



Town of Thompson
Board of Finance
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Minutes – Special Meeting

Thursday June 6, 2019

Time: 8:30 PM (or immediately following referendum results)

Town Hall, 2nd Floor Conference Room

1. Call to Order & Roll Call:

Chairman Aaron McGarry called the meeting to order at 9:00pm.

Present: Chair Aaron McGarry, Vice-Chair Larry Groh Jr., Susanne Witkowski, Rhonda Rooney, Jim Bellavance and Rob Mann

Absent: None

2. Citizen's Comments:

- James Clark, 113 Labby Rd, on Board of Assessors, complaints filed/will be filed with Federal and State agencies that have oversight of political activities/election enforcement.
- Ken Beausoleil, 21 Walker Rd, chatted with Registrars regarding next available dates for Town Meeting and Referendum.
- Linda Jarmolowicz, 7 Denis Dr, can't get budget through, will never get Security Grant through and we will lose funding to help keep our children safe.
- Shawn Brissette, Whittemore Ave, this Board of Ed budget is the most responsible budget put out yet with all info the Finance Board wants to see. Some social media is against the schools budget, town's budget has a higher percentage increase, hopes this Board schedules a budget workshop meeting and takes the time to go over the budgets at a later date.

3. Set Mill Rate for Fiscal Year 2019/2020 if Applicable – N/A

4. Budget Workshop if Applicable:

Discussion ensued on time frame for posting notices in newspaper and the availability of Board Members to meet at a future date; the public negativity towards school budget; information from Tax Collector and tax bills; suggestions on different ways to lower the BOE budget.

a) **Larry Groh Jr. moved and Rhonda Rooney seconded the motion to increase Revenue item 430011 from \$300 K to \$350 K.**

Rob Mann – **Yes**

Aaron McGarry – **Yes**

Susanne Witkowski – **Yes**

Jim Bellavance – **Yes**

Rhonda Rooney – **Yes**

Larry Groh Jr. – **Yes**

The motion carried unanimously 6-0

More discussion on how much to take from where to reach goal and show the citizens the Board heard them.

- b) **Aaron McGarry moved and Rob Mann seconded the motion to reduce the BOE Budget by \$91 K.**

A lengthy discussion ensued on why this motion and hopes of better outcome at 3rd Referendum.

Rob Mann – **Yes** Aaron McGarry – **Yes** Susanne Witkowski – **No**
Jim Bellavance - **Yes** Rhonda Rooney – **Yes** Larry Groh Jr. - **No**

The motion carried 4-2.

More discussion.

- c) **Susanne Witkowski moved and Rob Mann seconded the motion to take \$200K out of Bus Capital Project Fund to close line item 136748 and put it into General Fund Operating Budget**

A discussion ensued on Mill Rate; total budget amount after motions; hopes this budget passes.

Rob Mann – **Yes** Aaron McGarry – **No** Susanne Witkowski – **Yes**
Jim Bellavance - **Yes** Rhonda Rooney – **Yes** Larry Groh Jr. - **Yes**

The motion carried 5-1.

Increase in BOE Budget is 1% and Town's Budget is 4.8%.

- d) **Larry Groh Jr. moved and Susanne Witkowski seconded the motion to send to the Board of Selectmen for a Town Meeting, the Town Budget of \$7,641,842.00 & the Board of Education Budget of \$18,717,572.00 for a total budget of \$26,359,414.00 for a Mill Rate of 28.14 which is a proposed Mill increase of 0.39%.**

Rob Mann – **Yes** Aaron McGarry – **Yes** Susanne Witkowski – **Yes**
Jim Bellavance - **Yes** Rhonda Rooney – **Yes** Larry Groh Jr. - **Yes**

The motion carried unanimously 6-0

6. Board of Finance Member's Comments: None

7. Adjourn

**Larry Groh Jr. moved and Susanne Witkowski seconded the motion to adjourn.
The motion carried unanimously 6-0**

Chairman Aaron McGarry adjourned the meeting at 10:02PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Minarik

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Recording Secretary
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