



TOWN of THOMPSON

Board of Selectmen

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Minutes: Special Meeting
Thursday, October 5, 2017
Seney Community Room – Thompson Town Hall

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Present: Ken Beausoleil, Larry Guillot, Stephen Herbert
Staff Present: Marie C. Mongeau, Recording Secretary
Orla McKiernan-Raftery, Finance Director
Member of the Public

1. K. Beausoleil, First Selectman, called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.
2. Discussion and Possible Action on Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) Energy Purchasing Pilot Program

The towns of Killingly, Killingworth and Thompson are interested in this Energy Purchase Pilot Program put together by CCM with assistance of Baystate Consulting.

Three bids were received on Wed. Oct, 4, 2017. The low bid was from Constellation to lock in at 8.31 cents per kilowatt hour for both FY 2018 and FY 2019 and 8.14 cents per kilowatt hour for FY2020.

Currently our provider is Eversource. Our current rate is 8.31 cents per kilowatt hour however, we are not in contract with them and are billed at current market rate on a monthly basis. Based on the services carried out by Baystate Consultants for CCM, estimates for Eversource for FY 2018 and FY 2019 are as follows: average of 8.8 cents per kilowatt hour for FY 2018 and 9.9 cents per kilowatt hour for FY 2019.

The pilot program contract options are for a one, two or three years. O. McKiernan-Raftery recommended going with the two year contract. The other two towns are interested only in a two year or three year contract so a one year contract is not an option.

On Oct. 4, two of the towns were unable to commit to the program so CCM has set a date for another bid call for Oct. 11, 2017 at noon. There is a possibility of a pricing adjustment based on market prices at that time. If the Oct. 11, 2017 bid is accepted by the towns, the contract must be signed and returned by 4:00 p.m. that day.

There was discussion regarding what other towns do, researching other providers, the solar project timetable, partnering with the school, the use of a consultant, the total cost of the project and the cost savings.

O. McKiernan-Raftery recommended that K. Beausoleil and O. McKiernan-Raftery be given permission to act on behalf of the town regarding this contract.

L. Guillot moved and K. Beausoleil seconded the motion to participate in the CCM Energy Purchasing Pilot Program.

K. Beausoleil – yes L. Guillot – yes S. Herbert – yes

The motion carried unanimously.

3. S. Herbert moved and K. Beausoleil seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.

K. Beausoleil – yes L. Guillot – yes S. Herbert – yes

The motion carried unanimously

K. Beausoleil adjourned the meeting at 11:49 a.m.