



TOWN OF THOMPSON
Board of Selectmen – Minutes
Tuesday – March 19, 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 with all Selectmen present. Roll call: First Selectman Amy St Onge, Selectmen Ken Beausoleil and Susanne Witkowski. Department Heads, Members of Boards and Commissions and the public. 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 03-05-2024 BOS minutes as adjusted carried unanimously, noting #III the spelling of Roman Jameison and #XIV two Citizens' Comments were received but omitted: *Valerie Clark, Alm Road * Thanked the BOS for moving the church proposal forward *Noted Fire Police discussion brings a possible Fire District to mind; K. Beausoleil confirmed that the Departments suggest a person for appointment to the BOS; if they become Independent, they would have a Board making decisions. -Sally White, E Thompson Road, confirmed: appointments are at the recommendation of the Fire Chief.*
- IV. Correspondence:
 - * Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day will be June 29. Residents may begin to gather these items awaiting the safe method of disposal.
 - * Memo from Valerie Clark noting an omission in the 03-05-2024 minutes (see #III, above)
- V. Selectmen Comments: all Selectmen commented on the favorable weather.
 - K. Beausoleil: the Primary will be held April 2. After discussion, the BOS consensus was, since the town hall will be used on this regularly scheduled BOS meeting date, to considering a Zoom-only meeting or moving the meeting ahead one day to a Special Meeting on Wednesday, April 3; this will be decided next week.
 - S. Witkowski: March 23- Easter Egg event on the Common!
 - A. St Onge *The Building Committee and the First Selectman under-estimated the cost to construct the Salt Storage Facility at \$1.5M. The lowest bid received was for \$1.7M with an alternate option, with other bids reaching \$2.6M. The Committee will interview the two lowest bidders to gain understanding of their proposals. If new information becomes available, all bidders will be informed. *April Roadside cleanup begins the last week of March; bags are available for the public.
- VI. Citizen Comments:
 - Ray Williams, Porter Plain Rd, asked about the DPW performing some of the work at the salt shed. * Praised the PTO's collection of funds for the playground upgrade, supports waiver of the playground bid.
 - Tom Bednarz, Quaddick Town Farm Rd (experienced in powerline and transmission work) asked about unused land area at the landfill being considered for solar panels. Some of the technical requirements were reviewed.
 - Sally White, E Thompson Rd, noted that there had been an omission in the previous

minutes #XIV, Citizens' Comments (noted in agenda #III, above)

- Kathleen Herbert, speaking as the Chair of the BOE, praised the PTO and as well as all the volunteers and donors who raised the funds to allow the Playground to become ADA-compliant and updated at the Mary R Fisher Elementary School.

- VII. Recreation Department: At the request of the Recreation Committee, Darlene Tretheway was honored with an Employee Recognition plaque, recognizing over 16 years of involvement, particularly in Purely Rec. as detailed by Recreation Director Brian Lievens. Former Recreation Director Renee Waldron spoke eloquently about the long-term impact of this individual, noting the implementation of Roadside Clean-up and other activities. Each BOS member recollected her service to the town, with praise.
- VIII. MRFES PTO Request to Waive Bid Process for New Playground: The PTO and the Community have come together to raise all of the funds that will go toward the playground; no direct tax dollars will be used. As a result, the bid process for the work is not required. S. Witkowski applauded the town and school for raising the funds through events and activities of all kinds.
Motion S. Witkowski seconded by K. Beausoleil to waive the bid process for the Mary R Fisher Elementary School playground upgrade carried unanimously.
- IX. Other Business: none
- X. Citizens' Comments:
-* Kristin Schultz, Jezierski Lane and Jillian Nolle, Ravenelle Road thanked the BOS.
- XI. Tax Refunds: none
- XII. Adjourn:
Motion A. St Onge seconded by K. Beausoleil to adjourn at 7:27 PM carried unanimously.

The audio recording of this meeting is available in the Town Hall.

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.