



TOWN OF THOMPSON
Board of Selectmen-Minutes
Tuesday, November 16, 2021
Hybrid Meeting – In Person at Town Hall
and via ZOOM Online Meeting Portal

I. Call to Order The call to order by Selectman Amy St Onge was at 7:00 PM.

Roll call: First Selectman Amy St Onge and Selectman Ken Beausoleil, with Susanne Witkowski via Zoom. John Guszowski (Principal at Tyche Planning and Policy Group); Tyra Penn (Director Planning and Development); Brian Lievense (Recreation Director). Members of the public in person and via Zoom, WINY, Recording Secretary Dotti Durst

II. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

III. Approval of Minutes:

Motion A. St Onge seconded by K. Beausoleil to approve the minutes of the 11-3-2021 BOS Meeting carried unanimously. Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to approve the minutes of the 11-8-2021 BOS Special Meeting carried, with K. Beausoleil abstaining.

IV. Correspondence

DESPP – Summary of Services October 2021

V. Selectmen Comments:

K. Beausoleil- it is holiday travel time, often to be with family-everyone please stay safe.

S. Witkowski- none

A. St Onge- Happy Thanksgiving to all! * Emailed information from Finance Director Orla Raftery-McKiernan reviewed two options for handling short-term funding for the schools Roof project, expiring December 1. We have been advised that a \$2M ten-year bank loan with an early-payment provision pending State funds arriving is the better option. The Bond Council noted that at the town vote last year, the Treasurer and First Selectman were authorized to move ahead on the matter. * DPW 2 road matters: Buckley Hill \$3M project; grant funds are being sought. Langer Pond Dam will need \$25K to achieve the 25% required match for a \$100K grant. And 2 Roofs needing repair include at the DPW which is leaking and the library roof which is at the end of its expected life span. The Finance Director and First Selectman are considering combining several projects for bonding. The BOF is involved in the discussion.

V. Citizen Comments: John Rice, 39 E. Thompson Rd- Congratulations on re-election; this will keep the train rolling. He is comfortable with the bonding strategy, given the unknowns from Hartford.

VI. Affordable Housing Plan – Informational Session: Consultant John Guszowski reviewed a PowerPoint presentation, posted on the town website, which explains the CGS 8-30j requirement for review and update of Thompson's Affordable Housing. Grant funding through CTDOT has a deadline of December 31, this year. He thanked Tyra Penn (Director of Planning and Development), Rene Waldron (Town Clerk) and the members of the Study Committee who worked collaboratively to conduct a survey, and work with various stakeholders and develop the Plan. He reviewed both capital "A" Affordable and lower-case "a" affordable, the proposed 6 Action Plan steps & 10 Recommendations. **Motion A. St Onge seconded by K. Beausoleil to adopt the Affordable Housing Plan as presented carried unanimously.**

VII. Ambulance Service Update: A. St Onge- due to a medical situation, Bob Holdsworth's recommendations for ambulance services will be delayed with possible action after Thanksgiving. S. Witkowski- any delay is actually money to Thompson; a time limit for moving ahead with options might be advisable. A. St Onge will phone Mr. Holdsworth's office to ask what information is currently available. S. Witkowski will contact OEMS for suggestions. K. Beausoleil praised the OEMS staff as being very helpful. Status of the ambulances: A. St Onge confirmed that the transfer is done, the Lucas

tool was delivered to Thompson and is now on loan (in writing) to K-B Ambulance which had none, and the supplies and other materials will be packaged and sent over.

VIII. Recreation Commission Policy - Memorials on Town Property: Recreation Director Brian Lievense reviewed the proposed Policy; it was triggered by a resident's request, but no policy could be found. Modeled similarly to other towns, the Policy specifies that a decision by the town is required for acceptance of a donation to be placed on town property. S. Witkowski- it should specify the process, which begins with approval of the donation by the Recreation Commission, followed by BOS approval.

Motion S. Witkowski seconded by K. Beausoleil to approve the Thompson Recreation Department Park & Memorial Donation Policy with the suggested edits to the text regarding the approval process carried unanimously.

IX. Appointments:

Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to appoint Mathew Whipple, (Constable), Pat Charron (Trails Committee) and Sean Stroham (Fire Advisory Committee) through November 21, 2023 carried unanimously.

X. Re-Appointments:

Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to re-appoint the individuals as listed through 11/21/2023 carried unanimously.

A. Charter Communications N.E. Advisory Council: Richard Trudeau and Amy St. Onge

B. Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer: Orla McKiernan-Rafferty

C. Constables:

Norman M. Baker

Donald A. Brown

Christopher Walch

George Henry Mooney, Jr.

Dennis A. Tackson

Alan Pratt

James A. Niedzialkoski

D. Eastern Regional Tourism District/Mystic County: Tyra Penn-Gesek

E. Northeast CT Council of Governments: Amy St. Onge

F. Northeast CT Transit District: Amy St. Onge

G. Fire Police

1. Community Fire Police (includes Quinebaug Fire):

Frederick E. Cote

Kevin Freeland

Peter Faucher

Allen Gauthier

Frank Heath

John Lafontaine

Rocca Navarro

Wendy Piper

John Rice

A. Richard Trudeau

2. East Thompson Fire Police:

Logan Miller

Robert Emmons, Jr.

Steve Raymond

Jennie Raymond

Luke Asselin

3. Thompson Hill Fire Police:

Hogan Krohn

Paul Feige

Dale Fifield

Randy Fifield

Matthew J. Grauer

4. West Thompson Fire Police:

Alan Pratt

Alex Brown

Heather Gauthier-Bourgeois

Mat Whipple

H. Transfer Station Advisory Committee:

Karen Durlach

Paul Horanzy

Al Landry

Lynn Landry

Kevin Racine, Alternate

David Ostrowski

Linda Carli

Steven Houghton

- XII. Resignation: a letter was received from Bernie Davis resigning from the Conservation Commission. A. St Onge: he has contributed so much to the town that we hope that once the Covid period has passed by that he will reconsider. K. Beausoleil: he will continue on MSRAC.
Motion A. St Onge seconded by K. Beausoleil to accept the resignation of Bernie Davis from the Conservation Commission with regret carried unanimously.
- XIII. Other Business: none
- XIV. Citizens Comments:
John Rice, 39 E. Thompson Rd- asked for clarification about the locations controlled by the Policy on Memorials on Town Property. B. Lievens: the document applies to any town-owned parcel. It is open-ended, never knowing what memorial or gift may be proposed.
- XV. Tax Refunds:
Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to refund a total of \$4,416.96 as presented carried unanimously.
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| Roy, Keri A. | \$44.61 | Toyota Lease Trust | \$251.94 |
| Teneyck, Daniel/Elizabeth | \$63.37 | Toyota Lease Trust | \$138.40 |
| Toyota Lease Trust | \$377.77 | Toyota Lease Trust | 125.79 |
| Toyota Lease Trust | \$348.05 | Toyota Lease Trust | \$202.92 |
| Toyota Lease Trust | 393.41 | Toyota Lease Trust | \$112.88 |
| Toyota Lease Trust | \$180.57 | Toyota Lease Trust | \$366.26 |
| Toyota Lease Trust | \$261.02 | Toyota Lease Trust | 366.26 |
| Toyota Lease Trust | \$346.38 | Toyota Lease Trust | 563.25 |
| Toyota Lease Trust | \$274.08 | | |
- XVI. Adjourn:
Motion A. St Onge seconded by K. Beausoleil to adjourn at 8:21 PM carried unanimously.

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

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.