



# **TOWN of THOMPSON**

## ***Board of Selectmen***

**Minutes: Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, January 17, 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

Absent: 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 3, 2017 regular meeting as written.**

Ken Beausoleil- Yes      Shaina Smith- Yes

**The motion carried unanimously.**

II. Correspondence

- A. Northeast Connecticut Transit District is holding a job fair on Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM at the Killingly Public Library for a part-time fleet mechanic.
- B. Email containing the 2016 annual report of CCM.
- C. Holiday bonfire is Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM, sponsored by Thompson Recreation.
- D. Notice of intent of maintenance on the cell tower.
- E. K. Beausoleil attended the CCM conference on January 10<sup>th</sup>. There was discussion on the state of the budget and different legislation having to do with municipal law. The Town won in arbitration in 2012 to go to a defined retirement plan. The union is challenging that decision. CCM is going to be pushing for legislation to create another tier, and hopefully there will be a grandfather clause.
- F. The Governor cut funding to some Business of Tourism offices. They are looking for some support to get the funding back.
- G. Connecticut Association of Community Action sent their annual report.
- H. Last Green Valley is beginning plans for Walktober 2017 and will be looking for support.
- I. From Wyndham Superior Court, invite to judge chambers in Putnam on February 6<sup>th</sup> at 120 School St., Danielson, to get acquainted with local judges.

III. Selectmen's Comments

- A. K. Beausoleil presented the following Selectmen's Comments:
1. Selectmen's Update will go out in February.
  2. The restaurant on Riverside Dr. that had significant fire damage was demolished by the new owners.

3. There was discussion at CCM on January 10<sup>th</sup> regarding the State budget, and MERS/the retirement fund.
4. Ada Temple is out of Town, and something will be held for her decades of service to the Town when she returns.
5. Economic Development Commission has started the branding study with NECCOG. There was also a possibility of hiring a consultant. He will be meeting with John Filchak and will report back.
6. A letter was sent to the owner of 929 Riverside Dr. to check on the status of the mill. There will be a meeting on January 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at the Library to discuss the mill.
7. The Brownfield report for 630 Riverside Dr. will be presented by CME at the February 21<sup>st</sup> BOS meeting.
8. Bids for the school bussing RFP were opened the previous week, and a consultant is working on a spreadsheet to compare the bids.

B. S. Smith presented the following Selectmen's Comments:

1. S. Smith stated that she will be reaching out to Orla McKiernan-Rafferty to discuss a budget template for the fire departments.

IV. Citizens' Comments

- A. H. Charles Obert stated that there was a typographical error on the Inland Wetlands Commission report, and he thought the meeting regarding the Belding Mill Site was scheduled for the present meeting.

V. FOIA Policy

- A. K. Beausoleil stated that S. Herbert asked that this be tabled so that he could review the policy and make comments.

VI. Road List

- A. K. Beausoleil stated that Leo Adams will present a road list at the budget meetings.
- B. S. Smith asked if there is money left in the budget to finish projects. K. Beausoleil stated that there is about \$275,000 left through the rest of the budget cycle.

VII. Budget Including Fire Department Template

- A. K. Beausoleil stated that he gave the other Selectmen a copy of the template, and briefly explained the template.
- B. S. Smith suggested removing the "Other" section under equipment. She also asked about a separate EMS fund.

VIII. Update – Historical Roof Referendum

- A. K. Beausoleil stated that the intention is still to bring this to Referendum. He is seeking legal clarification on a specific word in the grant to make sure the project will be eligible to receive the \$50,000 grant.

IX. Update – MS4 Storm Water Violations

- A. K. Beausoleil stated that there are three violations. WPCA has addressed their violations with a plan and the issue is being handled by an engineer. The Town will draft a response to the DEEP. April 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for the storm water plan.

X. Other Business

- A. S. Smith asked if the Fire Marshal sending paperwork to the State is still an issue.

## XI. Citizens' Comments

- A. Pat Dumas, 196 Old Turnpike Rd., stated that the school put out an RFP for bussing and got their bids back. The bids were for between \$7+ million and \$8+ million over five years. The budget for transportation is currently \$1 million per year for everything. Field trips are currently paid at \$15.88 per hour, but the lowest bidder was \$52 an hour, up to \$75 an hour. The current system comes in about \$300,000 lower than a bus company right now. She also stated that the figures she gave may not be completely accurate.
- B. Don Pimental, 40 Starr Rd., suggested that the accurate figures be brought to the next BOS meeting.

## XII. Tax Refunds

- A. **Ken Beausoleil moved and Shaina Smith seconded the motion to approve the following tax refunds:**
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| 1. | Jaclyn Cyr    | \$9.84 |
| 2. | Elmer Preston | \$9.23 |
- Ken Beausoleil- Yes                      Shaina Smith- Yes
- The motion carried unanimously.**

## XIII. Adjourn

- A. **Ken Beausoleil moved and Shaina Smith seconded the motion to adjourn.**
- Ken Beausoleil- Yes                      Shaina Smith- Yes
- The motion carried unanimously.**
- B. First Selectman Ken Beausoleil adjourned the meeting at 7:50 PM.

Tina Fox  
Recording Secretary