



**Thompson Board of Selectmen
Regular Monthly Meeting-Minutes
Tuesday, October 19, 2021
Hybrid format: In person at the town hall
and via Zoom from remote locations**

- 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
Others: Many members of the public both in person and via Zoom, WINY, Recording Secretary Dotti Durst.
A. St Onge noted that the meeting was being recorded, then led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. **Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to approve the minutes of the 10-5-2021 BOS meeting carried unanimously, with a notation under Citizen's Comments, #V and #XI: ~~Jonathan Grant~~, Wayne O'Brian, 108 Fabyan Road, and #IX, appointment of Justin Yong through 11-15-2023.**
- III. Correspondence
 - A. DESPP - Police Services Report - September 2021
 - B. Chamber of Commerce - Business After Hours 10-25 at NEPS, where they are celebrating their 35th anniversary of providing job support for mentally challenged individuals
- IV. Selectmen Comments:
K. Beausoleil noted that the Red Sox are ahead and that Atlanta looks positive vs. LA
S. Witkowski- none
A St Onge- noted Halloween events, gave an update on DPW activity, and noted that Centerville Bank is pro-active, with DEEP, in resolving the dam question while maintaining area aesthetics.
- V. Citizen Comments: none
- VI. Board of Selectmen 2022 Meeting Schedule: the BOS meets on 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at Town Hall:
Motion S. Witkowski seconded by K. Beausoleil to approve the 2022 BOS meeting schedule as presented carried unanimously.
- VII. Emergency Management Resolution - Discussion and Possible Action: Steve Benoit, Emergency Management Director, noted that this is a standard annual procedure, enabling grant applications.
Motion K. Beausoleil seconded by S. Witkowski to adopt the Emergency Management Resolution as presented and read into the record, with three copies to be provided, carried unanimously.
- VIII. Fiscal Year End Budget Transfers - Discussion and Possible Action: the documents were provided to the BOS after 4 PM on this date, and time had not been adequate for review.
Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to move discussion of Fiscal Year End Budget Transfers to Agenda # XII Other, awaiting the Finance Director, carried unanimously
- IX. Resignation: A. St Onge and the Selectmen regret the loss of Christine Chatelle as the Fire Advisory Committee Chair, effective immediately. **Motion A. St Onge seconded by K. Beausoleil to accept the resignation of Christine Chatelle as Fire Advisory Committee Chair with regret carried unanimously.**
- X. School Solar Project - Discussion & Possible Action: information was provided to the BOS by CT Greenbank, which is working with the Building Committee to consider installation of a free-standing solar field to serve the schools' electricity needs utilizing the MAP (Municipal Assistance Program); it is projected to save on electricity costs from the beginning, increasing after the first year. John Rice: the Building Committee, which has expressed preliminary interest in the project, will approach the Inland Wetlands and Planning and Zoning Commissions to begin the town-approval process. The BOE will participate as they will be directly involved. A phased-in approach is proposed, with power for the schools provided first, then the project expanded to cover other town structures during a 20-year contract. Virtual net metering is now an option. If the Building Committee determines this to be in the best interests of the town, the matter will come before the

BOS and the BOE for formal approval. J. Rice: the Building Committee will determine what will happen to the array after the 20 years have elapsed, looking to the long-term impact on the town.

- XI. Ambulance Service Update - Discussion & Possible Action: A. St Onge noted that Bob Holdsworth has begun to work on data collection and analysis, as part of a possible merger. The Purchase/Sale agreement between Community Fire for the three ambulances and associated materials/supplies was not accepted; a face-to-face discussion was proposed. Merrill Seney, Jr and Roger Durand, representing Community Fire: the reason the Agreement was not accepted by Community is that they are looking for assurance that funding for the Fire Department will remain consistent with that of the other Thompson Fire Departments. They confirmed that Tighe and Bond, Engineers, have begun design work and will provide oversight when the repairs to shore up the floor are underway. UCONN architecture students have been involved in creating scale drawings. The work needed on the station is in the planning stages and will be sent out to bid once completed. The application for Community Fire to attain R1 status is submitted. A. St Onge: proposed increasing the Purchase offer so that the Lucas tool, used during CPR, is included, and will transfer with the ambulances (\$168,000 total). The Selectmen each verbalized willingness to fund Community Fire Station to the same amount as the other stations, but cautioned that this does not represent a decision, and it cannot be put in writing. As the circumstances change in each election and budget cycle, there is no way to predict that the same amount will be proposed for each station, nor what the BOF decisions might be in the future. All parties agreed to move forward with the modified Purchase/Sale agreement; Community Fire Company Board will hold a special meeting to confirm.
- XII. Other Business:
a). Eagle Scout: First Selectman A. St Onge read aloud a Proclamation, congratulating Shane Yurkevecius, who was present, on the extraordinary achievement of having attained the rank of Eagle Scout. He identified his Eagle Scout project as construction the mini-library.
Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to adopt the Proclamation as read carried unanimously. All rose to applaud as the First Selectman presented the proclamation.
b). F Y End Budget Transfers: in the absence of the Finance Director; no action was taken.
- XIII. Citizens Comments: John Rice 39 E. Thompson Rd: congratulated Shane Yurkevecius on his achievement. K. Beausoleil asked that Terry Bellman co-ordinates with Community Fire and the Engineering firm to arrange for the transfer and relocation of supplies and associated ambulance materials
- XIV. Tax Refunds:
Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to approve the tax refunds as listed for a total of \$880.66 carried unanimously.
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| Honda Lease Trust | \$181.54 | | |
| Norman, Roy & Earl W | \$122.25 | Toyota Lease Trust | \$38.31 |
| Rogers, Zakary S. | \$67.19 | Vault Trust | \$393.51 |
| Schellhammer, Jillian L. | \$77.86 | | |
- XV. **Motion K. Beausileil seconded by S. Witkowski to adjourn at 7:59 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.

