



**TOWN OF THOMPSON**  
**Board of Selectmen- Minutes**  
**Tuesday, May 4, 2021**  
**Via ZOOM Online Meeting Portal**

I. The call to order by A. St Onge was at 7:00 PM. The meeting was recorded on Zoom.  
Roll call: First Selectman Amy St Onge, Selectmen Susanne Witkowski and Ken Beausoleil.  
Members of Boards/Commissions and of the public, Recording Secretary Dotti Durst

II. Approval of Minutes:

**Motion A. St Onge seconded by K. Beausoleil to approve the minutes of the 04-20-2021 BOS Meeting carried unanimously.**

III. Correspondence:

A. DESPP - Police Services Report March 2021

B. After the agenda was posted: ARC requests a fund-raising can/bottle redemption location

IV. Selectmen's Comments:

K. Beausoleil- The Makers Fair was a huge success thanks to Recreation/Thompson Together/Branding

S. Witkowski -worked sat the Dog Pound/kennel on Saturday where several volunteers got a lot done

A. St Onge \* The Makers Fair was So successful that Putnam is creating a pop-up version; first time that Thompson has led the way! \* The dog kennel work is excellent. The Superintendent of schools will ask middle school students to create artwork to brighten up the interior. \* The town meeting (12 minutes): The Fire Fighters Exemption and conveyance of 7 parcels of land on Bull Hill to the Wyndham Land Trust were approved. \* The referendum is May 17 with the BOS meeting the next day; a solid budget has been put forward. \* Jessica Bolte asked about the Memorial Day parade: it will begin at the town hall at 9 AM, proceeding to the cemeteries for a ceremony. \* The ARC has requested a can/bottle Redemption Center.

**Motion A. St Onge seconded by K. Beausoleil to add an agenda item to *XII. Other Business* to consider the ARC's request carried unanimously.**

V. Citizen Comments:

S. Herbert, 122 Wilsonville Rd- suggested that Zoom meetings (or hybrid) continue after the Governor's Orders are lifted, providing access to meetings for those like himself with mobility challenges

VI. Auditing Services RFP - the 3-year bid proposals will be reviewed

Bidders: HFM / Hoyt Flippetti & Malaghan, LLC (Groton)  
King, King & Associates (Winstead)  
Marcum LLP (New Haven)

VII. Appointments:

**Motion K. Beausoleil seconded by S. Witkowski to appoint Paul Lenky as Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate to fill an unexpired term ending 11-16-2021 carried unanimously.**

**Motion K. Beausoleil seconded by S. Witkowski to appoint Judith C. Rondeau to the Conservation Commission through 03-16-2026 carried unanimously.**

VIII. REV3 New England Bike Course - Road Use Request by Race Director Eric Opdyke for 08-06 thru 08-08. The Speedway as well as State and some town roads will be used with flaggers present (no road closures); the riders will be single-file only, with staggered starts for minimal disturbance to traffic. Motorists will be informed by signage and staff along the route.

**Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to approve the Road Use Request by REV3, pending confirmation of all requirements, carried unanimously.**

IX. Transfer Unused Conservation Staff Hours to the IWWA for mandatory MS4 Work. After review: **Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to recommend to the BOF that \$6,322 of unused Conservation staffing funds be transferred to the IWWA budget for the MS4 required work carried unanimously.**

X. Request Funds for Codification Services: the firm General Code, LLC (Rochester, NY) proposed (04-27-2021) a two-year review and update of the complete set of Ordinances and other town documents at \$9,995. Four key benefits are specified to the townspeople. The Town Clerk grant funds that can cover \$5,300 of the fee, with the remaining balance at \$4,695. The BOS strongly advocates for this to improve public access; the Contingency Fund balance was reviewed as a possibility. **Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to request from the BOF the amount of \$4,695 to cover the fee for Codification Services carried unanimously.**

XI. Letter of Understanding: Town of Thompson and Wyndham Land Trust re parcels on Bull Hill - Discussion: Attorneys Rich Roberts and Steve Adams jointly drafted the non-binding document. **Motion S. Witkowski seconded by K. Beausoleil to enter into the Non-binding agreement with the Wyndham Land Trust as presented carried unanimously.**

XII. Other Business: Letter from the ARC requesting a cans/bottle redemption site in Thompson- Discussion centered on Project Graduation's dependence on their can/bottle collection, as well as by the Scouts. The BOS consensus was that a third beneficiary of can/bottle collections could dilute the effectiveness for the two Thompson groups which rely upon it. A. St Onge will thusly respond to the ARC request.

XIII. Citizens' Comments: John Rice, 39 E. Thompson Rd, offered condolences on the passing of Carolyn Werge, a great loss to the Town. S. Witkowski: Ernie O'Leary has passed away, another loss to Thompson.

XIV. Tax Refunds:

**Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$151.49 as listed carried unanimously.** Pedersen, Jesse J. \$6.11 and Seney, Barbara \$145.38

**XV. Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to adjourn at 7:42 PM carried unanimously.**

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.*

To see the meeting, click on this link or copy/paste into your search bar:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/I-dxHj3hbJG1W6\\_fF4PC01BjWRXfS\\_pSW6wA1rT7dVWeCDYB7NbrXD9d1bsvzAR.s7hs1w8SFjM1qxmF](https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/I-dxHj3hbJG1W6_fF4PC01BjWRXfS_pSW6wA1rT7dVWeCDYB7NbrXD9d1bsvzAR.s7hs1w8SFjM1qxmF)

Passcode: !X4bHJ%p