

**Town of Thompson**  
**Building Committee Meeting**

**Minutes**

**Wednesday, August 8, 2018**

**6:00pm**

**Tourtellotte Memorial High School Media Center**

Members Present:

Members Absent:

John Rice  
John Lenky  
Frank Langlois  
William Witkowski  
Brian Santos

Jonathan Hoenig  
Larry Consiglio  
Raymond Faucher

Also present: Ken Beausoleil, Steve Herbert, Melinda Smith, Linda Jarmolowicz, William Birch

**I. Call to Order**

John Rice called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

**II. Accept the minutes of July 11, 2018 meeting**

**Motion** by Bill Witkowski, seconded by Brian Santos, to accept the minutes of the July 11, 2018 meeting.

**Motion - Passes. Unanimous.**

**III. Approve Invoices:**

A. #071869114                      Tighe & Bond                      \$ 29,461.00

**Motion** by John Rice, seconded by Brian Santos, to pay invoice #071869114 from Tighe & Bond after corrections have been made to the invoice and when funds are available.

**Motion – Passes. Unanimous.**

B. #539322                      Shipman & Goodwin                      \$ 1,705.00

**Motion** by Bill Witkowski, seconded by Frank Langlois, to accept invoice #539322 from Shipman & Goodwin in the amount of \$1,705.

**Motion – Passes. Unanimous.**

C. #539877                      Shipman & Goodwin                      \$ 894.50

**Motion** by Bill Witkowski, seconded by Brian Santos, to pay invoice #539877 from Shipman & Goodwin in the amount of \$894.50 when funds are available.

**Motion – Passes. Unanimous.**

**IV. Approve invoices received after agenda posted**

None.

**V. Review of Financial Summary of current project – Oil Spill Remediation**

None available.

**VI. Correspondence**

A. Memo –S.H.R. Noel Lafayette

**To be read as correspondence at the upcoming Building Committee meeting**

Dear Mr. Rice,

It is time for the Thompson of Thompson to make decision regarding the solar project that has been under discussion for almost 4 years. The deadline of October 2018 is fast approaching. As it will already be somewhat late, we cannot afford anymore delay, for it upsets the economics of the project.

Some of points of clarification are required for your boards understanding, for there seems to be many misconceptions.

This project has now been under review for almost 4years, by five different boards or committees. (BOE, Solar advisory committee, 2 administrations of the BOS, the EDC, The Building Committee, and most recently Tighe and Bond as consultants.) For ease of discussion, I have bullet pointed the pertinent items below.

1. Attached is a Signed letter naming SHR as authorized developer. (Notarized)This should put the RFP issue to rest, from a legal point of view. SHR spent close to 125k based on this document on entering to obtain the variance, as requested by the Lenky administration)
2. If the Town wishes to move on the school property proper, SHR is willing to do so, yet that decision must be made very quickly. The Building committee can comment to that. Some feel that they wish to do the solar as a capital project. Fran Hoey, VP for Tighe and Bond, already informed the Building Committee that no municipalities do it this way, for it is too expensive.
3. If the Town does not build the project by the deadline it forfeits the incentive award and even more importantly is disqualified from applying again. This is what has already occurred to the Town Hall portion of the Project. (Please review below statute: Motion 84)

“the Authority authorizes the Company to terminate the practice of allowing additional Applications to be submitted in subsequent annual funding periods for a particular revenue meter where the Small ZREC Project is not in service as of the date of application into a subsequent Small ZREC enrollment period, or in the case of new construction projects, for the site address, which shall serve in place of the revenue meter designation. Agreement in Years 1 through 4 of the Small ZREC program, with the exception of any contracts that were terminated prior to December 12, 2016, or Small ZREC projects that are in-service at the date and time of the application into a subsequent Small ZREC Tariff enrollment period. Similarly, the Authority also approves amendments to the process for submitting Medium and Large ZREC Applications, as well. “

In conclusion, this letter is to inform all the boards who have participated in this dialogue of the situation as it stands now, and hopefully a decision can be made soon, for we are unfortunately out of time.

Thompson is in unique position to control its energy costs for the foreseeable future, which is always very empowering to administrations that have to budget every year. Energy costs will be a known quantity, and that helps in tight economic times, as we are all facing for at least the next decade. as the State’s budget woes worsen.

SHR is willing, to sit down and negotiate the final details with any representatives of the Town of Thompson at any time.

Kind Regards,

Noel Lafayette

**B. Questions to Tighe & Bond from the Committee**

The committee recently send questions to Tighe & Bond for clarification. Representatives from Tighe & Bond will attend an upcoming meeting to address the questions.

**VII. Update – Bill Birch**

Bill Birch gave an update on CME who have completed the drilling in the school. They got samples but have not received any results yet.

**VIII. Temporary Oil Tanks – Rentals**

Bill Birch received quotes from three companies for renting temporary oil tanks. The committee reviewed each quote and left the decision of choosing a company at the discretion of the chairman and Bill Birch.

**IX. Review Cost Estimate for Tank Replacement**

**A. Tighe & Bond Report \*Action**

The committee reviewed a manual from Tighe & Bond regarding Fuel Storage Replacement. Brian Santos had a few questions and comments for Tighe & Bond that can be answered at another meeting. Discussion was held. John Rice suggested that committee review the manual again before the next meeting. Mr. Rice will make a recommendation to the Selectmen for a request for funding for the Fuel Tanks Replacement Project at the Thompson Public Schools in the amount of three hundred forty-one thousand dollars.

**X. Other business deemed pertinent to the Committee**

**XI. Adjournment**

**Motion** by Brian Santos, seconded by Bill Witkowski to adjourn the meeting at 6:58pm.

**Motion – Passes. Unanimous.**

Respectfully Submitted  
Danielle M. Pederson  
Recording Secretary

Committee Approval of Minutes: