



TOWN of THOMPSON

Board of Selectmen

**Minutes: Regular Meeting
Tuesday, October 6, 2015
Merrill Seney Room, Town Hall**

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The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

First Selectman Paul Lenky called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Present: Kerstin Forrester
Paul Lenky
Shaina Smith

Staff Present: Tina Fox, Recording Secretary

Also Present: Members of the Public

I. Approval of Minutes

A. **Kerstin Forrester moved and Shaina Smith seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the September 15, 2015 regular meeting with the following corrections:**

1. Page 1, Section II(A)(1): Clarification that the bids referred to were for the Library HVAC Engineering.
2. Page 4, Section IV(D): Clarification that Alison Boutaugh brought the camera problem to the Board of Selectmen's attention, not just K. Forrester's attention.
3. Page 4, Section IV(D): Last sentence should use the word 'incur' rather than 'endure.'
4. Page 7, Section XII(B): Clarification that the question was about how many miles of road chip sealing was being done.
5. Page 7, Section XIII(A)(4): Should read "K. Forrester agreed with P. Lenky, and explained that the Board has not had sufficient time to consider the letter." (Removing the word 'look'.')
6. Page 7, Section XIII(A)(6): Motion should read "Kerstin Forrester moved and Paul Lenky seconded the motion to put discussion of the letter from River Junction Estates, LLC on hold and to not act on it until the Board has sufficient information." (Replacing the word 'do' with 'to'.')

Kerstin Forrester- Yes Paul Lenky- Yes Shaina Smith- Yes

The motion carried unanimously.

B. **Kerstin Forrester moved and Paul Lenky seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the September 21, 2015 special meeting as written.**

Kerstin Forrester- Yes Paul Lenky- Yes Shaina Smith- Abstain

The motion carried.

C. **Kerstin Forrester moved and Paul Lenky seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the September 28, 2015 special meeting with the following clarification:**

1. K. Forrester was absent but with prior notice.

Kerstin Forrester- Abstain Paul Lenky- Yes Shaina Smith- Yes

The motion carried.

II. Correspondence

A. K. Forrester presented the following correspondence:

1. Letter from Ken Weinstock. It states that it contains attorney/client privileged information; it is confidential and should remain as such.
2. Form for completing the process for soil remediation at the Town Garage from Jared Henshaw.
3. Email from Eversource regarding receipt of generator for application for interconnection of Thompson Public Schools.
4. Copy of the site lease with SHR Energy.
5. Email from Joe Lindley with questions about the website update.
6. Several emails between representatives at the school, Board of Education and Noel Lafayette.
7. Information regarding the fee waiver requested for the Eversource CLEAResult project.
8. Request for a loan resolution from Orla McKiernan-Rafferty. Suggestion to hold a Special BOS meeting with O. McKiernan-Rafferty present to discuss the resolution.

B. S. Smith presented the following correspondence:

1. Invite to another after business hours on October 13, 2015.
2. Flyer for an art show at the library featuring Quinebaug Valley photographers.
3. Report from the Building Inspector.
4. At Thompson Community Day, the Thompson Business Association had a brochure out that a lot of businesses were able to participate in.

C. P. Lenky presented the following correspondence:

1. Notification regarding the cell tower stating that it is in compliance with updates.
2. Quaddick Road Bridge is waiting for final Wetlands approval from the State and an Endangered Species report.
3. Letter from CT Oil Recycling Services stating that oil sampling will be required going forward, which will cost the Town \$30-\$75 each time the oil is sampled. K. Forrester suggested asking the Highway Department how much used oil is collected and how often it is picked up.
4. Flyer from TEEG discussing Octoberfest.
5. Flyer from the library stating that 'Naked Mondays' will be continued.
6. UConn students surveyed sites for the Blain Rd. bridge. The new bridge will go over the old abutments.

