



TOWN OF THOMPSON
Board of Selectmen – Minutes
Tuesday – March 5, 2024
Merrill Seney Room-Town Hall
and via ZOOM Online Meeting Portal

- 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 Ken Beausoleil and Susanne Witkowski. Members of Boards and Commissions and the public, Recording Secretary Dotti Durst
- II. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- III. Public Hearing Thompson Congregational Church Neighborhood Assistance Act Tax Credit Program application: First Selectman A. St Onge opened the Public Hearing at 7:03 PM. Bill Champagne and Bruce Hall represented the Thompson Congregational Church. The details of the State tax benefit, available to non-profits and municipalities, allowing “C” corporations to donate to the Renovation were explained. Confirmed: the town, serving as liaison in the process, incurs no liability or any costs if they enable the Church to participate in the Neighborhood Assistance Act; the Church offered to pay for the Legal Notice of this Hearing. If status is granted to the Church, the Trustees will not begin to allocate expenses from it until the funds are actually in hand. Several residents asked a question or offered an opinion, including Frank McGarry (Chase Rd), Valerie Clark (Alm Rd), Claudia Allen (Taylor Rd), Sally White (E Thompson Rd), Mary Anne Fontaine (Alix Dr), Barbara McGarry (Chase Rd), Ramon Jameison (Taylor Rd).
Motion A. St Onge/K. Beausoleil to close the Public Hearing at 7:24 PM carried unanimously.

Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to approve and submit the Neighborhood Assistance Act Tax Credit Program application in conjunction with the Thompson Congregational Church and to act as the municipal liaison carried unanimously.
- IV. Approval of Minutes:
Motion K. Beausoleil seconded by S. Witkowski to approve the six BOS meetings minutes as listed, with the correction of a 02-20-2024 typo (# VI. Sally White) carried unanimously.
A. BOS Meeting 2-20-2024
B. BOS-BOF Special Joint Meeting – Budget Presentations 2-13-2024
C. BOS-BOF Special Joint Meeting – Budget Presentations 2-19-2024
D. BOS-BOF Special Joint Meeting – Budget Presentations 2-22-2024
E. BOS Special Meeting – Budget Reviews 2-27-2024 and the
F. BOS Special Meeting – Budget Reviews 2-28-2024 minutes
- V. Correspondence The DESPP Services Report for January 2024 was read aloud by A. St Onge.
- VI. Selectmen Comments:
 - K. Beausoleil: the BOS/BOE budget presentation to the BOF is at 7 PM on March 7 at TMHS. There is an open invitation to tour the school at 6 PM.
 - S. Witkowski: the 3 members of the BOS worked well together to put forward a budget proposal to the BOF, reflecting the town’s needs and what taxpayers can afford.
 - A. St Onge: the 03-07 budget presentation will be live-streamed on YouTube. The link will be posted on the Agenda. * In response to a previous question, the town attorney clarified: the Fire Departments are entities independent from the town, and as such,

determine their own hiring policies, selecting at their best judgment. Noted: there are many people involved in the fire departments from neighboring towns.

- VII. Citizen Comments:
 - Valerie Clark, Alm Road *thanked the BOS for moving the Church proposal forward.
 * inquired about possible Fire Tax Districts. K. Beausoleil: if Fire Departments become Independent, they would have a Board of Directors and determine many issues internally.
 – Sally White, E Thompson Road, asked about the Fire Departments staffing process.
 K. Beausoleil- the Fire Chief sends a recommendation to the BOS.
- VIII. Salt Storage Shed RFP– Open Bids: 5 bids were received; they will be opened and passed to the Building Committee for review: *Connecticut Carpentry Corp, Rocky Hill
 * Clinton L. Hughes and Co, Chester *O & G Industries, Torrington
 * Richards Corp, Terryville * W J Mountford, S. Windsor
- IX. Transfer Station – Nips Funds for New Container Unit: the BOS previously approved utilization of the revenue from Nips by the DPW, with them to come back to the BOS for authorization of the selected piece of equipment. The proposal is for a 40' Container with 4 side doors, which will be used for disposal of antifreeze, batteries, and other similar items; the quote is \$12K; the collected funds are just under \$12K. K. Beausoleil: this will enable the DPW to secure these items. S. Witkowski: this storage unit will keep the area cleaner.
Motion S. Witkowski seconded by K. Beausoleil to approve the purchase of the selected unit for DPW use, to be funded by the Nips Fund, carried unanimously.
- X. Resignation: **Motion K. Beausoleil seconded by S. Witkowski to accept with regret the resignation of Wetlands/Conservation Agent Dan Malo as of March 2 carried unanimously.**
- XI. Re-appointments: **Motion A. St Onge seconded by K. Beausoleil to re-appoint Peter J. Cummins, Jr. to the Conservation Commission and Francesca G. Morano to the Inland Wetlands Commission, both through March 15, 2029, carried unanimously.**
- XII. Recreation: **Motion A St Onge/K. Beausoleil to close Bates Avenue, 10 am- 3pm at Thompson Common, on 03-23 (alt date: 03-30) for the annual Easter Egg Hunt carried unanimously.**
- XIII. Other Business: none
- XIV. Citizens' Comments: none
- XV. Tax Refunds:
Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to approve tax refunds to Ratliff, Allison and Randall (\$33.44) and Donohue, Nicholas S. (\$357.79) totaling \$391.23 carried unanimously.
- XVI. Adjourn:
Motion K. Beausoleil seconded by S. Witkowski to adjourn at 7:54 PM carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Dorothy Durst, Recording Secretary *Dorothy Durst*

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