



TOWN OF THOMPSON

Board of Selectmen

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

Wednesday, November 4, 2020

Via ZOOM Online Meeting Portal

The call to order by First Selectman Amy St Onge was at 7:00 PM via Zoom (being recorded)

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

John Rice (Building Committee, PnZ), Karen Durlach (Chair, Trails Committee), WINY,

Members of Boards/Commission and of the Public, Recording Secretary Dotti Durst

I. Approval of Minutes:

Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to approve the 10-20-2020 BOS meeting minutes carried unanimously.

II. Correspondence

A. Thompson Public Library - HVAC

B. Thompson Public Library - Pay Rates memo

C. CT DPH - Covid-19 Alert System: A. St Onge noted that subsequently, the Governor pulled back to Phase 2 protocols, due to the climbing infection rate

D. Additionally, after the agenda was prepared, a letter of resignation was received.

Motion K. Beausoleil seconded by S. Witkowski to add to agenda Item X, Other *the resignation of John Dalton* carried unanimously.

III. Selectmen Comments: S. Witkowski *the Halloween event at the Speedway, organized by the Fire Departments, Recreation and the Church, was an amazing experience and a huge success.

* After working at the polls on Election Day, she noted the record number of voters who turned out; she praised both Registrars, who handled 83 same-day registrations smoothly. A. St Onge added that the Town Clerk went to extraordinary steps to get the ballots out and thanked all of the poll workers; there was collaboration among many groups. K. Beausoleil noted with school in session at the same time, that the voter turnout in the mid-80% created traffic and crowding issues; future arrangements should be reviewed by the BOS to alleviate this concern. The town collectively did an outstanding job in working around the Covid issues.

A. St Onge- a hybrid town meeting is being planned; the next BOS meeting, November 17, will provide a test run for the technology, which is being handled through the Schools.

IV. Citizen Comments: George O'Neil, 122 Fabyan Road- in considering Conditions for a possible donation of town-owned land, an addition one that should be considered is that "citizens' rights to hunt (such as bow hunting) and to fish be preserved" as provided by Statute

V. Thompson Public Schools Roofs- The Building Committee reviewed the submitted bids and makes the recommendation of Imperial Company Restoration Contractors Inc in the amount of \$1,855,000 and Alternate 1 (materials specifications). If approved by the BOS, this bid goes to a town meeting and after being signed by the BOS, the contract goes back to the Building Committee, which, with the town's engineering firm, Tighe and Bond, implements it.

Motion K. Beausoleil seconded by S. Witkowski to approve the Bid Award for the Schools roof project as recommended by the Building Committee carried unanimously.

VI. Legal Notice of Town Meeting - Discussion and Possible Action: A Special Town Meeting, using the hybrid model (some in-person attendees and other attendees via Zoom) is being scheduled for November 24; the Town Attorney simplified and consolidated the language of the Legal Notice (attached). K. Beausoleil-confirmed that the subject of the 2 parcels of land on Quaddick Town Farm Road did go to PnZ for their review, and that the language changes of the 3 Ordinance

modifications had Attorney review.

Motion S. Witkowski seconded by A. St Onge to move forward with scheduling a November 24, 2020 Special Town Meeting utilizing the Legal Notice prepared by Town Council carried unanimously.

- VII. Langer Pond Dam Boundary Survey - Discussion and Possible Action: A. St Onge encourages action on the J & D Engineering (Thompson) proposal regarding this dam, as another town-owned dam has been noticed by the DEEP. S. Witkowski- the matter then goes to the BOF. **Motion S. Witkowski seconded by K. Beausoleil to request of the BOF funding for the Langer Dam Boundary engineering in the amount of \$4,600 carried unanimously.** The town planner has submitted a FEMA Dam Safety Grant application.
- VIII. Land Donation to Windham Trust - Discussion and Possible Action: Update- the Conservation Commission is advocating for this. The Town Attorney has confirmed that no posting of a RFP is required, but the PnZ must review and then the BOS will send it to a town meeting. K. Beausoleil spoke with the Land Trust's attorney, who indicated that a conversation could take place regarding swaps of parcels, meeting the goals of the Land Trust while simultaneously meeting the town's need for a more suitable parcel for outdoor recreation including soccer. The consensus was to refer the matter to the PnZ for review, explaining possible options; no action taken at this time,
- IX. Proposal for Environmental Services Discussion and Possible action: Wayne Bugden (One Earth Environmental) will be contracted for evaluations at the Town Garage to address issues at the salt shed; Connecticut Water and the Town Attorney have been in conversation about the matter. The BOS recommends the Building Committee becomes involved. No action taken.
- X. Other Business: A 11-04- 2020 Housing Authority letter of resignation from John Dalton. S. Witkowski and K. Beausoleil praised his work, thanking him for his service. **Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to accept the resignation of John Dalton with regret carried unanimously.**
- XI. Citizens' Comments: J. Rice inquired why the maps of the Bull Hill area were sent to PnZ. S. Witkowski- the BOS asks the PnZ to review the memo sent by the Conservation Commission and to review the maps and materials, to provide advice to the BOS about the proposal. K. Durlach- the Trails Committee announces a public meeting via Zoom on November 10 at 7 PM at which the National Park Service will discuss the Great Train Wreck site; the current status will be reviewed as well as some proposals. The Trails website has the agenda including a Zoom link.
- XII. Tax Refunds **Motion A. St Onge seconded by K. Beausoleil to approve the tax refunds as listed totaling \$1,737.14 carried unanimously.**
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| Toyota Lease Trust | \$210.12 | CCAP Auto Lease LTD | \$340.50 |
| Toyota Lease Trust | \$306.51 | Luman, Kent B. | \$11.82 |
| Toyota Lease Trust | \$244.96 | Boucher, Sylvain | \$22.05 |
| Toyota Lease Trust | \$168.22 | Meschke, David W. | \$68.35 |
| Toyota Lease Trust | \$276.58 | Beaudreault, Gary L | \$32.68 |
| Dimock, Ross L. and Stacy L. | \$26.56 | | |
| Sellers, Margaret L. and Devine, Patricia M. | \$28.79 | | |
- XIII. **Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to adjourn at 7:54 PM carried unanimously.**

