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**Board of Selectmen**

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
Tuesday, May 15, 2018 7:00 p.m.  
Thompson Town Hall Seney Room  
MINUTES

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First Selectman Keen Beausoleil called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

Present: First Selectman Ken Beausoleil, Selectman Amy St Onge, Selectman Steve Herbert.  
Also: Steve Benoit, Emergency Management; Members of the public  
Staff: Recording Secretary Dotti Durst

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

I. Approval of Minutes:

**Motion S. Herbert seconded by A. St Onge to approve the Minutes of May 1, 2018 carried unanimously**

II. Correspondence

- A. The Last Green Valley, Inc. - Annual Meeting, June 7, Camp Woodstock
- B. Business After Hours, N E CT Chamber of Commerce – Woodstock Academy Center for the Arts, May 22, 5-7 PM
- C. SHR Energy Management LLC – Noel Lafayette, letter/email 05/02
- D. State of CT DESPP – Troop Statistics month of April: 231 calls for service
- E. State of CT DEEP – Proposal of Discharge into Waters: a tentative determination has been reached to approve Thompson's Renewal of the Wastewater Permit, all effluent limitations meet Water Quality standards
- F. Connecticut Siting Council- Petition No. 1247 C-Tec Solar, LLC – 65 Thompson Road, Non-compliance
- G. State of CT OPM – Thompson 2016 Net Equalized Grand List
- H. Town Clerk Memorandum, May 4 in which Renee Waldron, Chairman of the Economic Development Commission's Branding Implementation Subcommittee offers comments regarding the proposed revision of the Zoning Regulations

III. Selectmen's Comments:

- A St Onge - none
- S Herbert - none
- K. Beausoleil - On a positive note, the Blain Road Footbridge was included under Section 2309 of the Army Corps of Engineers for review of the design plans
  - Langer Pond dam breach: 100 year flood documents went to Steve Benoit, Emergency Management and IWWA for use during inspections
  - May 21 from noon to 8 PM: Budget Referendum. The Board of Finance will meet either to set the mill rate or to schedule a workshop to address a budget referendum, should it not pass. The Board of Selectmen will schedule a Special Meeting on Tuesday, May 22 at 10 AM to handle the budget follow-up.
  - May 23: Informational meeting regarding the Mill Redevelopment Project, 6 PM at the Library:
  - May 28: Memorial Day Parade, 9 AM

- DATTCO at the meeting on May 2 agreed to the terms regarding the fleet that the Town proposed, including removal of a defective bus from the transaction, and retention by the Town of two vans. The \$291,000 buyout will be handled in one lump sum. The School and Town attorneys are writing the contract.
- The Tighe and Bond contract has been signed. The Executive Vice President of the firm, himself an expert in alternative energy, will conduct the study of options in Thompson and will work with the Board of Selectmen and the Building Committee.
- A bucket truck for tree work is out of service and will not be re-certified. It is a 1988 Ford, obtained from State Surplus. The Board of Finance will be asked about the Rolling Stock Account, which may have a balance available for BOS use. They will be asked about the process and be kept informed.

IV. Citizens' Comments: None

- V. A Letter of Resignation from Mary Ann Chinatti, Director of Planning and Development, dated May 9, 2018, was read aloud. It has an effective date of June 10, 2018.  
**Motion S. Herbert seconded by A. St Onge to accept the resignation with regret carried unanimously.**

- VI. Community Fire Company, Inc. Boot Drive May 19 from 8 AM – 1 PM at the Transfer Station, as well as at Riverside Drive at Main Street.  
**Motion S. Herbert seconded by A. St Onge to endorse the request as presented for the Saturday, May 19 Fund Raiser carried unanimously.**

- VII. Fire Department Meeting/Fire Study: K. Beausoleil - tonight's fire structure call precluded the fire chiefs from being present tonight. They have been working collaboratively and in a positive manner regarding the suggestions in the Fire Study. They will identify some items which can be immediately handled and expedite them; there are some questions to bring forward.  
S. Herbert – the Fire Study could not provide an answer to the question of how many fire stations would be ideal. They could not find data based on geography or response time. Additionally, our data was difficult to interpret, as each responding station to a single call logged it. Thus an accurate count of the number of events cannot be compiled.

- VIII. Town Attorney RFP/Action: Interviews with the four candidates have been completed. Input is being sought from other towns which utilize their services; positive comments and recommendations are being received. It came to light that the 3 larger firms had been selected by towns in our region as their local attorneys retired or were no longer available. Whether to select the Retainer option was discussed, by which the annual fee is determined, divided by 12 months and billed equally throughout the year, with all services included except litigation or unusually complex matters. A. St Onge – will speak with Orla McKiernan-Raftery, Finance Director and Renee Waldron, Town Clerk, who both participated in the interviews, to gather feedback, as well as contacts in towns such as Putnam and Killingly. Final references should be in soon and a decision reached.

IX. Other Business: None

X.      Citizens' Comments: None

**NOTE:** a power failure caused a Recess to be called at 7:31. K. Beausoleil toured the building, resuming the meeting at 7:36.

XI.      Tax Refunds:      Thomas C. Radzik                      \$22.19  
**Motion by K. Beausoleil seconded by S. Herbert to approve the tax refunds as presented carried unanimously.**

XII.      Executive Session:  
**Motion S. Herbert seconded by A. St Onge to go into Executive Session at 7:42 PM carried unanimously.**  
A. UPSEU Union Petition/ State Labor Relations Board Hearing  
B. CBU vs. Thompson  
C. Starr Road  
D. Green Environmental  
E. Possible Land Acquisition  
F. Trinity Sewer Update

**Motion to close the Executive Session at 8:25 PM by A. St Onge seconded by S. Herbert carried unanimously. No action was taken.**

XIII.      **Motion by K. Beausoleil seconded by S. Herbert to adjourn carried unanimously.**  
Adjournment was by K. Beausoleil at 8:27 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 next month's meeting minutes for approval of and/or amendments to these minutes.*