



**Town of Thompson
Board of Selectmen – Minutes
Tuesday, March 1, 2022
Merrill Seney Room, Town Hall
and via Zoom**

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- I. The call to order by First Selectman Amy St Onge was at 7:00 PM with all Selectmen present.
Roll call: First Selectman Amy St Onge, Selectmen Susanne Witkowski and Ken Beausoleil (via Zoom). Many Members of Boards and Commissions as well the public via Zoom, WINY, Recording Secretary Dotti Durst
- II. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - A. Motion A. St Onge seconded by K. Beausoleil to approve the minutes of the 02-14-2022 BOS Special Meeting carried unanimously.
 - B. Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to approve the minutes of the 02-15-2022 BOS Regular Meeting carried unanimously.
 - C. Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to approve the minutes of the 02-16-2022 BOS Special Meeting carried unanimously.
 - D. Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to approve the minutes of the 02-22-2022 BOS Special Meeting carried unanimously.
 - E. Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to approve the minutes of the 02-24-2022 BOS Special Meeting carried unanimously.
 - F. Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to approve the minutes of the 02-25-2022 BOS Special Meeting carried unanimously, with note of an extraneous letter of the alphabet beside the name of S. Witkowski in agenda item #2.
- IV. Correspondence
Northeast Opportunities for Wellness (NOW): child wellness/sports/nutrition appeal letter
 - A St Onge: the customary monthly State Police report has not arrived. She will follow up.
- V. Selectmen Comments:
 - S. Witkowski: the budget process is moving ahead smoothly. The formal BOS and BOE budget presentations to the public will be at the March 3 BOF meeting at Tourtellotte Memorial High School (7 PM), followed by a brief recess/re-convening at the Merrill Seney Room, Town Hall, where the first BOF Budget Workshop will be held. Both will be available via Zoom and in person.
 - K. Beausoleil encourages the public to Zoom in or to attend the budget workshops in person
 - A. St Onge: the FOIA Workshop on March 22, 6-7 PM, Town Hall, for all Board/Commission members as well as the public, is to remain up to date about the legal aspects of public meetings.
- VI. Citizens' Comments:
 - Valerie Clark, 105 Alm Rd commented regarding the Open Space PA 490 proposed revisions
 - Bill Warner, Lowell Davis Dr commented regarding the Fire Departments
 - Roger Tremblay, 458 Brandy Hill Rd asked about the removal of a fence, with concern for public safety, asking the replacement date. A St Onge expects it when conditions permit in the Spring
 - Sally White, 308 E Thompson Rd * clarified her 02-15 BOS meeting statement regarding possible E. Thompson Fire Station issues with holding elections there. *commented about the PA 490 Open Space revisions being considered; her view is that the current regulations are the least disruptive.
- VII. Request from Board of Finance:
 - A. Containers for Transfer Station (utilizing money from the sale of equipment at Public Works).
Discussion: The sale of surplus equipment at the DPW resulted in income to the town of \$23K after fees. Two roll-off transfer Station containers are in poor condition and must be replaced.
Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to request that the BOF fund two roll-off replacement containers for the Transfer Station, in the amount of \$21,535.87, utilizing the funds realized from the sale of surplus DPW equipment.

After discussion, the motion and the second were rescinded. A quote for \$21,535 has come in but there may be other associated costs such as freight charges to Thompson or other expenses.

Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to request that the BOF fund two roll-off replacement containers for the Transfer Station in an amount not to exceed \$23K carried unanimously,

B. Funds to replace Fire Alarm at Public Works. Discussion- at the DPW, a review and inspection by the Fire Marshal revealed that the security/fire alarm system is not functioning, putting staff and the public at risk, as well as the equipment and materials stored at the site, with possible OSHA implications. The insurance company may have concerns. The expense will require going out to bid. A quote from a known provider is \$26,654 plus annual alarm monitoring. There was no Finance Director present to confirm the Contingency Fund balance.

Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to request that the BOF fund up to \$28K to replace the Fire Alarm Monitoring System at Highway Garage carried unanimously,

VIII. RFP for New Town Law Firm: new pricing has been announced by the town's current law firm; it seems prudent to go out to bid for this expense.

Motion S. Witkowski seconded by A. St Onge to go out to bid for legal services for the town carried unanimously,

IX. Other Business: A. St Onge reminds the public that on March 16, 7 PM, in person at the Library Community Room, a town meeting will be held to discuss the state requirements for combining voting districts, approving a new voting districts map, and the state re-districting requirements.

X. Citizens' Comments:

- Roger Tremblay, Brandy Hill Rd asked for details of tax implications for Veterans who are owners of Forest Land Open Space and clarification of some of the language; he has some documentation.

- Wayne O'Brian 108 Fabyan Rd asked about the same topic.

- Sally White, 308 E Thompson Rd *asked about maintenance contracts which require testing of town assets, and whether there is a document that tracks the testing dates and the results.

* asked about the leadership search at the DPW. A. St Onge- the Crew Leader is in place, the position is posted and applications are coming in

- Mr. Williams, Porter Plain Rd confirmed the town will consider looking within the DPW staff

- S. Witkowski praised the newly-published Selectman's Newsletter, which brings townspeople up to date. It is widely available on the town website and at the Town Hall and other locations

XI. Tax Refunds:

Motion A. St Onge seconded by K. Beausoleil to refund taxes as presented in the amount of \$451.89 carried unanimously.

Roderick, Stephen \$325.34 LaTour, Cynthia M. \$85.08 Gibbons, Donna L. \$41.47

XII. Adjourn:

Motion A. St Onge seconded by K. Beausoleil to adjourn at 7:40 PM carried unanimously.

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Respectfully submitted by Dorothy Durst, Recording Secretary *Dorothy Durst*

These minutes have not yet been approved by the Board of Selectmen. Please refer to next month's meeting minutes for approval of and/or amendments to these minutes