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Board of Finance  
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**Minutes – Board of Finance Regular Meeting**  
**Thursday, June 20, 2019, 7:00 PM**  
**Thompson Library/Community Center Meeting Room**

1. Call to Order & Roll Call:  
**Vice-Chair Larry Groh Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.**  
**Present:** Vice-Chair Larry Groh Jr., Susanne Witkowski, Jim Bellavance, Rhonda Rooney and Rob Mann  
**Absent:** Chair Aaron McGarry
2. Approve Minutes:
  - A. 5/16/19 Regular Meeting  
**Susanne Witkowski moved and Rob Mann seconded the motion to approve the 5-16-19 minutes as written.**  
**The motion carried 4-0** Rhonda Rooney - Abstained
  - B. 5/20/19 Special Meeting  
**Susanne Witkowski moved and Rhonda Rooney seconded the motion to approve the 5-20-19 minutes as written.**  
**The motion carried unanimously 5-0**
  - C. 6/6/19 Special Meeting  
**Susanne Witkowski moved and Jim Bellavance seconded the motion to approve the 6-6-19 minutes with a correction to 4.d. - remove % sign from proposed Mill increase of 0.39%.**  
**The motion carried unanimously 5-0**
3. Correspondence:
  - A. Adopted FY20 State Budget Impact on Thompson
  - B. Thompson Community Day 10-5-19
  - C. Board of Education 6/10/19 Agendas & Thank you letter to Speedway
  - D. 6/6/19 Proposed Budget
  - E. Email re: Annual Report Cover  
**Susanne Witkowski moved and Rob Mann seconded the motion to add the Annual Town Report Cover to Old Business 10. A.**  
**The motion carried unanimously 5-0**
4. Citizen's Comments: None
5. Kenneth Beausoleil: Selectmen's Update  
Started road work for the season, on West Thompson Rd for a couple weeks, (should avoid it), then to Thompson Hill, Gawron Rd, Brandy Hill Rd, Porter Plain Rd, Liberty Ln, Rawson Ave & Red Bridge Rd, weather permitting, Sand Dam Rd culvert replacement project was awarded and should start late summer when the water-table comes down, road closure for 2 weeks; ending fiscal year; referendum vote tomorrow 6-21-19 12pm – 8pm

6. Melinda Smith: Education Update – No Update
7. Orla McKiernan-Rafferty: Financial Report  
May 2019 report given; property tax total is \$16.9 M; rec'd \$61,622 in grants; Local revenue year total is \$890 K; committed expenses for year is \$6.424 M; cash decreased by 2.439 M for the month; Auditors will be here on 6/24/19 for their preliminary audit.
8. Board of Trustees of the Tourtellotte Fund Update: No update
9. New Business:

A. Tax Collector's Annual Suspense Accounts

Tax Collector, Rene Morin, gave his report; starting 1/1/2020 motor vehicle registration will change to every 3 years; asked to transfer \$137,101.92 to Suspense Account.

Gayle Salisbury asked about the vehicle with out of state license plates.

**Rob Mann moved and Susanne Witkowski seconded the motion to suspend \$137,101.92 as presented by the Tax Collector.**

**The motion carried unanimously 5-0**

B. Fire Advisory Committee Presentation

- This presentation was put together for the budget workshops but time ran out and Susanne feels the Board should see it.
- All 5 Fire Departments were represented and equipment was available to see, touch, try-out and ask questions about.
- Kim Austin, Fire Authority Chairman, gave a brief overview of future possibilities and introduced the 5 Fire Chiefs who narrated the slide show.
- Future meetings for BOF & BOS with Woodstock and Thompsons Fire Advisory Committee in regards to moving forward.
- Community Fire Dept. building to go on 7/18/19 BOF agenda. Looking to add \$54,000 sq ft addition, approx. \$900K.
- Shawn Brissette, Whitmore Ave, asked if a fire station could get grants like TEEG building? Selectmen are looking into grants.

C. Oil Spill Litigation payment and possible transfer \$506,829.40

- Settlement with Green Environmental for \$555,000, slightly under 80% of project costs. After paying outstanding Atty. fees of \$48K.
- Total spent \$872K, \$650K was remediation and the rest was legal costs.
- Total loan amount for school and Highway Garage was \$913K at 1.835%, \$795K is school; have paid \$200K and next payment due 7/15/19 of \$100K; suggestion to take \$506K from settlement and pay down loan which will reduce debt service;

Discussion on looking at not paying loan because of low interest rate and use the money to purchase vehicles in upcoming budget; interest amount costs on different loans.

**Rob Mann moved and Jim Bellavance seconded the motion to pay \$506,829.40 on the Oil Spill Remediation Loan.**

Discussion: Susanne is uncomfortable making this decision without Aaron present; usually have a full Board for the big money decisions; just wants to make sure it's the best use of the Towns money.

Rob Mann – Yes      Rhonda Rooney – Yes      Jim Bellavance – Yes

Susanne Witkowski – No      Larry Groh Jr. – Yes

**The motion carried 4-1**

**Rob Mann moved and Jim Bellavance seconded the motion to make the 7/15/19 loan payment of \$101,651.88 also.**

Susanne is uncomfortable making this decision without Aaron present; usually have a full Board for the big money decisions; just wants to make sure it's the best use of the Towns money.

Rob Mann – Yes      Rhonda Rooney – Yes      Jim Bellavance – Yes  
Susanne Witkowski – No      Larry Groh Jr. – Yes

**The motion carried 4-1**

10. Old Business:

A. Annual Town Report Cover: Questioning which report, FY18 or FY19, should the Wizard of Oz cover go on; original production was in 1989.

**Rhonda Rooney moved and Susanne Witkowski seconded the motion to put the Wizard of Oz on the FY2019 Annual Report, which is the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of that play.**

Discussion on a picture for the basic cover, why black and white vs color.

**The motion carried unanimously 5-0**

12. Board of Finance Members Comments: None

13. Adjourn.

**Susanne Witkowski moved and Rob Mann seconded the motion to adjourn.**

**The motion carried unanimously 5-0**

**Vice-Chair Larry Groh Jr. adjourned the meeting at 9:29 PM.**

Respectfully Submitted,

*Diane Minarik*

Recording Secretary  
06-20-19 Minutes BOF Regular Meeting