
Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to approve the tax refund to Olm, Daniel G and Shelley A in the amount of \$30.03 carried unanimously
- XVI. Adjourn: **Motion A. St Onge seconded by K. Beausoleil to adjourn at 7:52 PM carried unanimously**
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Respectfully submitted by Dorothy Durst, Recording Secretary *Dorothy Durst*