



**TOWN OF THOMPSON**  
**Board of Selectmen- Minutes**  
**Tuesday- January 2, 2024**  
**Merrill Seney Room - Town Hall**  
**and via ZOOM Online Meeting**

- I. The call to order by First Selectman Amy St Onge was at 7:00 pm, with all 3 Selectmen present  
Roll Call: First Selectman Amy St Onge, Selectmen Susanne Witkowski and Ken Beausoleil.  
Bill Steglitz (Finance Director). Town Departments, Members of Boards & Commissions. Members of the public in person and via Zoom, 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 minutes of the 12-19-2023 BOS Regular Meeting with adjustments carried unanimously:**  
**Agenda item # 1...January 04, 2024. # 13 Jon Nolle John Szamocki . #5 S. Witkowski spoke with fire personnel who was out working at 6 AM ~~about a 6 AM call~~ ... # Cit Comms... Valerie Clark agreed with K. Beausoleil about fees but maybe not zoning fees; she should be asked to clarify her comment**
- IV. Correspondence:
- A. Democratic Town Committee – PZC Alternate and ZBA Alternate
  - B. Republican Town Committee – ZBA Alternate
  - C. Planning & Zoning Commission Chair – PZC Alternate; praised John Rice for his immense contributions.
  - D. Registrars of Voters – Early Voting Grant in the amount of \$10,500
  - \* After posting: request for Girl Scout Cookie Sale at the Transfer Station- will be. on the next BOS agenda
- V. Selectmen Comments:
- K. Beausoleil: the year ended with a series of unfortunate situations, but the Fire Departments deserve praise. It is a loss to the town to see a local business, in operation for 23 years, so impacted.
  - S. Witkowski: agreed, adding that the Sharpe family has been active in the community and is well-known. \* Best wishes for 2024 were extended.
  - A. St Onge: praised all the volunteers who stepped up recently, for the multiple situations. She is thinking about all the families involved \* The DPW is preparing for the first snowfall. \* Thursday at the Town Hall, 6 PM, the Assessor will conduct an information session, both for in-person and Zoom attendees, to review the re-valuation process. The recording will be posted for anyone to refer to.
- VI. Citizens' Comments:
- Valerie Clark, Alm Road, clarified that her comment at the 12-19-2023 BOS meeting was in regards to the discussion of Solar panel fees for re-inspections
  - Jess Bolte, Riverside Drive, as Scout Leader, noted that when the Girl Scout Cookie Sale takes place, prices will have increased to \$6.00 \* The Mary R. Fisher PTO received a State Bonding Commission grant for \$80K for pavement work, and making the playground ADA-compliant. She asks the BOS for encouragement and support as the process moves forward.
- VII. Emergency Management Vehicle- Discussion of a detailed memo from Director of Emergency Management Steve Benoit, and Deputy Director John Szamocki of the town-owned current vehicle's restrictions (a military Humvee from State Surplus, 1996, obtained at no cost to the town) and a possible replacement's upgrades and advantages The need is for a 4-wheel drive vehicle with a tow hitch to move various emergency apparatus to the designated location, and with modern communications capability, as it serves as the command post in emergencies. The sale of the current vehicle can contribute to the purchase of the replacement. K. Beausoleil added the possible sale of the third ambulance.

**Motion S. Witkowski second by K. Beausoleil to present to the Board of Finance the sale/liquidation of the current emergency vehicle (Hummer) and of the third ambulance, the resulting funds to be earmarked for purchase of a replacement Emergency vehicle for Emergency Management, carried unanimously.**

VIII. Appointments-

\*Planning and Zoning Commission Alternate: after discussion of the commitment of David Poplawski in service to the town-

**Motion K. Beausoleil seconded by S. Witkowski to appoint David Poplawski as Alternate on the Planning & Zoning Commission through November 18, 2025, to fill the unexpired Brian Santos seat, he having moved from alternate to a full seat, carried unanimously.**

\*Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate- Paul Lenky has moved from an alternate seat to the Jason St Onge full seat, leaving an Alternate seat open. After review of the political party affiliation of the two current alternates on the ZBA, one from each party, and the recommendations received from each Town Committee, as well as noting that Brian Loffredo has extensive service to the town:

**Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to appoint Brian Loffredo to the open Alternate seat on the Zoning Board of Appeals, through November 16, 2027, carried with K. Beausoleil abstaining.**

IX. Approval of Sub-registrars of Vital Statistics: After review of the memo from the town clerk:

**Motion K. Beausoleil seconded by S. Witkowski to approve the Town Clerk's recommendation for three Sub-registrars of Vital Statistics, Robert Fournier, William Juzwic, and Timothy G. Farner, for appointment by the Town Clerk from January 2, 2024 through January 6, 2026, carried unanimously.**

X. Other Business: none

XI. Citizen Comments: none

XII. Tax Refunds:

**Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to approve tax refunds in the mount of \$ 1,220.99 carried unanimously. Ellis, Christopher B. \$162.51 Gray, Douglas W. & Roberta M \$788.14 and \$270.34**

XIII. Adjourn:

**Motion K. Beausoleil seconded by S. Witkowski to adjourn at 7:30 PM carried unanimously.**

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