III. Selectmen's Comments

A. K. Forrester presented the following Selectman's Comments:

1. A special meeting was held to review the power purchase agreement with SHR Energy. A list of 24 questions and clarifications was sent in. A revised contract was received at 3:26 PM October 6, 2015.
2. Performance reviews are being scheduled for Town employees.

- B. S. Smith presented the following Selectman's Comments:
1. At least 5 or 6 storm drains have been damaged near the Lots as a result of paving, and a few of them have been replaced. S. Smith asked if it is the Town's responsibility to pay to replace them. P. Lenky stated that the storm drains had to be replaced because they were previously damaged, which Leo Adams knew. S. Smith responded that she lives on School St. and that the storm drains were not damaged prior to paving and that some of them could go through another season or two. P. Lenky stated that if the company did the damage, they will have to replace them. S. Smith said that she will forward pictures of the damage to the Board so that the Town can try to recoup some of the expenses.
 2. S. Smith also brought up a concern that the company paving at the Lots has been using water from some resident's houses. P. Lenky stated that the residents were asked beforehand and some of them will be reimbursed. S. Smith responded that some of the residents did not know what the water was being used for.
 3. S. Smith asked when the library curbing will be completed. P. Lenky answered 30 days from the date the project was started. S. Smith also asked if the old curbing is being recycled. P. Lenky explained that kids were playing on the piles of rubbish, so the Highway Department disposed of it. S. Smith brought up a concern that when the Town goes out to bid, it should be spelled out better what is expected from start to finish.
 4. With regards to agenda item 9, S. Smith stated that it is on the agenda for the second time, and she hopes there is more information rather than just a reiteration of the original request.
- C. P. Lenky had no Selectman's Comments.
- IV. Citizens' Comments (Limit 3 Minutes)
- A. Kevin Walsh, Blain Rd., asked if the environmental study taking place on the Belding property is private property, to which P. Lenky answered affirmatively. K. Walsh stated that he does not know how much money is going into the project to maybe get it to Phase 2 for a private citizen to benefit from.
 - B. Steve Benoit, Emergency Management Department, asked for assistance to get the school's security plan.
 - C. Ken Beausoleil, Walker Dr., stated that there is a link for Town ordinances on the website that is not functional. He stated that if the Board is scheduling a Town meeting date for the ordinances, he would hope that the Board would make sure that the information is out there ahead of time so that the public can digest it.

- D. Paul Baer, Thompson Rd., read a quote from the Driveway Permit Ordinance, as well as the definition of a street, and stated that it appears some driveway permits were collected that did not have a road to go to. P. Baer stated that the Starr Rd. matter is going round and round. He said that Mr. Lenky stated the document was filed with the State. At the December 17, 2014 public hearing it was stated that the source of the document was Leo Adams. P. Baer quoted the File Access Procedure policy that was put on the Town's website. P. Baer mentioned a letter dated April 27th stating that P. Lenky would amend a report that was never changed in the first place. P. Baer stated that he would appreciate if the paid webmaster would correct the webpage to read 'Board of Selectmen.' He would like to know why the Ethics Policy has not moved forward. He stated that at the December 17, 2014 public hearing, K. Forrester made a motion to terminate discussion because there was no application before any Town commission. He stated that now there are applications before multiple commissions, so the discussion should be reopened.
 - E. Don Pimental, 40 Starr Rd., stated that it is not clear to him what the request is (agenda item 9). He asked if there will be discussion about the agenda item.
- V. Request for \$1,200 for PZC for Professional Services from NECCOG Rendered 6/30/13
- A. John Rice, Planning and Zoning Commission Secretary, explained that this bill was just received and it is unclear why it was not received previously. He stated that the other item on the bill was paid in 2013. He explained that a complex project came before the Commission, and the ZEO felt he wasn't qualified to review the plans, so PZC used a NECCOG engineer to review the plans and discuss the proposal. He explained that the bill was not budgeted for and that the service is not included in the annual NECCOG fee.
 - B. **Kerstin Forrester moved and Shaina Smith seconded the motion to move the \$1,200 request to the Board of Finance.**
Kerstin Forrester- Yes Paul Lenky- Yes Shaina Smith- Yes
The motion carried unanimously.
- VI. Eversource CLEAResult- Discussion of Fee Waiver
- A. K. Forrester explained that Jordan Stern presented a savings potential for the Town with changing light bulbs and updating lighting fixtures at the Town Hall and Library, but that there could be a Building Permit fee involved. An email from Donna Hall explained that most of the fee can be waived, but a portion of the fee referred to as the State of CT Educational fee cannot be waived, which is calculated at .26 cents per \$1,000 of project cost.
 - B. **Kerstin Forrester moved and Paul Lenky seconded the motion to waive the Town portion of the Building Permit fee.**
Kerstin Forrester- Yes Paul Lenky- Yes Shaina Smith- Yes
The motion carried unanimously.
 - C. K. Forrester clarified that the fee is only an issue of the Town decides to move forward with the project.
- VII. Appointment to Community Fire Police- Susan M. Rogers
- A. **Kerstin Forrester moved and Shaina Smith seconded the motion to appoint Susan M. Rogers to Community Fire/Police.**
Kerstin Forrester- Yes Paul Lenky- Yes Shaina Smith- Yes
The motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Set Date for Town Meeting

