



TOWN OF THOMPSON Board of Selectmen-Minutes

Tuesday, August 17, 2021
Hybrid Meeting – In Person at Town Hall
and via ZOOM Online Meeting Portal

I. The call to order by First Selectman Amy St Onge was at 7:00 PM; all Selectmen were present.
Roll call: First Selectman Amy St Onge, Selectmen Susanne Witkowski and Ken Beausoleil.
Members of the public, WINY, Recording Secretary Dotti Durst

II. Approval of Minutes: a copy of the minutes of the 8-3-2021 BOS Meeting was omitted from the meeting preparation documents; no action was taken

III. Correspondence:

- A. DESPP - Police Services Report - July 2021
- B. Registrars of Voters re: budget over-expenditures due to Covid; the budget in fy 2020 provided for costs of the election but Covid 19 pushed those costs ahead to fy 2021
- C. PZC Public Hearing, 08/21 - 659 Riverside Drive: N E Sand & Gravel is requesting that Planning and Zoning change their zone to the Downtown Mill Renovation District.

IV. Selectmen Comments:

K. Beausoleil-Quaddick Road...excellent job.

S. Witkowski- none at this time

A. St Onge- Over 70 people are registered to attend the American Rescue Plan Public Engagement event on Wednesday, August 18. * The film, *The Nine Lives of No. 9*, was a huge success; it will be shown on PBS! The next Historical Society project: a documentary about the Great Train Wreck.

* The Wheaton Brook culvert project is complete. * New town staff include Dan Malo, Conservation Officer and Brian Lievense, Recreation Director. * On August 25, school resumes for the fall.

V. Citizens' Comments: none

VI. New Hire:

Motion S. Witkowski seconded by A. St Onge to hire Jayden Tretheway as part-time Events Intern per the recommendation of the EDC carried unanimously.

VII. Resignation:

Motion A. St Onge seconded by K. Beausoleil to accept the resignation of Recreation Secretary Chris Elkinson with regret carried unanimously. Her 5+ years of service to Thompson were noted and she will be missed.

VIII. Community Fire Request:

Motion K. Beausoleil seconded by S. Witkowski to approve the Community Fire request as presented for Boot Drive fundraisers at the Transfer Station and Riverside Drive at Main on Aug. 28, 2021 carried unanimously.

IX. Resolution supporting the Second Amendment (the Right to Bear Arms) – discussion and possible action: a Killingly town council action triggered a citizen to ask about Thompson's stand on this matter.

K. Beausoleil- when sworn into office, we three pledged to support the Constitutions of both Connecticut and the United States; that includes the Second Amendment. A. St Onge- with discussion in the U S about actions to curtail the Amendment, it is not our role to remain silent when support of this or any aspect of the Constitution is at stake. S. Witkowski- the Resolution is well-written.

Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to adopt the Resolution in Support of the Second Amendment as presented carried unanimously.

X. Potential Land Lease 0 Riverside Drive (behind the former K of C building, Rt 12) – discussion and possible action: the BOS reviewed the history of the parcel and recent activities on the town-owned parcel. There are aspects of a possible lease to be worked out. A special meeting may be needed this week for the American Rescue Plan application; this matter could be on that agenda. No action taken.

XI. 0 South Shore Road – bid opening, discussion, and possible action: Per the PnZ Commission, this very small parcel, owned by the town (which was not previously known), was sent out to bid. An abutter hopes to purchase it in order to combine it with another he already owns and create a lot large enough to be buildable. One bid for the property was received (Dave and Patricia Blake, 29 South Shore Road) in the amount of \$100. K. Beausoleil- the town has no use for the parcel, and it does not generate taxes. **Motion K. Beausoleil seconded by S. Witkowski to award the bid for 0 South Shore Road to the highest bidder carried unanimously.**

XII. Other Business: none

XIII. Citizens' Comments:

Justin Yong, 12 Fairway Dr – regarding 0 Riverside DR: it may be better to sell it/put it onto the Grand List.

Shawn Brissette, 342 Lowell Davis Rd- probably the best course of action is to sell the parcel off or some part the new business can use. Consider a lease/purchase option.

K. Beausoleil- the entire parcel is about 14 acres. There has been discussion of Public Safety Services needing a space. Perhaps the BOS should hold a public forum for community feedback about the best use of the parcel, and the river frontage.

XIV. Tax Refunds:

Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to approve the Tax refunds in the amount of \$2,029.88 carried unanimously.

Barry, Ginnie /Ronald J.	\$241.46	Dumas, Kenneth S.	\$107.31
Booth, Roxanne D.	\$20.14	Tibbetts, Roger M.	\$22.25
Ford, Deborah J.	\$69.78	Weiss, James	\$250.17
Fournier, William /Paula	\$153.69	Weiss, James	\$43.21
Hopkins, Tami L	\$57.33	Weiss, Tammy M.	\$164.60
JP Morgan Chase Bank NA	\$428.46	Sondak, Steven D.	\$148.37
Mailloux, Richard A.	\$24.08	Therrien, MaryBeth A. or	
Pil Sung LLC	\$103.67	Boucher, Phillip D.	\$195.36

XV. Adjourn:

Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to adjourn at 7:44 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.