

Results of Annual Town Meeting
Town of Thompson
NOTICE OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING - May 16, 2016
NOTICE OF REFERENDUM - May 25, 2016

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Linda Paradise
TOWN CLERK/ASST.

The Electors and Citizens qualified to vote in Town meetings of the Town of Thompson, Connecticut, are hereby notified and warned that the Annual Town Meeting of said Town will be held at the Thompson Public Library/Louis P. Faucher Community Center, 934 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale, Connecticut, on Monday, May 16, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the evening for the following purposes:

1. To choose a moderator for said meeting;

Motion to nominate Larry Groh, Jr. as moderator for meeting.

Motion made by: Shawn Brissette

Seconded by: William Witkowski

So moved.

Motion to close nominations

Motion made by: Joseph Lindley

Seconded by: Shawn Brissette

So moved.

2. To consider and act upon recommendations of the Board of Finance that appropriations be made for the fiscal year budget for the period beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017 in the amount of \$25,867,866.00, consisting of \$7,673,100.00 for the general government budget, and \$18,194,766.00 for the education budget, and to make such appropriations as are advisable in adopting a Town budget.

Motion to approve item 2.

Motion made by: William Witkowski

Seconded by: Dick Trudeau

Discussion was held regarding the increase in the general government budget and the Board of Education budget.

Motion to close discussion.

Motion made by: Ken Beausoleil

Seconded by: Stephen Hebert

So moved.

Motion to approve item 2 so moved.

3. To consider and act upon the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen, acting as agents for the Town of Thompson, be authorized to apply for and receive any state or federal grants that may become available and appear to them to be in the best interest of the Town of Thompson.

Motion to approve item 3

Motion made by: Joe Lindley

Seconded by: Linda Jarmolowicz

So moved.

4. To consider and act upon the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Town of Thompson's local capital improvement projects of \$88,496.00 and capital improvement plan as defined in Section 7-535 through 7-538, a copy of which plan is on file in the Office of the Board of Selectmen and available for public inspection during normal business hours, is hereby ratified and approved.

Motion to approve item 4.

Motion made by: Suzanne Witkowski

Seconded by: Ron Brissette

So moved.

Motion made by Ronald Brissette and seconded by Rene Morin to waive the reading of items 5 through 8.

So moved.

5. To consider and act upon the following resolution:

(a) to appropriate \$373,000 for costs related to environmental remediation due to oil spills at the School Complex and the Highway Garage, and related work, and costs related to the financing thereof. Such appropriation shall be in addition to a prior appropriation and borrowing authorization of \$540,000 approved at Special Town Meeting held March 4, 2015 and Referendum held March 17, 2015, for an aggregate appropriation of \$913,000;

(b) to authorize the issue of bonds or notes in an amount not to exceed \$373,000, and temporary notes, to finance the increase in the appropriation for the project. The bonds or notes shall be issued pursuant to Section 7-369 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, and any other enabling acts. The bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the Town secured by the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit of the Town;

(c) to take such action to allow temporary advances of available funds which the Town reasonably expects will be reimbursed from the proceeds of borrowings; and to authorize a majority of the Board of Selectmen and the Treasurer to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds, notes or temporary notes authorized by the resolution if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years, and to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of holders of the bonds or notes to provide secondary market disclosure information, which agreements may include such terms as they deem advisable or appropriate in order to comply with applicable laws or rules pertaining to the sale or purchase of such bonds, notes or temporary notes;

9. Pursuant to Section 7-7 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, and the resolution adopted at referendum held October 9, 1997 regarding the submission of non-budgetary appropriations to referendum, to adjourn said town meeting at its conclusion and to submit the resolutions to be presented under Items 5 to 8 of this Notice to vote upon voting machines, which vote, in the absence of objection, shall be held on Wednesday, May 25, 2016, between the hours of 12:00 p.m. (noon) and 8:00 p.m. Electors will vote at the following polling places:

District No. 1 — Thompson Hill Fire Department, 70 Chase Road, Thompson

District No. 2 — Town Office Building, 815 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale

District No. 3 — Quinebaug Fire Department, 720 Quinebaug Road, Quinebaug

District No. 4 — East Thompson Fire Department, 530 East Thompson Road, Thompson

Persons qualified to vote in town meetings who are not electors will vote at: Town Office Building, 815 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale. Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk's office. Absentee ballots will be counted at the following central location: Babbitt Veterans Room, First Floor, Town Office Building, 815 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale. Action on said items at the Town Meeting will be limited to reasonable discussion only.

The aforesaid resolutions will be placed on the voting machines under the following headings:

“SHALL THE TOWN OF THOMPSON APPROPRIATE \$373,000 FOR THE OIL SPILL REMEDIATION PROJECTS; AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUE OF BONDS, NOTES AND OBLIGATIONS IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION?”

“SHALL THE TOWN OF THOMPSON APPROPRIATE \$127,000 FOR SCHOOL BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS; AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUE OF BONDS, NOTES AND OBLIGATIONS IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION?”

“SHALL THE TOWN OF THOMPSON APPROPRIATE \$150,000 FOR THE TOWN OWNED ELLEN LARNED MUSEUM BUILDING ROOF REPLACEMENT; AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUE OF BONDS, NOTES AND OBLIGATIONS IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION?”

“SHALL THE TOWN OF THOMPSON AUTHORIZE A LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A TOWN SWEEPER IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT IN EXCESS OF \$216,000?”

Motion to approve item 9.

Motion made by: Dick Trudeau

Motion seconded by: Kathleen Herbert

Discussion about changing referendum time to begin to 6 a.m.

So moved.

10. Notice is further given, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7-7 of the Connecticut General Statutes; and the town budget resolution presented at Town Meeting on September 29, 1997 and approved at referendum on October 9, 1997, the Board of Selectmen has removed Item 2 (the budget) for submission to the voters in a manner provided by said statute. A machine vote will be held between the hours of 12:00 p.m. (noon) and 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 25, 2016 at the regular polling places, and said Item 2 will be divided into separate votes on the general government budget and the education budget as required by the Town Budget Resolution.

Voters approving the resolution will vote “Yes” and those opposing said resolution will vote “No.”

Motion to adjourn to referendum.

Motion made by: Ronald Brissette

Motion seconded by: Shawn Brissette

So moved



Renee Waldron

Town Clerk