



**TOWN OF THOMPSON**  
**Board of Selectmen**  
**SELECTMEN'S MEETING-Minutes**  
**Tuesday, May 18, 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.  
Orla McKiernan-Raftery (Finance Director), Members of Boards/Commissions and of the public, Recording Secretary Dotti Durst

II. Approval of Minutes:

**Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to approve the minutes of the 5-04-2021 BOS Meeting carried unanimously.**

III. Correspondence

- A. Chamber of Commerce - Business after Hours
- B. Chamber of Commerce - Golf Invitational
- C. After the agenda was posted:

-Resignation of Kathy Mitchell from the Conservation Commission effective immediately

**Motion A. St Onge seconded by K. Beausoleil to add the resignation to the Agenda under item IX, *Other*, carried unanimously.**

- Request from the Finance Director: discussion of the 2021-22 Audit bid process
- Communication today: Attorney Ken Slater regarding Marianapolis sewer mediation

IV. Selectmen's Comments:

K. Beausoleil-none at this time

S. Witkowski \* A solid budget was put forward for the voters, who approved it. \*The voting day survey results were requested. A. St Onge: they are being tabulated; more submissions are still possible and encouraged. \*She inquired about resuming in-person meetings. Discussion followed, including regarding the June meeting scheduled for the Historical Society building; the consensus of the BOS is to delay an off-site meeting and utilize Zoom. By summer, the technology will be ready for hybrid meetings at the town hall.

A. St Onge \*At the next Referendum, volunteers should be on hand to assist voters with the survey if it is continued. \*Yes, it was a good budget in all aspects, providing what is needed for Thompson to operate. \* Request from the Finance Director for discussion of Audit bids:

**Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to add Audit discussion to the Agenda under item IX, *Other*, carried unanimously.**

V. Citizens' Comments: J. Rice, 39 Thompson Road- congratulations to the BOS and the BOE for presenting effective budgets to the voters, who approved the combined budget last night at the first referendum.

VI. Community Fire Company Request: annual fundraising Transfer Station Boot Drive, June 05

**Motion K. Beausoleil seconded by S. Witkowski to approve the Transfer Station Use Request by The Community Fire Company carried unanimously.**

VII.VFW Post 10088 - Transfer Station Use Request: distribution of Poppies May 26 - May 29.

**Motion S. Witkowski seconded K. Beausoleil by to approve the Transfer Station Use Request by the VFW carried unanimously.**

VIII. Discussion and Possible Signing of Tax Warrant and Rate Bill: A. St Onge read into the record the Tax Warrant per CGS 12-132 prepared by Tax Collector Rene Morin, based on the BOF May 17, 2021 decision to set the mil rate at 24.95, the taxes to be based on the Grand List of October 1, 2020.

**Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to accept the Tax Warrant as presented carried unanimously.**

IX. Other Business: Three items were added to this agenda item, after unanimous vote of the BOS

**a. Motion A. St Onge seconded by K. Beausoleil to accept the resignation of Kathy Mitchell with regret carried unanimously.**

**b.** The Auditor's contract is signed by the town. A recommendation from the BOF, which is responsible for the auditing function, is requested at their meeting on May 20. The BOS will then take action. The Finance Director fully reviewed the 3 bids, stressing the need for prompt action.

**c.** Communication from the Town Attorney arrived today.

**Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to enter into Executive Session as Agenda item XIa, to review the communication from the attorney regarding the sewer litigation, carried unanimously.**

X. Citizens' Comments: none

XI. Tax Refunds:

**Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to approve a tax refund in the amount of \$102.12 to James B Mead carried unanimously.**

**XIa. Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to go into Executive Session at 7:46 PM to discuss correspondence received from the Town Attorney regarding sewer litigation carried unanimously.** In attendance: the three Selectmen, Finance Director Orla McKiernan-Raftery

Executive session ended at 8:02 PM. No action was taken.

XII. Adjournment:

**Motion to adjourn First Selectman A. St Onge seconded by K. Beausoleil at 8:03 PM carried unanimously.**

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

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*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.*