



TOWN OF THOMPSON

Board of Selectmen-Minutes

Tuesday, December 7, 2021

Hybrid Meeting – In Person at Town Hall
and via ZOOM Online Meeting Portal

I. The call to order by Selectman Amy St Onge was at 7:00 PM.

Roll call: First Selectman Amy St Onge, Selectmen Ken Beausoleil and Susanne Witkowski.

Cindy Lariviere (Senior Vice President, Centreville Bank), Attorney Brent McDonald (representing Centreville Bank), KB Ambulance, Members of the public in person and via Zoom, WINY, Recording Secretary Dotti Durst

II. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

III. Approval of Minutes:

-Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to approve the minutes of the 11-16-2021 BOS Regular Meeting carried unanimously; note was made of a typo in the spelling of the name of Renee Waldron.

-Motion A. St Onge seconded by K. Beausoleil to approve the minutes of the 11-22-2021 BOS Special Meeting carried unanimously.

-Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to approve the minutes of the 11-29-2021 Special BOS meeting carried, with two modifications: Item *II, School Bond Proposal to Refinance*—the approval was made pending approval of the BOF and in Item *III, CT Community Challenge Grant Opportunity*—S. Witkowski expressed concern over the future maintenance costs that would be associated with the 65 Main Street building.

IV. Correspondence:

after the agenda was posted, memo from Shawn Johnston, Chamber of Commerce event at the Black Dog with the DMV Deputy Commissioner

V. Selectmen Comments:

K. Beausoleil- today is December 7, the 80th anniversary of Pearl Harbor.

S. Witkowski- the Town looks so festive, driving through in the evening, seeing the beautifully decorated homes

A. St Onge- Much praise is earned by Pete on the Town Hall Building Maintenance staff for the spectacular job he did

VI. Citizen Comments: none

VII. Ambulance Service Update: a meeting was held the previous evening with all three selectmen in attendance, at which a great deal of information was presented; S. Witkowski noted that more time to absorb it all will be welcome. Another meeting will be scheduled very soon, at which Bob Holdsworth, the consultant, will be present, along with other advisory personnel. The hybrid format does allow maximum participation and will be utilized.

VIII. Proposal - Lien Release Centreville Bank: Cynthia Lariviere (Centreville Bank) referenced a memo to the BOS from the Bank, which included photos. Two parcels of land (one 49 acres, the other, 152 acres) with an open-ended commercial mortgage is awaiting a release of the lien of \$384K (a grant which had not been fulfilled) in order to move ahead with safety modifications to the dam on the property, which is classed as a "High hazard" risk by the DEEP.

A. St Onge: given the significant amount of the lien, the BOF should be involved; a town meeting would be needed if the decision is to move ahead. She will discuss the matter with the Town Attorney. If recovered, the \$384K would revert back to the town for other grant-approved uses. Attorney Mc Donald: the original owner mortgaged many parcels; some liens have previously been released by the town. K. Beausoleil: the primary issue is the unsafe dam. A. St Onge: this bank has been diligent in addressing the safety issue. K. Beausoleil: there is a Two-Option proposal. A. St Onge: a presentation by the engineers will allow the BOS to clearly consider both options. C. Lariviere: the bank needs a release of lien and clear title in order to move forward with the dam modifications; bank regulators and other factors will also be addressed. A. St Onge: will set up an Executive Session with the Attorney and involve the BOF.

IX. Discussion – Designation of Lowell Davis Road as Scenic Road: The designation of a town road as a Scenic Road is within the responsibilities of the Planning and Zoning Commission, and a Public hearing is scheduled for December 27 ; the BOS has been updated on the proposal. The Director of the DPW and A. St Onge discussed the narrow section of the road, which currently is an obstacle to use by school busses.

X. Appointments:

A. Motion K. Beausoleil seconded by S. Witkowski to appoint the sub-registrars as listed, per request of the the Town Clerk for a period of 2 years: Robert Fournier, William Juzwic and Timothy G. Farner carried unanimously:

B. – Alternate appointment:

Motion S. Witkowski seconded by K. Beausoleil to appoint Heather O'Rourke to the Economic Development Commission as an alternate carried unanimously.

XI. Resignation:

Motion K. Beausoleil seconded by S. Witkowski to accept the resignation of Christine Chatelle from the Planning & Zoning Commission with regret carried unanimously. The Planning and Zoning Commission will now move ahead to address two vacancies on the Commission. S. Witkowski inquired about why the resignation letter is dated so long ago, OCT 5 and only acted upon today.

XII. Other Business: none

XIII. Citizen Comments: none

XIV. Tax Refunds:

Motion A. St Onge seconded by K. Beausoleil to refund a total of \$406.33 as presented carried unanimously.

Grauer, George B.	\$30.69	Honda Lease Trust	\$83.77
Honda Lease Trust	\$278.94	Lamoureux, Ernest C. and Arlene	\$12.93

XV. Adjourn:

Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to adjourn at 7:35 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.