



TOWN of THOMPSON

Board of Selectmen

**Minutes: Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 7, 2017
Merrill Seney Room, Town Hall**

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The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

First Selectman Ken Beausoleil called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Present: Ken Beausoleil
Shaina Smith
Steve Herbert

Staff Present: Tina Fox, Recording Secretary
Also Present: Members of the Public

I. Approval of Minutes

A. **Shaina Smith moved and Ken Beausoleil seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the January 17, 2017 regular meeting as written.**

1. S. Herbert stated that he was not able to attend this meeting but had requested via email to phone-in. The email was not responded to and apparently he had an incorrect phone number for K. Beausoleil as indicated in the email. He stated that he would have appreciated a response. K. Beausoleil stated that he did not notice the phone number was incorrect in the email and it was very unfortunate.
2. S. Herbert stated that he contacted the Selectmen's Office to listen to the recording of the meeting and was told the minutes were not available on the recorder in the Selectmen's Office. He also stated that the 2017 recordings should be posted on the website.

Ken Beausoleil- Yes Shaina Smith- Yes Steve Hebert- Abstain
The motion carried.

B. **Steve Herbert moved and Shaina Smith seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the January 25, 2017 special meeting with the following correction:**

1. Page 2, the suggested travel reimbursement should be 53.5 cents per mile, an increase of 13.5 cents per mile.

Ken Beausoleil- Yes Shaina Smith- Yes Steve Hebert- Yes
The motion carried unanimously.

C. **Steve Herbert moved and Shaina Smith seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the January 26, 2017 special meeting as written.**

Ken Beausoleil- Yes Shaina Smith- Yes Steve Hebert- Yes
The motion carried unanimously.

D. **Steve Herbert moved and Shaina Smith seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the January 30, 2017 special meeting as corrected.**

Ken Beausoleil- Yes Shaina Smith- Yes Steve Hebert- Yes
The motion carried unanimously.

E. Shaina Smith moved and Ken Beausoleil seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the January 31, 2017 special meeting as written.

Ken Beausoleil- Yes

Shaina Smith- Yes

Steve Hebert- Yes

The motion carried unanimously.

II. Correspondence

- A. TVCCA annual benefit for Meals-on-Wheels is May 20, 2017.
- B. Letter from Pam Bergeron regarding River Mill Village sidewalks and tree removal.
- C. Paul Grenier did not renew as the Town of Thompson's open burning official, and an appointment will need to be made for a replacement.
- D. Minutes from a TWPCA meeting.
- E. Notification from the CT Siting Council of a meeting on January 19th regarding C-TEC solar on Ballard Rd.
- F. Notification of work being done on the Verizon cell tower on Riverside Dr.
- G. The US Census will be coming up, and currently the First Selectman and Town Planner are listed as contacts for the Town.
- H. Declaratory ruling and minutes from CT Siting Council regarding C-TEC solar.

III. Selectmen's Comments

- A. K. Beausoleil presented the following Selectmen's Comments:
 - 1. Norm Babbitt passed away, and services will be Saturday, February 11th.
 - 2. There will be a Town Meeting on February 13th at 7:00 PM at the Library and a referendum on February 22nd.
 - 3. New Selectmen's Update will be in the Shopper's Guide the week of February 15th.
 - 4. The BOS has been working on budget workshops, and there are three more meetings scheduled.
 - 5. Building maintenance as Town Hall has been ongoing. The Community room has been painted and a chair rail was added.
 - 6. There is an Economic Development Commission (EDC) meeting on February 8th regarding branding/marketing that all are invited to attend.
 - 7. There was a meeting on January 25th for the River Mill. It was well attended.
 - 8. At the February 21st BOS meeting, CME will do a presentation regarding the findings at the Belding Mill.
- B. S. Herbert presented the following Selectmen's Comments:
 - 1. Norm Babbitt was a champion for all veterans, was tireless in his efforts, and will be greatly missed.
 - 2. Meals-on-Wheels are facing budget constraints and would like to start having volunteers deliver food rather than paid employees.

IV. Citizens' Comments

- A. Linda Jarmolowicz, 7 Denis Dr. stated that the BOS previously scheduled a special Town Meeting on a day with two other Board meetings and told the public it was an oversight. This Town Meeting is scheduled the same night as Zoning Board of Appeals, Board of Education, and a special Planning and Zoning Commission meeting. The BOE changed their meeting date to Tuesday, which is a shame they had to do that.

