



TOWN of **THOMPSON**

Board of Selectmen

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Tuesday, May 1, 2018 7:00 p.m.

East Thompson Volunteer Fire Department

The meeting was called to order by First Selectman Ken. Beausoleil at 7:00 PM

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

I. Roll Call:

Present: First Selectman Ken Beausoleil, Selectmen Steve Herbert and Amy St. Onge
Representatives of other Boards/Commissions: Recreation Director Angela Newell;
Emergency Management Steve Benoit
Several members of the public were present
Recording Secretary Dotti Durst

II. Approval of Minutes:

Motion S. Herbert seconded by A. St Onge to approve the minutes of April 17, 2018 carried unanimously

Motion S. Herbert seconded by A. St Onge to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2018 Special Meeting carried unanimously

Motion A. St Onge seconded by K. Beausoleil to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2018 Joint Special Meeting carried: A. St Onge – aye K. Beausoleil – aye S. Herbert - abstained

Motion S. Herbert seconded by K. Beausoleil to approve the minutes of the April 25,

2018 Special Meeting carried: K. Beausoleil – aye S. Herbert – aye A. St Onge - abstained

Motion S. Herbert seconded by K. Beausoleil to approve the minutes of the April 26,

2018 Special Meeting carried: K. Beausoleil – aye S. Herbert – aye A. St Onge - abstained

III. Correspondence was reviewed by K. Beausoleil:

A. Connecticut Water – Settlement Agreement

B. Zoning Violation – Wayne C. and Simasste Witherell

C. Connecticut Water – News Letter

D. Prescription Savings Report March 30, 2018

E. Thames River Basin Partnership – Letter

F. New: Invitation from Thompson Comes Alive, for Wed May 23

Selectmen's Comments: S. Herbert – offers a "shout out" to the 150 volunteers who came out to clean the roadsides in town. A. St Onge – none

K. Beausoleil -

- The town meeting will be May 7 with the Referendum on May 21 from noon to 8 PM
- Was in attendance at the Little League Opening Day on April 21. The Charter for Little League was issued 58 years ago; he participated in Little League 50 years ago!
- The roadside pickup volunteers resulted in a full dumpster of materials. Kudos to all.
- The Selectmen's Update in the Shopper's Guide is to keep the community informed

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- Thompson has been chosen a finalist in a Brownfield Grant program. About \$200,000 will be awarded. The presentation is on May 3 at 11 AM at DECD in Hartford
 - The Department of Public Works has begun to address pothole repair, grading of unpaved roads, and to consider all of the needs for this season. The rough estimate so far is that paving costs will be in the neighborhood of \$600,000.
 - Ballard Road has been addressed and is re-opened. Divers and cranes were required to get to the needed areas. DEEP and DOT are involved.
- IV. Citizens' Comments; Steve Benoit – Emergency Management- if an evacuation should be needed, would the Town be able to utilize DATTCO busses? K. Beausoleil – the bus contract is Item #7. The annual EPPI (Emergency Preparedness Performance Initiative) Drill, open to everyone, will be Saturday the 16th; this is one requirement for certain grant applications. An excellent report was received regarding School Security; a grant for updating security was received. The Emergency Preparedness Department is in excellent shape.
- V. Website Update: K. Beausoleil – there are three final vendors, *CivicPlus*, *CivicLive* and *Virtual Town Hall*, selected by the Social Media Committee, reference checks are underway. Demonstrations will be subsequently scheduled. The finalists are all involved with near-by towns, handling municipality media needs which are similar to Thompson's.
- VI. DATTCO Inc. Contract Update / Action: K. Beausoleil will be present at a meeting May 2 at 5 PM to finalize the contract with DATCO. Yet to be worked out: confirm that a price adjustment is included for the 2 vehicles (vans) the town is retaining, as well as removal of one bus from the transaction (blown transmission, therefore no value), confirm the rental fee amount of \$2,000 for DATTCO to rent town property for basic, short-term bus repairs.
Motion to authorize K. Beausoleil to accept the contract with DATTCO, with these conditions in place, by S. Herbert seconded by A. St Onge carried unanimously.
- VII. Fire Study Meeting – Set Date: The Fire Departments have been meeting on Fridays in the late afternoon and request a joint meeting with the in that time slot. After checking their other obligations, the Selectmen note that May 4 and May 11 are not available, and propose a subsequent date, possibly a Friday in May. K. Beausoleil noted that a person has stepped forward to serve on but not chair the Fire Study Committee.
- VIII. Town Attorney RFP: references are being requested for the finalists in the search for a new Town Attorney. Near-by towns with municipal needs similar to Thompson's utilize the services of some of these firms - Updike, Kelley and Spellacy (Storrs and Hartford), Halloran and Sage (Hartford), St Onge and Brouillard (Putnam), and Murtha Cullina (Hartford).
- IX. Stanley Kruzel IWWA Resignation: Mr. Kruze's letter of resignation is effective April 30. He thanked the Board and Agency for the opportunity to serve. K. Beausoleil has prepared a Certificate of Appreciation for Mr. Kruzel for his years of service.
Motion to accept Mr. Kruzel's resignation with regret by K. Beausoleil seconded by S. Herbert carried unanimously.
- X. Re-Appointment -Jasmine Berti, Inland Wetlands Commission: note was made that the appointment of J. Berti was previously made but she was unable to attend the swearing-in.

Motion S. Herbert seconded by A. St Onge to confirm the appointment of Jasmine Berti to the IWWC through March 15, 2023 carried unanimously.

- XI. Recreation Camp Staff Approval: Recreation Director A. Newell reviewed the procedure to recruit, interview and select Adventure Camp Counselors. About 2/3 are returning counselors. The following list of Action Camp Counselors was approved by the Recreation Commission on Wednesday, April 25th, 2018:

Julia Annese	Connor Monahan
Natalie Benton	Natalie O'Connell
Joseph Bogoslofski IV	Meaghan Rhondeau
Crystal Daly	Meaghan Roy
Sephanie Daly	Jordyn Staveski
Nathaniel Delage	Meaghan Strange
Nicole Duquette	Julia Szamocki
Michaela Godzik	Morgan Tamburri
Kevin Gomes	Nathan Tretheway
Alexandra Lamontagne	Emily Vincent
Emily Langlois	Evan Ware
Sarah Langlois	

Motion Herbert seconded by A. St Onge to approve the 2018 Adventure Camp Counselors as proposed by the Recreation Commission carried unanimously.

- XII. Other Business: none

- XIII. Citizens' Comments: Mike Krogul, 18 Walker Drive – having just arrived, asked the status of the contract with the bus company. Possible scenario: the purchase turns out to be higher than projected. K. Beausoleil – at the meeting this week, I am authorized to execute the terms already agreed upon, working through the final adjustments regarding the rental of Thompson space for short-term repairs and the modification which will result in vehicles being retained by the town. If that turns out to not be the situation in the meeting, the matter will come back to the Board of Selectmen. Is the DATTCO meeting is open to the public? It is not an Executive Session, which would preclude the public. It may be a Board of Education meeting, in which case the agenda is posted.

- XIV. Tax Refunds: Motion K. Beausoleil seconded by A. St Onge to approve the tax refunds carried unanimously.

Honda Lease Trust	\$577.64
Vault Trust	\$440.15
Vault Trust	\$189.00
Dean and Cathleen Demers	\$88.75

- XV. **Motion to adjourn S. Herbert seconded by A. St Onge carried unanimously.**

Adjournment was by K. Beausoleil at 7:36 PM.

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