



TOWN OF THOMPSON
Board of Selectmen
SELECTMEN'S MEETING-Minutes

Tuesday, July 6, 2021
Hybrid Meeting – In Person at Town Hall
and via ZOOM Online Meeting Portal

- I. The call to order by First Selectmen Amy St Onge was at 7:07 (technical glitch with Zoom)
Attendance: First Selectman Amy St Onge, Selectmen Ken Beausoleil and Susanne Witkowski.
Library Director Alison Boutaugh. Emergency Services Director Steve Benoit. Via Zoom: John Rice, Richard Morse (RiMaConn), Attorney Ken Slater at 7:45, Recording Secretary Dotti Durst
- II. Approval of Minutes
Motion A. St Onge seconded by K. Beausoleil to approve the minutes of the 06-15-2021 BOS Meeting carried unanimously
- III. Correspondence
A. DESPP – Police Services Report May 2021
- IV. Selectmen Comments:
S. Witkowski – Happy July 4th to everyone.
K. Beausoleil – requested an update on the Library Roof project. * The announcement on WINY that the Community Fire Department structure was condemned was a surprise. There will be no issue with fire protection through the Mutual Aid arrangements. Since they are Independent Fire Companies, the BOS has no jurisdiction but can get behind their plan to move forward.
S. Witkowski - EMS was also based at that location. The Speedway and Thompson Hill are now official locations. A. St Onge- yes, the closing was announced right up against the holiday long weekend; everyone who should have been informed was not.
A. St Onge- the Community Fire Department is a private entity, partially funded by the town, controlled by their own board. * At the July 15 BOF meeting, a joint BOF/BOS session will be held to discuss possible/permitted uses of the American Rescue Plan funds. * July 24-25 the Concert Series begins at Riverside Park, with plenty of open areas for distancing. * Volunteers are needed to put a base coat of paint on the dog kennel; Middle School students will add the final coat of paint and decorate it with their artwork.
- V. Citizen Comments: S. Benoit- The Emergency Management department did receive an email from Community Fire Department Captain Sharpe that the station was condemned.
-John Rice, 39 E. Thompson Rd: asked to clarify the location of Agenda item VI, “0 Riverside Dr”
- VI. Lease Town Land: 0 Riverside Drive - Discussion and Possible Action: When the K of C owned 1017 Riverside Dr, currently occupied by Drafters Sports Café, they also leased a parcel to the rear, enabling them to conduct events outside along the river. The current owners are utilizing some of the parcel, but without documentation permitting this. If the town-owned parcel is to be used, insurance and indemnification will be needed to protect the town. K. Beausoleil- the Community Fire Department has identified the parcel as a possible new location for their operations.
A. St Onge- of course the town wants to support a new business, so a possible course of action is to enter into a one-year lease, then look out long term. Research into the status of the lease on the parcel is underway and the town attorney will provide guidance. No action was taken.
- VII. Library Board of Trustees – Request to Purchase Zono Machine: A. Boutaugh reviewed the various items the ozone-based sanitation equipment will handle, including DVDs, CDs and other library media. Especially important will be the hands-on items in the children’s section. It was noted: only one firm manufactures this equipment, thus there is no call for an RFP. The possible use of some of the CARES (Covid Relief) funds for this equipment has been confirmed. Letters of recommendation from other libraries were presented; it is also used at Day Care and for Sports Equipment.
K. Beausoleil- perhaps Recreation can utilize the system to sanitize town equipment.

Motion S. Witkowski seconded by A. St Onge to approve the use of CARES funds to purchase a double-functioning sanitizing Zono machine and to waive the bid process for it carried unanimously.

VIII. Resignations

- A. **Motion A. St Onge seconded by K. Beausoleil to accept the resignation of Recreation Director Lesley Munshower with regret carried unanimously.** Positive comments about Lesley's contributions to the Recreation Department were offered by all Selectmen.
- B. **Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to accept the resignation of Recreation Commission Chair Steve Bordua with regret carried unanimously.** It was noted that S. Bordua has served the town well as Recreation Commission chair for this extended period.

IX. Hartford Marathon Road Use – Discussion and Possible Action: the 2019 event, an 18-stage, 95-mile relay from Lincoln, RI to Hartford was a success, and all parties hope for a second successful event this year. All requirements including Proof of Insurance are provided by the organizers.
Motion S. Witkowski seconded by K. Beausoleil to authorize Thompson Road Use on August 28, 2021 as specified in the RiMaConn proposal carried unanimously.

X. Other Business: none

XI. Citizens' Comments: none

XII. Tax Refunds:

Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to refund \$152.65 to Austin Touchette carried unanimously.

XIII. Executive Session – Marianapolis Sewer Litigation:

Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to go into Executive Session at 7:47 PM carried unanimously. In attendance: the three Selectmen and Town Attorney Ken Slater. Executive Session concluded at 8:22 PM and the regular meeting resumed.

Motion A. St Onge seconded by K. Beausoleil to approve the Settlement Agreement and Release as presented, including the "letter side agreement" as amended. and to authorize the First Selectman to execute the agreement as drafted or if amended in such a way as approved by the Town Counsel, carried unanimously.

XIV. Adjourn:

Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to adjourn at 8:23 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.