



**TOWN OF THOMPSON**  
**SPECIAL SELECTMEN'S MEETING - Minutes**  
**Tuesday, April 19, 2022 5:00 PM**  
**Hybrid Meeting – In Person at Town Hall and via**  
**ZOOM Online Meeting Portal**

- I. The Call to Order by First Selectman Amy St Onge was at 5:00 PM with all Selectmen present.  
Roll call: First Selectman Amy St Onge, Selectmen Ken Beausoleil, and Susanne Witkowski. Bill Steglitz,  
Finance Director: Town Attorney Ken Slater (via Zoom); Alison Boutaugh (Library Director).  
Members of Boards and Commissions and the public. 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 04-5-2022 BOS Meeting carried unanimously**
- IV. Correspondence
  - A. Chamber of Commerce – Business After Hours: 04/27, 5-7
  - B. DESPP Police Services Report for March 2022
- V. Selectmen Comments:
  - S. Witkowski requested frequent updates on the status of EMS services. A temporary contract is in place at \$30K per month, down from \$46K per month, awaiting the permanent contract.
  - A. St Onge: \* confirmed that Zoom was functioning, naming those present on-line, but there are audio technical issues in the meeting room. \*a special schedule this evening has been established, with the BOF Budget Workshop tonight at 7 PM, in this same room. She encouraged those present to remain. \*Attorney Ken Slater is present to work with the BOS on a pending petition.**Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to re-sequence the agenda, making # XIII, possible Special Town Meeting, the new # VI carried unanimously.**
- VI. Discuss and Take Action on Petition for Special Town Meeting: (former Agenda item #13)  
Attorney Slater reviewed the specific language in each of the Questions of the Petition which had been put forward regarding the Planning and Zoning Commission. The process requirements have been met. He finds Questions Two and Three of the original petition have now been revised so as to be valid, and reviewed the consequences of passage or failure to pass these two remaining Questions. K. Beausoleil asked the timeline if the current petition Questions do pass, and the currently-seated Planning and Zoning Commission is dissolved and a new one scheduled for election. K. Slater: appointments would not be allowed. An election cycle would take about a month, with another month for organization. After that, creating the various sets of Planning and Zoning Regulations and implementation would take some months. The proposal is to repeal Ordinance 10-038 as well as to consider a new Ordinance, 22-001. S. Witkowski asked the benefit of disbanding the PZC then re-creating the Commission; the public does not seem well-served as no PZC decisions would be made on applications which are presented, and no enforcement could take place of the Regulations if they may be under revision. The legal notice regarding a Town Meeting to consider the revised Petition was read aloud into the record, with the meeting to be held April 27, 7 PM in the Library Faucher Community Room. Public notice will be available on the Town website, at the Town Hall, and the media. The consensus of the BOS was that by moving forward with a motion, they are honoring the Petition and not necessarily reflecting individual or collective BOS positions on the matter. The BOS extended thanks to the Town Attorney for participating in this meeting.  
**Motion A. St Onge seconded by K. Beausoleil to carried schedule a town meeting to consider the Petition regarding the Planning and Zoning Commission, to be held April 27, 7 PM in the Library Faucher Community Room, carried unanimously.**
- VII. Citizen Comments: Valerie Clark, 105 Alm Rd; Dave Clark, 105 Alm Rd; Bill Warner, 243 Lowell Davis Rd; Girl Scout Katlyn Larson, 185 Porter Plain Rd.

- VIII. Request: **Motion S. Witkowski seconded by K. Beausoleil to approve a TMHS Project Graduation Fundraiser at the Transfer Station May 21, 2022 (rain date: May 28) carried unanimously.**
- IX. Request: **Motion S. Witkowski seconded by K. Beausoleil to approve the request for the Girl Scout Cookie Sale Fundraiser at the Town Hall (Parking Lot) April 23 and at the Transfer Station April 30 carried unanimously.**
- X. Conservation Commission Appointment/ Susan Wheeler, to be handled by the First Selectman
- XI. Request: Girl Scout Katlyn Larson 185 Porter Plain Rd has created 6 panels which young people interact with to have fun; this is part of her work toward Eagle Scout status.  
**Motion K. Beausoleil seconded by S. Witkowski to approve an Eagle Scout interactive project at the Wilsonville Park Playground (Town property) carried unanimously.**
- XII. Bid Opening – Riverside Drive Sidewalk Replacement Project: Contract Administration, Inspection and Material Testing: two bids were received and opened at this meeting.  
\* The Freeman Company, 36 John Street, Hartford. \* WMC Consulting Engineers, 87 Holmes Rd, Newington. Both contain detailed proposals. After brief review, the BOS consensus is to refer the bids to MSRAC for their consideration. No action taken.
- XIII. Discuss and Take Action on Legal Notice of Annual Town Meeting:  
No action taken, awaiting the budget proposal from the BOF.
- XIV. DPW Building Fire Alarm Proposals: After review by the Fire Marshal, the Sonitrol proposal seems to most closely match Thompson's needs.  
**Motion A. St Onge seconded by K. Beausoleil to accept the Sonitrol proposal for the DPW Fire Alarm System carried unanimously.**
- XV. Other Business: none
- XVI. Citizen Comments: none
- XVII. Tax Refunds:  
**Motion A. St Onge seconded by K. Beausoleil to approve the tax refund to JP Morgan Chase Bank NA for a total of \$24.45 carried unanimously.:**
- XVIII. Adjourn:  
**Motion A. St Onge seconded by K. Beausoleil to adjourn at 5:50 PM carried unanimously.:**

To hear the audio recording of the meeting, inquire at the Selectman's office.  
Technical issues prevented the Zoom meeting from being recorded.

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.*