



Town of Thompson
Board of Selectmen- Minutes
July 5, 2023
Merrill Seney Room-Town Hall
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- I. The call to order by First Selectman Amy St Onge was at 7:00 PM with all Selectmen present. Roll call: First Selectman Amy St Onge, Selectmen Susanne Witkowski and Ken Beausoleil. Library Director Alison Boutaugh. Jamie Seney and Robert Werge (representing Putnam EMS services). Members of Boards and Commissions and the public. Recording Secretary Dotti Durst.
- II. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - A. **Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to approve the minutes of the 06-22-2023 BOS Special Meeting carried unanimously, noting that in #8 the service provider is Beta Corp ~~Data Corp.~~**
- IV. Correspondence
 - A. CCM Discount Prescription Card Usage April 2023
 - B. Chamber of Commerce – Legislative Business After Hours: Day Kimball Hospital, 07-12
 - C. Thomas Miller Letter re: Town Resources
- V. Selectmen Comments:
 - S. Witkowski: some DEEP patrolling – Quaddick Lake was quiet and orderly July 4 week
 - K. Beausoleil noted power outages recently; he promotes attendance at concerts in the park
 - A. St Onge observed that the tax office is very active as the bills are beginning to be paid.* Correspondence between A. St Onge and Attorney Ken Slater about the possibility of creating a Fire District tax system resulted in some procedural clarifications and reviewed some options the town can consider. A. St Onge will involve/inform all 5 Fire Districts as the exploration continues. * The status of the 1999 Rivermill: on July 19 at 6 PM the developer will make a presentation to provide information to the public.
- VI. Citizens' Comments:
 - Jess Bolte, 1081 Riverside Drive, looks forward to the Rivermill information and the project's completion, and confirmed that it is entirely grant funded.
 - Director Alison Boutaugh: the Library roof project is going well and is ahead of schedule; she commended Brian Santos for his work on the project and the Director of Planning and Development for obtaining the STEAP Grant.
 - Valerie Clark, Alm Road, pointed out continuing difficulty with the town Board/Commission meetings calendar being kept current; she noted a double-booking of a time slot and does not think it appropriate for a member of the public to have to choose between the two agendas.
- VII. EMS Service Provider - discussion of possibly seeking bids for Emergency Medical Services from other providers, as posed by Selectman S. Witkowski at a previous BOS meeting; she cited a reduction in the proposed budget for the new fiscal year and considers this to be one possible way among several to examine whether the current service is the most cost-effective. The BOS reviewed the current status. EMS Board members and meeting attendees Jamie Seney and Rob Werge were present and spoke. J. Seney noted that the current arrangement is working effectively. R. Werge spoke about data and comparisons. A. St Onge asked the EMS Board to provide the BOS with hard data not only for call/response times but also financial matters, once the fiscal year is closed.
- VIII. Library/Community Center Oil Tank Replacement: Director A. Boutaugh was present. The Library Board of Trustees requests that the town explore the replacement of a 6,000-gallon

underground oil tank, seeking an over-all evaluation of the project, the full scope of required work, and all associated costs. Grant funding for the work is in place.

Motion K. Beausoleil seconded by S. Witkowski to refer the matter to the Building Committee as requested by the Library Board of Trustees carried unanimously.

- IX. Request for Gazebo Use from resident D. Jamieson, proposing a Community Rally Against Hate, at which she predicts about 75 people might be present.

Motion K. Beausoleil seconded by S. Witkowski to accept the request for use of the gazebo at 1PM on August 5 (with rain date back-ups) carried unanimously.

- X. Bid opening RFPs: 65 Main Street Roof project- one bid was received: Young Developers, LLC, Hamden, CT which is the firm already involved with the Schools roof project. The bid will be forwarded to the committee for review.

- XI. Other Business: None

- XII. Citizen Comments:

- Sally White, E Thompson Road, asked about the correspondence from Thomas Miller. A. St Onge read the letter aloud, adding clarifications. She and the BOS discussed the Town's Private Roads Policy which provides that the DPW is required to review all private roads to confirm them ready for snow-plowing, which is done when 4" or more falls.

- XIII. Tax Refunds: None

- XIV. Adjourn:

Motion S. Witkowski seconded by K. Beausoleil to adjourn at 7:56 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