



TOWN of THOMPSON

Board of Selectmen

**Minutes: Regular Meeting
Tuesday, April 18, 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. Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Approval of Minutes
 - A. **Shaina Smith moved and Steve Herbert seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the April 4, 2017 regular meeting as written.**
Ken Beausoleil- Yes Shaina Smith- Yes Steve Hebert- Yes
The motion carried unanimously.
- III. Correspondence
 - A. Statistics from State police regarding crime in Town.
 - B. Notification that the Yellow Pages will be delivered starting May 22nd.
 - C. TVCCA, Meals on Wheels, annual celebration at Mohegan Sun on May 20th.
 - D. Thank you to the Town for the donation of \$500 from Community Kitchen.
 - E. Invitation to 60th Annual Armed Forces luncheon in Southington.
 - F. Notice of public hearing on May 1st from the Town of Burrillville.
 - G. EASTCONN education news flyer.
 - H. Invitation to the Sassy Chapeau Hat Show on May 18th.
 - I. Discount notice from Hometown Heating, LLC. For Northeast CT Chamber of Commerce members.
 - J. Invitation to Chamber of Commerce economic forum on May 4th.
 - K. Latest numbers for the CCM prescription card.
 - L. Information about the water hydrants from CT Water.
 - M. Resignation from Thompson Recreation Commission from Sylvie Perez.
 - N. Information to review from Woodstock concerning the Building Official.

Selectmen's Comments

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

1. The next BOS meeting on May 3rd will be held at the East Thompson Fire Department.
2. Attended presentation by UCONN students on the salt shed, Fabyan Rd. bridge drainage, and Bull Hill soccer field drainage.
3. Union negotiations are scheduled to begin May 15th.
4. Attended the VFW Unpaid Professionals award ceremony.
5. Norma O'Leary and Thompson Together are doing roadside and river cleanup through the month of April.
6. Meeting with Southend Reclaim, LLC regarding 929 Riverside Dr.
7. EDC Branding/Identity meetings are going forward. NECCOG has proposed incorporating changes to the zoning regulations, to be discussed at the PZC meeting on April 24th.
8. The Annual Town Meeting and referendum will have to be scheduled, and the last BOF budget workshop should be April 27th.
9. **Ken Beausoleil moved and Steve Herbert seconded the motion to add to the agenda under Other Business the Fire Study Contract.**

Ken Beausoleil- Yes

Shaina Smith- Yes

Steve Hebert- Yes

The motion carried unanimously.

IV. Citizens' Comments

- A. Joe Lindley, Hill Rd., asked what month the BOS meeting will be at the Old Town Hall. K. Beausoleil stated that it will be the same month as last year.
- B. Wayne O'Brien, 108 Fabyan Rd., asked how the mill rate will be set without knowing what the State will be giving to the Town. He asked what would happen to extra money in the budget if the mill rate is set too high. K. Beausoleil stated that the BOF tries to use the best numbers coming out of Hartford. W. O'Brien stated that the last few years, the mill rate wasn't set until late May and early June, and asked why the Town doesn't wait until they received a hard number. K. Beausoleil stated that by Town ordinance, the Annual Town Meeting is the third Monday in May, and the referendum has to be scheduled no later than ten days after. W. O'Brien stated that the legislature never does what the governor wants, and what the governor says shouldn't be taken at face value.

V. Appointments

A. Inland Wetlands Commission: Diane Chapin

1. K. Beausoleil stated that one person requested to be appointed to IWC.
2. Ken Beausoleil moved and Shaina Smith seconded the motion to appoint Diane Chapin to the Inland Wetlands Commission, term to end March 15, 2019.
 - a. S. Smith stated that some of the responses were very casual.
 - b. S. Herbert stated that it seems like her job could have potential conflicts.
 - c. S. Smith suggested asking for input from IWC, and stated that she will contact Marla Butts.
 - d. S. Smith withdrew her second, and K. Beausoleil withdrew his motion.

