



TOWN OF
THOMPSON
Selectmen's Office

Special Selectmen's Meeting - Minutes
Wednesday, February 5, 2020

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I. Call to Order

The meeting was called together by Amy St. Onge at 3:04 p.m.

Present: Amy St. Onge

Susanne Witkowski

Ken Beausoleil

Staff: Orla McKiernan-Raftery

Also present: Budget Presenters and Members of the Public

II. Budget Reviews/Discussion/Revisions

Amy St. Onge moved and Susanne Witkowski seconded the motion to move Item

R. Economic Development Commission request to create an Advisory Sub-Committee for 65 Main/Garden by the River project to the top of the agenda.

Amy St. Onge – yes Susanne Witkowski – yes Ken Beausoleil - yes

The request was reviewed and discussed. A decision was made to postpone this item for review at the BOS Meeting on Feb. 18, 2020

A. Recreation 5301 - Lesley Munshower & Steve Bordua

Recreation Staff Part-time: Increase pay to keep pace with minimum wage:

Part-time Increase from \$14.91/hour to \$16.25 per hour

Summer help Increase from \$13 to \$14.17 per hour

Increase length of summer help to 15 weeks from 10 weeks

Recording Secretary: Increase from \$75.50 to \$95.50 per meeting

Meetings, Fees: Increase by \$600 to cover increased cost for background checks and for training for Recreation Director

Senior Citizens: Increase by \$100

Summer Concerts: Increase by \$350

Halloween Party: Increase by \$300 for laser light show

Bonfire: Increase \$250 for Ice Carving

Thompson Seniors Grant: Increase by \$500

B. Assessor 1303 - Diana Couture

Left Payroll structure as is with Assessor, Assessor-in-Training

Add Temporary Wages for Transition & Office Coverage: \$1000

Books Periodicals: Increase \$50

C. Quinebaug Fire Department 2202 – Steve Bodreau

Discussed budget requests including future needs & capital expenses with further review at future meeting

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- D. First Selectman 1201 - Amy St. Onge
 - Salaries were not discussed
 - Second Assistance: Increase for hourly rate based on changes to contract already made.
 - Printing & Publications: Increase \$100
 - Office Supplies: Decrease \$250
 - Miscellaneous: Decrease \$150
- E. Data Processing 1202 – Orla McKiernan-Raftery, Marie Mongeau
 - Maintenance Agreement: Increase \$3,473 due to new contract pricing with further review
 - Website: Increase \$250 due to reclassification – website hosting
 - Software: Reduce \$708
 - Software Upgrade Reduce \$1580 as prior year was based on upgrade to Windows 10.
 - Website hosting fee \$ 250 to be confirmed
 - Supplies: Reduce \$8500 due to prior year purchase of map printer
- F. Town Hall 1801 - Amy St. Onge, Marie Mongeau
 - Wages: First Selectman will speak with current Maintainer; with further review
 - Travel: Reduce \$320
 - Fuel-Heating: Increase \$500 due to increase in pricing
 - Service Contract: Increase \$1500 for Elevator Contract
 - Water-Sewer: Reduce \$200
- G. Employee Assistance Program
 - Fringe Benefit – will discuss with that Department review
- H. Town Counsel 1701 Orla McKiernan-Raftery
 - Legal – Labor: Reduce \$5,000
 - Legal – Wetlands/Conservation: Reduce \$400
- I. Board of Selectmen 1102 Amy St. Onge
 - Salary/Stipend: A recommendation will be made for the Board of Finance to decide
 - Town Dues & Memberships: Increase \$656 with further review
- J. Tourtellotte Scholarship
 - No Change
- K. Celebrations 5201
 - No Change

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- L. Fringe Benefits 7301- Orla McKiernan-Raftery, Marie Mongeau
Longevity: increase \$425

Health/Life Insurance: Increase 19.5% with further review

Pension: pending with current negotiations

Worker's Compensation: Increase 7% with further review

Severance: Increase \$5,000

Employee Assistance Program: Under review

Other Professional Fees: Increase \$2650 for OBEP

- M. Municipal Insurance 7302 – Orla McKiernan-Raftery

Insurance: Increase 7.5% with further review

Bonds: Increase \$400

- N. Capital (except DPW) 8101

Tabled until Public Works and Library budgets have been reviewed

- O. Transfers 8102

Tabled until Public Works and Library budgets have been reviewed

- P. Debt Retirement 8150

Interest on Bonds and Bond Retirement: Decrease \$112,456 based on pay down of
Oil spill

Note: Retirement: Rescue \$34,126 based on reduction in number of notes

- Q. Other Budgets As Needed

General Services (Partial) – 4101 Amy St. Onge

Emergency Fuel Assistance: for further review; Amy St. will speak with TEEG

TEEG: Request of \$44,715 for further review

Community Kitchens: Increase \$250

Access Agency: Increase \$500 and Add No-Freeze Shelter line for \$2000

Add Last Green Valley Walktober 2020 Sponsorship: \$100

- R. Economic Development Commission request to create an Advisory Sub- Committee
for 65 Main/Garden by the River project was moved moved to the top of the
agenda

- II. Adjourn (this item was mis-numbered, it should be Item III)

Motion by Amy St. Onge, seconded by Susanne Witkowski at 7:30 p.m.

Amy St. Onge – yes Susanne Witkowski – yes Ken Beausoleil – yes