



TOWN of THOMPSON

Board of Selectmen

Minutes: Regular Meeting

Tuesday, June 20, 2017

2nd Floor Conference 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
Steve Herbert
Shaina Smith (via phone)

Staff Present: Tina Fox, Recording Secretary

Also Present: Members of the Public

I. Approval of Minutes

A. Steve Herbert moved and Ken Beausoleil seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the June 6, 2017 regular meeting with the following correction:

1. Page 2, Section III(A)(3): "...has met..." instead of "...was met..."

Ken Beausoleil- Yes

Shaina Smith- Abstain

Steve Herbert- Yes

The motion carried.

B. Steve Herbert moved and Shaina Smith seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the June 6, 2017 special meeting with the following correction:

1. Page 2, the legal notice was not read aloud, so the motion was to approve the legal notice as presented.

Ken Beausoleil- Yes

Shaina Smith- Yes

Steve Herbert- Yes

The motion carried unanimously.

C. Steve Herbert moved and Ken Beausoleil seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the June 14, 2017 special meeting as written.

Ken Beausoleil- Yes

Shaina Smith- Yes

Steve Herbert- Yes

The motion carried unanimously.

II. Correspondence

- A. Article regarding what Lebanon is doing regarding their budget and tax bills.
- B. Announcement from NECCOG that Christian Hernandez has been hired as the new Animal Services Director.
- C. CT Water is training with the fire departments to discuss the hydrants.
- D. Incidents in Thompson from the past month from Troop D.
- E. Building Permit amounts and numbers from the Building Office. S. Herbert noted that there are two fewer permits than this time last year, but the total is about 20% more in dollars from last year.
- F. Town Meeting minutes from Renee Waldron.

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III. Selectmen's Comments

A. K. Beausoleil presented the following Selectmen's Comments:

1. H.D. Segur did an inspection of Town buildings. They found items of concern addressed within their report. K. Beausoleil stated that he addressed one of those items that day, adding that it is uncalled for to have alcoholic beverages at the Transfer Station. Other items will be addressed.
2. Keyville Enterprises, a contractor working for the DOT, will be replacing pedestrian signs on State roads.
3. Town Attorney St. Onge advised that it would be in the best interest of the Town to remove the petition regarding the mill at 929 Riverside Dr. from the website.

IV. Citizens' Comments: None

V. Executive Session (Legal Updates Regarding Trinity Sewer, Windham North Property Lien, and Starr Road Wetlands, and Performance of Town Employee)

A. **Ken Beausoleil moved and Steve Herbert seconded the motion to go into Executive Session for the purposes listed on the agenda.**

Ken Beausoleil- Yes Shaina Smith- Yes Steve Herbert- Yes

The motion carried unanimously.

B. The Board went into Executive Session at 7:14 PM.

C. The Board came out of Executive Session at 7:41 PM. No action was taken.

VI. Connecticut Water Easement Update

- A. K. Beausoleil stated that CT Water suggested two easements to rectify the issue of CT Water owning the Town Hall's back parking lot. One easement would be granted for the Town for the back parking lot. The Town would also grant CT Water an easement so they can access their property. The Town Attorney is reviewing the proposal.

VII. Blain Road Bridge Update

- A. K. Beausoleil stated that he received a letter from Chris Murphy's office stating that the funds are no longer available from the Army Corps for the Blain Road foot bridge.

VIII. Meeting with DOT re: Intersections

- A. K. Beausoleil stated that he met with a representative of the DOT to discuss several intersections. They are going to be doing a study to see what they can do to make the intersections safer.

IX. Library Sprinkler System RFP

- A. K. Beausoleil stated that it was discovered that a bid was received by the Building Office accidentally, without the person receiving the bid realizing that it was a bid. The bid was filed away in the Building Office. It is still sealed. It was received prior to the deadline stated in the RFP. The RFP said that the bid had to be delivered to Town Hall, and did not specify an office. The Town Attorney said that as long as the bid was not opened or tampered with, and was delivered to Town Hall prior to the deadline, he would suggest opening the bid.
- B. S. Herbert stated that the Library Director may have previously indicated at a Library Board meeting that she declined to show the site to potential bidders.

- C. Kathleen Herbert, member of the Library Board of Trustees, stated that she felt there were two different versions of what happened, and the that Library Director has now stated that she did not deny allowing anyone to view the site.
 - D. K. Beausoleil stated that the Library Director has stated that she did not deny showing the site to anyone.
 - E. S. Herbert suggested going out to bid again to encourage competitive bidding.
 - F. S. Smith stated that she would not be comfortable spending more money to go out to bid again, and that sometimes the Town doesn't get many bids because of Thompson's location.
 - G. K. Beausoleil stated that he believes the Board has done their due diligence.
 - H. **Ken Beausoleil moved and Shaina Smith seconded the motion to open the bid and see where it goes.**
 Ken Beausoleil- Yes Shaina Smith- Yes Steve Herbert- No
The motion carried.
 - I. The bid was opened and read aloud. The bid was from Tyco Simplex Grinell for \$45,956.
- X. Bid Policy
- A. K. Beausoleil stated that the Board previously discussed the bid policy in terms of deadlines, late bids, and the Board being able to use their discretion.
 - B. The Board briefly discussed the bid policy. S. Smith agreed to do some research and bring a bid policy to the Board to review.
- XI. Other Business
- A. K. Beausoleil stated that he received an email from Winston Averill, consultant for the Transfer Station. The Transfer Station needs two open top roll-off containers. He included some quotes for the containers. \$12,000 was budgeted for the containers. W. Averill provided a recommendation for which containers to purchase. K. Beausoleil stated that he has no reason to distrust W. Averill's recommendation.
 - B. O. McKiernan-Rafferty, Finance Director, stated that she would need to encumber the purchase order before the end of the Fiscal Year.
 - C. There was some discussion regarding this request.
 - D. **Ken Beausoleil moved and Shaina Smith seconded the motion to go with the consultant's recommendation, encumber the purchase order, and purchase the two that he has spec'd out and solicited quotes on, which is Waste Equipment out of New Lebanon, New York**
 Ken Beausoleil- Yes Shaina Smith- Yes Steve Herbert- Yes
The motion carried unanimously.
- XII. Citizens' Comments
- A. O. McKiernan-Rafferty stated that she and Neal Breen have reviewed the bids for the health insurance consultant and will interview three of companies. Some were eliminated just based on price. She welcomed the Board to attend, and will post a special BOS meeting if necessary. S. Herbert asked if the lowest-priced bid is being interviewed, to which O. McKiernan-Rafferty answered affirmatively.
 - B. K. Beausoleil stated that a contract is being worked on for the Building Official. Either side can terminate the employment with 60 days notice. The amount will come in at approximately \$12,000 under what is currently budgeted as salary. There was some brief discussion regarding the Building Official position.

XIII. Tax Refunds: None

XIV. Adjourn

A. **Ken Beausoleil moved and Steve Herbert 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 8:35 PM.

Tina Fox
Recording Secretary