- B. Mike Krogul, Walker Dr., asked whether or not the BOE contributes toward the operation and maintenance of the Town Highway Garage. K. Beausoleil stated that there is no contribution/compensation. M. Krogul asked if there has been communication between the BOE and BOS for any future discussion about the bus RFP. K. Beausoleil answered that there is nothing he is aware of.
- C. Rob Mann, 15 Meadow Dr., stated that he could not find information on how to volunteer for Meals-on-Wheels and would appreciate contact information for that.
- D. Mike Krogul, 15 Meadow Dr., asked if there will be another meeting regarding the River Mill. K. Beausoleil answered that nothing is set now.

V. Request from Donate Life CT

- A. K. Beausoleil stated that Donate Life CT promotes organ and tissue donation awareness and they would like to send a flag to the Town to fly under the American flag in April.
- B. S. Smith asked if the company is a non-profit, to which K. Beausoleil replied affirmatively.
- C. There was a consensus to approve the request.

VI. Request from Girl Scouts

- A. K. Beausoleil stated that the request is to sell cookies at the Transfer Station on each Saturday in March from 8:00 AM to noon
- B. **Steve Herbert moved and Ken Beausoleil seconded the motion to allow the girl scouts to sell their cookies for each Saturday in March from 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM starting on March 4th.**

Ken Beausoleil- Yes

Shaina Smith- Yes

Steve Hebert- Yes

The motion carried unanimously.

VII. USDA Loan Resolution

- A. K. Beausoleil stated that this is a loan resolution for the Marianapolis sewer project. This is a preliminary step to apply for grant money. No matter what happens, the decision would have to go to referendum. This is a formality to lock in an interest rate.
- B. S. Herbert asked if the loan would be paid for by Marianapolis. K. Beausoleil answered affirmatively.
- C. **Ken Beausoleil moved and Shaina Smith seconded the motion to approve the loan resolution as requested by the USDA for the Town of Thompson in the amount of \$2,300,000 based on the application requirements by the USDA.**

Ken Beausoleil- Yes

Shaina Smith- Yes

Steve Hebert- Yes

The motion carried unanimously.

- D. S. Smith requested that the resolution be attached to these minutes.

VIII. FOIA Policy

- A. The Board discussed various changes to the current Public Records Policy
- B. **Shaina Smith moved and Steve Herbert seconded the motion to approve the access to public records policy with the recommended changes discussed this evening and the inclusion of the new adoption date of February 7, 2017.**

Ken Beausoleil- Yes

Shaina Smith- Yes

Steve Hebert- Yes

The motion carried unanimously.

IX. EDC Discussion

- A. K. Beausoleil stated that there is an EDC meeting February 8th to discuss Thompson's identity, shortcomings, strengths, etc. A new timeline of the proposed meetings was provided by NECCOG.

X. Road List

XI. Other Business

- A. **Steve Herbert moved and Shaina Smith seconded the motion to establish for the reimbursement rate for Town employees at the then current federal mileage reimbursement rate.**

1. S. Herbert explained that in the past, when Town employees had to travel using their own vehicle, the reimbursement rate was 40 cents per mile, but the IRS business rate is 53.5 cents per mile

Ken Beausoleil- Yes

Shaina Smith- Yes

Steve Hebert- Yes

The motion carried unanimously.

XII. Citizens' Comments

- A. Linda Jarmolowicz, 7 Denis Dr., stated that the proposed ordinance change for the date of the annual Town Meeting is to take effect for FY 2018, and she asked if it is too late to have the change take effect this year. K. Beausoleil stated that changes can be modified at the meeting, so if the public feels 201 would be more appropriate, they can make that change. He also stated that he would have to ask the Town Attorney.

XIII. Tax Refunds

- A. **Ken Beausoleil moved and Steve Herbert seconded the motion to approve the following tax refunds:**

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| 1. | C and N Transport LLC | \$342.04, \$383.74, \$863.89, \$233.50, \$982.46,
\$448.38, \$364.84, \$440.94, \$315.32, and \$863.89 |
| 2. | Melissa Dragon | \$32.79 |
| 3. | Joshua Lammer | \$111.06 |

Ken Beausoleil- Yes

Shaina Smith- Yes

Steve Herbert- Yes

The motion carried unanimously.

XIV. Adjourn

- A. **Steve Herbert moved and Shaina Smith seconded the motion to adjourn.**

Ken Beausoleil- Yes

Shaina Smith- Yes

Steve Herbert- Yes

The motion carried unanimously.

- B. First Selectman Ken Beausoleil adjourned the meeting at 8:28 PM.

Tina Fox

Recording Secretary