



TOWN OF THOMPSON Board of Selectmen

Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 19, 2020 via Zoom
MINUTES

First Selectman Amy St Onge called the meeting to order at 7 PM; all Selectmen are present.

Roll Call: First Selectman Amy St Onge, Selectman Ken Beausoleil and Susanne Witkowski Others; Francis (Frank) McGarry (Registrar of Voters), Steve Herbert (BOF), Members of Boards/Commissions, Town staff, Members of the public, Dotti Durst (Recording Secretary)

I. Approval of Minutes

A. **Motion A. St Onge seconded by A. Witkowski to approve the BOS minutes of 05-05-2020 carried unanimously.**

B. **Motion A. St Onge seconded by A. Witkowski to approve the BOS Special meeting minutes of 05-13-2020 carried unanimously.**

II. Correspondence:

-State Police Report (DESSP) - April 2020

III. Selectmen Comments:

K. Beausoleil- attended the MSRAC (Mill Sites Redevelopment Advisory Committee) meeting at which a document from the town attorney was discussed; he requested that it and future correspondence be sent to all Selectmen.

S. Witkowski- none at this time

A. St Onge – EMS Week began in 1974. She sends heartfelt thanks to the EMS community, for their bravery in protecting the health and well-being of the residents.

K. Beausoleil concurs; this is selfless service. S. Witkowski, admires that they stay strong – a long-term recovery planning committee will be set up. A survey has been set up on the town website to learn how best to assist townspeople in Covid 19 recovery

– the Governor's last-minute reversal of his decision to allow barbershops and salons to re-open, delaying 2 more weeks: these business owners lives and livelihoods matter, and many had already taken the necessary steps to re-open safely. K. Beausoleil: yes, and only 2 days before the re-opening. He advocated for communication being sent to the Governor.

IV. Citizen Comments:

S. Herbert, 122 Wilsonville Rd- commented about the question about the Ordinance Dick Trudeau, 192 Wagher Rd- asked the availability of the State Police report and the Attorney's MSRAC memo; the Selectman's Office will make them available.

V. Discussion and Possible Action - Permanently waive ordinance 10-009 on Purchasers or Providers of Election Services; A. St Onge asked Registrar F. McGarry to review the request. He noted the purpose is to set aside provisions in the Ordinance which reduces the

number of people available as workers on voting days, especially moderators and poll workers, as many who step forward are town employees or who hold elected offices. He does not ask for a waiver in utilizing workers whose name is on the ballot, as that is precluded by Statute. Discussion: the Ordinance references CGS 7-148 (b) which refers to an Ethics Committee, which Thompson does not have. Perhaps the Ordinance should be reviewed. A. St Onge: the Ordinance itself provides for a waiver; for how long should this waiver be in effect? The request is for a permanent waiver. S. Witkowski- as a person who holds elected office and serves as a worker on voting days, she will not make or second a motion on this matter; the First Selectman stated that the full BOS is required to vote unanimously on any proposed waiver. K. Beausoleil- the Town Attorney has agreed that the waiver as proposed is authorized; it will be for purchasers or providers of election services only. **Motion A. St Onge seconded by K. Beausoleil to permanently waive the provision in Ordinance 10-009 on Purchasers or Providers of Election Services only carried unanimously.**

- VI. Other Business: none
- VII. Citizens Comments; F. McGarry, 225 Chase Rd- thank you to the BOS members for your wise decision on the question this evening.
- VIII. Tax Refunds: none
- IX. **Motion K. Beausoleil seconded by S. Witkowski to adjourn carried unanimously.**
First Selectman A. St Onge adjourned the meeting at 7:23 PM.

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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.