



**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