- A. P. Lenky stated that the suggested date for the Town Meeting is Wednesday, October 28, 2015 at 7:00 PM at the library, and Attorney St. Onge is working on the resolution for the ordinances. He stated that there is sufficient time to approve the resolution at the next BOS meeting, and that Attorney St. Onge is confident he will be able to review everything in time.

B. **Shaina Smith moved and Kerstin Forrester seconded the motion to set the Town Meeting date for October 28, 2015.**

1. S. Smith stated that in the past, the BOS always had the actual notice to discuss exactly what will be at the Town Meeting, and that she doesn't feel comfortable setting a date for Town Meeting when she doesn't know exactly what will be at the meeting.
2. S. Smith asked if it would be possible to hold a public hearing prior to the Town Meeting to give residents an opportunity to raise questions/concerns. She suggested having a public hearing on October 21st to make for a smoother Town Meeting on October 28th.

Kerstin Forrester- Yes Paul Lenky- Yes Shaina Smith- Yes

The motion carried unanimously.

C. **Shaina Smith moved and Kerstin Forrester seconded the motion to schedule a public hearing for October 28, 2015.**

1. K. Forrester asked what needed to be done to prepare for a public hearing, and if the requirements for posting a public hearing could be met.
2. S. Smith suggested talking to Attorney St. Onge about a time frame for advertising for a public hearing.

Kerstin Forrester- Yes Paul Lenky- Yes Shaina Smith- Yes

The motion carried unanimously.

IX. River Junction Estates, LLC. Request

- A. P. Lenky explained that the BOS received a letter from an attorney which needs to be sent to the Town Attorney for review. He stated that there won't be any action at tonight's meeting.
- B. S. Smith asked what the reason for this request being on the agenda. P. Lenky answered that he does not think there should be any discussion at all on the matter because of the letter from an attorney. K. Forrester added that it is a legal issue now and shouldn't be discussed.
- C. S. Smith stated that she has a hard time digesting the idea that it is a legal matter when it is a public document. P. Lenky referenced a sentence in the letter to explain himself, to which S. Smith stated that she is interpreting that sentence differently.
- D. P. Lenky stated that the request will not be discussed until the Town Attorney reads the letter.

X. Road Updates

- A. P. Lenky stated that paving at the lots is doing well and that chip sealing has not yet started. He also stated that Leo Adams has the list of roads that will be chip sealed, and he will be calculating the number of miles of road to be chip sealed.