- B. Recreation Commission: Donna M. Godzik, Dianne M. Keefe, Robbie L. L'Heureux
 - 1. K. Beausoleil read a letter of recommendation for appointments from the Recreation Commission aloud.
 - 2. **Steve Herbert moved and Shaina Smith seconded the motion to appoint these three individuals (Donna M. Godzik, Dianne M. Keefe, and Robbie L. L'Heureux) to the Recreation Commission.**
 - a. S. Smith stated that two of the three recommendations have never been to a Recreation Commission meeting, and the Board should, in the future, make sure the person has attended at least one meeting that they are volunteering for. S. Herbert agreed that attending a meeting is a good point.
 - b. S. Smith asked if someone keeps track of totals for party affiliations. K. Beausoleil stated that there would still be a balance.
 Ken Beausoleil- Yes Shaina Smith- Yes Steve Hebert- Yes
 - 3. S. Herbert asked if K. Beausoleil speaks to everyone who provides a volunteer application. K. Beausoleil stated that sometimes the applications are sent to the commission to review, and sometimes he sits down and talks to the applicant.
- VI. Building Committee Update
- A. K. Beausoleil stated that the Building Committee has been charged with handling the oil tank replacement, school roof, and alternative energy projects. SHR Energy has changed their solar energy proposal. They have offered to contribute \$150,000 to pay for the roof at the Ellen Larned library. The Building Committee is looking at the proposal. They would like to solicit a consultant to review the SHR Energy proposal, and are requesting the funds to do that from the BOS.
 - B. S. Smith stated that she is having a hard time understanding what the purpose of a consultant would be.
 - C. S. Herbert stated that the proposal at its base is inappropriate. SHR Energy is essentially reducing the rate it offered by another \$150,000 by calling it money for the roof, and the Town would be thwarting the will of the people who voted "no" on the roof. He is against spending money related to the proposal.
 - D. The Board continued discussing the request from the Building Committee to hire a consultant. No action was taken.
- VII. Historical Society Correspondence re: Ellen Larned Building
- A. K. Beausoleil read a letter aloud from the Thompson Historical Society dated April 4th, requesting transfer of title of the Ellen Larned Building to the Thompson Historical Society (THS). K. Beausoleil stated that there is a process to get rid of a Town owned building, including going through PZC and Town meeting.
 - B. Joe Lindley stated that there is other precedence in the Town of similar circumstances. It is difficult for THS to apply for grants without owning the building. Fixing the roof is going to take an incredible amount of work, and it seems like the right thing to do is turn the building over to THS.
 - C. S. Herbert asked if THS has the financial wherewithal to be able to replace the roof. J. Lindley stated that it is a project they're willing to take on, and they are confident they can raise the money.
 - D. The Board discussed the proposal further. There was a consensus that K. Beausoleil should discuss this with the Town Attorney.

- VIII. School Bus RFP
- A. Possible Land Acquisition, CBU Utility vs. Town of Thompson Update, UPSEU vs. Town of Thompson Update, SHR Solar Potential Lawsuit Update
1. K. Beausoleil stated that information was received from the Superintendent's Office regarding reissuing the bus RFP. There are multiple options in the new RFP. The Board will need to think about the RFP and discuss some of the options.
 2. S. Smith stated that she hopes the entire BOS will be able to review the RFP this time, and it will be available to review by the public.
- IX. Road List
- A. K. Beausoleil stated that they are waiting for firm number from and asphalt company in order to do a cost analysis.
- B. S. Herbert stated that the person who did the previous analysis has a firm position of what he wants to happen, and created the analysis to prove a particular point.
- X. Other Business
- A. Fire Study Contract
1. K. Beausoleil stated that he received a consulting agreement from the consulting company today. He would like to add a few conditions, such as a detailed written report be provided, a presentation of the report be given at a regular BOS meeting, and the report to be completed within 60 days. He asked the other Board members to look at the agreement and provide feedback.
- XI. Citizens' Comments
- A. Joe Lindley, Hill Rd., stated that, regarding the SHR Energy proposal, he would recommend looking at the legalities of the proposal, because this could be looked at as a way to circumvent the bid process. The company is trying to buy the bid, and he has concerns as a citizen.
- B. Mike Krogul, Walker Dr., stated that he is happy to hear the Town is considering options with the buses and Ellen Larned Building. He stated that the last bus RFPs were supposed to be the best offers. If the next bids come in lower, it would leave him to believe that the companies were just trying to make the most profit, and now skim back just to get the job. A Town committee should be involved. He asked how to go about doing a petition to have a forensic audit conducted. K. Beausoleil suggested he speak to the Town Clerk.
- XII. Tax Refunds
- A. **Ken Beausoleil moved and Steve Herbert seconded the motion to approve the following tax refunds:**
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| 1. Kelly A. Gould | \$83.45 | |
| Ken Beausoleil- Yes | Shaina Smith- Yes | Steve Hebert- Yes |
- The motion carried unanimously.**

XIII. 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 8:51 PM.

Tina Fox
Recording Secretary