See/hear the meeting on Zoom: Click on the link or Copy and Paste to your Search bar:

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/2FW1t3tDCR0rcdfIrdBG4LZDZ3TbO8oZzZrRQCu1E0BjEx2JDN1_DgssoKAaeRfQ.BzRre2xNewOQZA7j Passcode: a2G1=AYF

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.

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF THOMPSON
NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING – NOVEMBER 24, 2020

A special town meeting of the electors and citizens qualified to vote in the town meetings of the Town of Thompson, Connecticut, will be held at the Thompson Public Schools Auditorium, 785 Riverside Drive in North Grosvenordale, Connecticut on Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. for the purposes stated below. Persons can also participate virtually by video using the following instructions for a zoom conference:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84728257672?pwd=d2hmekNkSXg5cWo2dHIUNEd4bXFUQT09>. Participation by telephone is not available because voter qualification cannot be reliably confirmed unless visually identifiable by being in person or on video. Video cannot be muted for a voter to qualify to vote. The purpose of the meeting will be:

1. To choose a moderator for the meeting.

2. To consider and act upon the following resolution:

(a) to authorize the issue bonds or notes of the Town in an amount not to exceed \$4,700,000 to finance the appropriation for the roof replacement project at Thompson Public Schools Building passed at town meeting held January 8, 2020 and referendum held January 15, 2020; to provide that the amount of bonds or notes authorized to be issued shall be reduced by any grants received for the project; to authorize the issue temporary notes of the Town in an amount not to exceed \$4,700,000 in anticipation of such bonds or notes and grants; and to authorize a majority of the Board of Selectmen and the Treasurer of the Town to determine the amounts, dates, interest rates, maturities, redemption provisions, form and other details of the bonds or notes, and to perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue the bonds or notes;

(b) to take such action to allow temporary advances of available funds which the Town reasonably expects will be reimbursed from the proceeds of borrowings; and to authorize a majority of the Board of Selectmen and the Treasurer to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds, notes or temporary notes authorized by the resolution if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years, and to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of holders of the bonds or notes to provide secondary market disclosure information, which agreements may include such terms as they deem advisable or appropriate in order to comply with applicable laws or rules pertaining to the sale or purchase of such bonds, notes or temporary notes;

(c) to authorize the First Selectman, the Board of Education and other proper officers and officials of the Town to apply for and accept federal and state grants to help finance the appropriation for the roof replacement project. Any grant proceeds may be used to pay project costs or principal and interest on bonds, notes or temporary notes; and

(d) to authorize the Board of Selectmen, the Board of Education, the First Selectman, the Treasurer, and other proper officers and officials of the Town to take all other action which is necessary or desirable to construct and complete the roof replacement project, to issue bonds, notes or temporary notes and to obtain grants to finance the appropriation for the project.

3. To consider and act upon the following resolution:

To acquire from River Junction Estates, LLC two parcels of land located on Quaddick Town Farm Road proposed to be deeded to the town to enable future improvements to that road.

4. To consider and act upon the following resolution:

(a) To adopt amended ordinance NO. 10-021, GARBAGE, RUBBISH, REFUSE AND RECYCLING ORDINANCE; and,

(b) To adopt amended ordinance NO. 10-048, VETERAN'S TAX EXEMPTION; and,

(c) To adopt amended ordinance NO. 10-053, DRIVEWAY ORDINANCE.

5. To consider and act upon the following resolution:

To approve a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$200,000 as recommended by the Thompson Board of Selectmen and the Thompson Board of Finance to fund the defense and or settlement of pending litigation in the matter of *C. B. Utility Co., Inc. v. Town of Thompson*, currently pending in the complex litigation docket of the Superior Court, Hartford, Connecticut.

Dated at Thompson, Connecticut, this XX day of November, 2020.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: Amy St. Onge (First Selectman) - Susanne-Witkowski - Kenneth Beausoleil