



TOWN OF THOMPSON

Board of Selectmen-Minutes

Wednesday, November 3, 2021

Hybrid Meeting – In Person at Town Hall
and via ZOOM Online Meeting Portal

- I. The call to order by Selectman Amy St Onge was at 7:00 PM.
Roll call: First Selectman Amy St Onge, Selectmen Susanne Witkowski and Ken Beausoleil.
Orla Raftery-Kiernan, Finance Director; John Guszowski, principal at Tyche Planning and Policy Group;
Members of the public in person and via Zoom, Recording Secretary Dotti Durst
- II. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited
- III. Approval of Minutes:
Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to approve the minutes of the 10-19-2021 BOS meeting carried unanimously.
- IV. Correspondence
 - A. *The ARC* request to be considered for ARPA funds
 - B. TEEG Thank You for donations
 - C. Chamber of Commerce Nomination Request for the annual Chamber Award
- V. Selectmen Comments:
K. Beausoleil- congratulations to the First Selectman and to the people on Boards and Commissions who put themselves out there to run for office. Even with the complexity of the Write-in ballots, this was Democracy in action. The process worked.
S. Witkowski- not everyone is willing to volunteer. Thanks to the poll workers; having the Write-in ballots provided added new challenges, but the time it took brought attention to the process
A. St Onge-thanks to all who exercised their right to vote.
- VI. Citizen Comments: None
- VII. Affordable Housing Plan - Schedule Public Hearing: CGS 8-30j establishes a simple requirement for a new plan to address Affordable Housing, for which a grant application is being completed; submission is required next month. A. St Onge went over the process currently underway, including the activities of the Town Director of Planning and Development in collaboration with a broad community group interested in exploring the topic, which conducted two surveys, looked at the demographics, at all current housing in town, then made recommendations. John Guszowski, who has worked with the group, noted that a public hearing is not required. He will create a visual presentation for the Selectman's meeting of November 16. The Selectmen will make the public aware of the presentation. No action was taken.
- VIII. Re-Appointment:
Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to re-appoint James Leite to the Thompson Housing Authority Commission through 10/31/2026 carried unanimously
- IX. Community Fire Boot Drive Request:
Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to approve the Community Fire Boot Drive Request for 11/20/2021, 8 AM-12 noon, both on Riverside Drive at Main and at the Transfer Station, carried unanimously.
- X. Ambulance Service Update: Consultant Bob Holdsworth is gathering data such as call frequency by day, time, and type. He will examine the past 3 years of details and prepare projections for the scenarios that might be selected by the town, making a presentation in person to the BOS, possibly before the end of November.

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.