XI. Other Business: None

XII. Citizens' Comments on Agenda (Limit 3 Minutes)

- A. Kevin Walsh, Blain Rd., stated that a comment was made under Selectmen's Comments that agenda item number 9 would be discussed when the meeting got to that item, then when the Board go to that item, it wasn't discussed. P. Lenky stated that after receiving a letter from an attorney, it is his opinion that it is a legal matter that should not be discussed. K. Walsh stated that there is a difference between opinion and fact.
- B. Ken Beausoleil, Walker Dr., urged the Board to get the ordinance changes to the public as quickly as possible. He stated that working drafts should be available to the public because there is an awful lot of reading and comparison.
- C. Al Landry, 33 Randall St., asked for clarification regarding the public hearing and Town Meeting. He asked if the public hearing should be called an informational hearing, because at public hearings, action is taken, and there is no action taken at a meeting like the one being proposed.
- D. Ken Beausoleil, Walker Dr., stated that if enough input is given at the meeting, it could necessitate changes being made to those ordinances. He stated that the Board may want to reconsider the date as October 28th because they really want input from the people.
- E. Paul Baer, Thompson Rd., referring to agenda item number 5, stated that there should be a policy that invoices and bills be submitted within a time frame. Referring to agenda item number 9, he stated that if the Board isn't going to discuss it, it should specifically state what the request is.
- F. Allen Rawson, River Junction Estates, LLC., asked if the letter from the Attorney will be sent to Attorney Byrne. P. Lenky answered that the letter will be sent to Attorney Byrne and Attorney St. Onge.

XIII. Tax Refunds

A. **Kerstin Forrester moved and Shaina Smith seconded the motion to approve the following tax refunds:**

1.	Tom or Mary Andrea	\$39.18
2.	Lisa J. or William A. Barrette	\$122.26
3.	Annette T. Begin	\$24.80
4.	Andrea J. Delaney	\$13.39
5.	Justin P. Desmarais	\$12.81
6.	Norman A. Deslauriers	\$57.04
7.	Roger H. Duquette	\$52.08
8.	Christopher D. Ey	\$2.73 & \$28.52
9.	Christopher D. & Elynne A. Ey	\$49.85
10.	William J. Fournier	\$12.48
11.	G & B Equipment Service	\$4.07
12.	David Gemmill	\$49.92
13.	Jeffrey M. Greene	\$46.62
14.	Michael C. Guile	\$70.18
15.	John F. Hulten	\$19.35
16.	Marianne Hulten	\$52.33
17.	Walter E. Jones	\$75.14
18.	Arrik Kim	\$13.14
19.	Scott Lapworth	\$60.47
20.	Leonidas P. Lekacos	\$9.68
21.	Jayson Alan Livingstone	\$34.97
22.	Jayson A. & Gail L. Livingstone	\$18.60
23.	James S. McWilliam	\$260.15
24.	Nissan Infiniti LT	\$26.11
25.	Lucille G. Paquette	\$60.02
26.	Janet D. Peckham	\$136.90
27.	Elizabeth Perry	\$5.48
28.	Richard R. & Evelyn C. Samborski	\$102.18
29.	Margaret L. Sellers or Patricia M. Devine	\$34.97 & \$3.97
30.	Nancy L. or Paul G. Standrowicz	\$18.60 & \$15.13
31.	Karen Lisette Weir	\$12.12
32.	Corrine A. Wessoleck	\$2.95
33.	Steven A. Wilkie	\$120.03 & \$8.93
	Kerstin Forrester- Yes	Paul Lenky- Yes
		Shaina Smith- Yes

The motion carried unanimously.

XIV. Adjourn

A. **Kerstin Forrester moved and Shaina Smith seconded the motion to adjourn.**

Kerstin Forrester- Yes Paul Lenky- Yes Shaina Smith- Yes

The motion carried unanimously.

B. First Selectman Paul Lenky adjourned the meeting at 7:52 PM.

Tina Fox
Recording Secretary