

**TOWN OF THOMPSON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING
SENEY COMMUNITY ROOM, TOWN HALL
June 18, 2015, 9 am
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Paul Lenky, First Selectman, Kerstin Forrester, Selectman, Shaina Smith, Selectman

OTHERS: John Rice, Rene Morin, Ken Beausoleil, Jeff Barske

Meeting called to order by Paul Lenky at 9 a.m.

- Paul Lenky read the Notice of Special Town Meeting for Annual Referendum
- M/S to accept Kerstin Forrester/Shaina Smith
- Discussion:
 - Add paragraph about absentee ballot and location of polling places.
 - What time should polls be open? Notice states “Noon to 8 p.m.” Should we set at 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.? Discussion about cost and ability to get poll workers for the longer hours. Shaina Smith stated that since we pay registrars and poll workers, they should be responsive to work the hours required, or we can go to surrounding towns and ask for help. Paul Lenky mentioned that it had been difficult for the last referendum to get a sufficient number of people to work and there were not enough people to split the day. Kerstin Forrester said that it would be difficult to go to other towns for help due to the timing and the fact that the referendum will be on July 1. Perhaps for the future we should look at getting high school students involved as some of the towns do.
 - Asked the Town Clerk for count of number of voters for the first and second referendum = 750 and 1243 respectively, with 17 and 20 absentee votes respectively.
 - Need to advertise aggressively.
 - Web site – put up ad about mil rate change and, if possible, a formula for people to calculate their new tax liability. Kerstin will arrange
 - Signs “VOTE TODAY”
 - Shaina Smith requested that the First Selectman write to Chair of BoE and BoF to be present at the Town Meeting on June 24, 2015 to present budget highlights and answer questions. Also that this be well advertised. They along with the First Selectman should also request to discuss the budget on WINY radio.
- Paul Lenky called for a vote to accept the revised Notice (attached); all three voted Yes.
- Motion to Adjourn at 9:33 a.m. M/S Shaina Smith/Kerstin Forrester, passed

Recorded and submitted,

Kerstin Forrester, Selectman