



TOWN of
THOMPSON

Board of Selectmen

Minutes: Regular Meeting
Tuesday, August 2, 2016
Merrill Seney Room, Town Hall

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The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

First Selectman Ken Beausoleil called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Present: Ken Beausoleil
Shaina Smith
Steve Herbert

Staff Present: Tina Fox, Recording Secretary

Also Present: Members of the Public

- I. Approval of Minutes
 - A. **Steve Herbert moved and Shaina Smith seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the July 19, 2016 regular meeting as written.**
Ken Beausoleil- Yes Steve Herbert- Yes Shaina Smith- Yes
The motion carried unanimously.
 - B. **Steve Herbert moved and Shaina Smith seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the July 28, 2016 special meeting as written.**
Ken Beausoleil- Yes Steve Herbert- Yes Shaina Smith- Yes
The motion carried unanimously.
- II. Correspondence
 - A. Statistics from Troop D for incidences throughout the Town.
 - B. Information from ACCESS Agency.
 - C. Taste of the Valley at Bald Hill in Woodstock by Last Green Valley.
 - D. Chamber of Commerce after hours at the Rectory School.
 - E. Notification to the Town of C-TEC Solar, LLC petition for declaratory ruling.
 - F. CT State Library Grant award payment of \$4,000, to be used for record preservation in the Town Clerk's office.
 - G. Chamber of Commerce schedule of upcoming events.
 - H. CT Water information regarding updates and what they're doing in the community.
 - I. Letter from Renee King regarding the energy plants.
 - J. Email from Library Director regarding the Library Board and a summary of the sprinkler system. S. Smith suggested including this on the next agenda for discussion, and to invite Alison Boutaugh to the meeting. K. Beausoleil stated that because A. Boutaugh will be out of town for the next BOS meeting, he will add it to the September agenda.

III. Selectmen's Comments

A. K. Beausoleil presented the following Selectmen's Comments:

1. Quaddick Rd. Bridge will close Thursday, August 4th at 7:00 AM. The bridge was incorrectly closed on August 1st and reopened the morning of August 2nd. The contractor had not notified the necessary people. Notifications have now gone out that the bridge will close August 4th.
2. State police are patrolling areas of concern in Town, areas that the Selectmen's Office gets complaints for.
3. A speed radar sign has not been located yet. The State police do not have one. NECCOG did have one, but it was stolen the day after they put it on the road. K. Beausoleil is looking into finding a solar radar sign that can be mounted to a pole.
4. Signage has been added to the intersections at Route 200 and Buckley Hill Rd., and Route 12 and Buckley Hill Rd. The State is looking into the possibility of reconstruction of the intersections, as well as a crosswalk at Thatcher Rd. They are also looking at the intersection at Blain Rd. and Riverside Dr.
5. The Belding-Corticelli Mill remediation study is being finalized and is still under budget. There will be a public informational meeting once a report is finalized.
6. CME Engineering was awarded the contract for the other Brownfield remediation study, and the contract is getting closer to being signed.
7. The Highway Department is preparing to do chip-sealing on Blain Rd., Reardon Rd., Gaumond Rd., Elliot Hill, Sea Strand Rd., and then Porter Plain Rd. to start the over-lay process.
8. Eversource provided a list of the different types of street lights that are on various poles in Town. They will be providing estimated cost savings if the Town switches to LED.
9. A window and a door were shot out at the Library. Police are investigating the incident. The door was to be replaced August 2nd, and the window will be replaced soon. Insurance covered the incident with a \$1,000 deductible.
10. NECCOG will be interviewing Town Hall employees starting August 3rd for the Town Hall evaluation project.
11. The Town had a 1983 sweeper and 1986 sweeper. The 1983 has broken beyond repair. The BOS will need to discuss the problem and decide whether or not to ask the Board of Finance (BOF) for the money and to include the money in the next Referendum.
12. S. Smith stated that lights were on at the park at 6:25 PM and there was no reason for them to be. K. Beausoleil stated that he will speak to Leo Adams about changing the timer so they do not turn on so early.
13. K. Beausoleil stated that S. Smith previously asked about putting lights up at the entrance to the park. K. Beausoleil stated that the Town can install a light and connect it to an existing service meter. He is waiting to hear back on costs for the project.
14. The Town Hall A/C system broke on Sunday and needed repair, costing \$800.

B. S. Herbert presented the following Selectmen's Comments:

1. Attended a government council on climate control that was presented in Hartford and projected to the meeting location in Dayville. There is a nationwide goal to reduce emissions by 80% from what they were in 2001, and we are nowhere near making the projected goal by 2050. The next meeting is in November.

IV. Citizens' Comments

- A. Sharon Recore, 46 Townes Lane, stated that the Quaddick Bridge is already closed. It was being worked on around 2:00 PM that day, and just before the meeting, there was a large piece of machinery across the bridge. There are also signs up that say the bridge is closed.
- B. Roman Jamieson, Taylor Rd., stated that the bridge was being worked on at 7:30 PM the previous night, and signs are up saying that the bridge is closed.
- C. Al Landry, 33 Randall, stated that WINY reported that the bridge is open and is going to be closed Thursday. He did not attempt driving that way because a sign is up that says the bridge is closed. He stated that the Blain Rd./Riverside Dr. intersection is a mess. He suggested painting a line so that people know where their lane is. He stated that there are old probate records belonging to Ashford in the back room, and they should be returned to Ashford or the Probate Court. They should have never been allowed to store items in the back room at Town Hall in the first place, and they took some furniture from Town Hall when the Probate Court moved.
- D. Steve Benoit, Emergency Management, asked what will happen if there is an emergency tonight requiring personnel to go over the bridge, and no one realizes that the bridge is out. K. Beausoleil stated that he will call Quinebaug Valley Emergency that night to let them know.

V. Discussion/Letter Power Plants

- A. K. Beausoleil stated that the letter that S. Smith drafted was put on BOS letterhead, and he sees no errors with it.
- B. **Ken Beausoleil moved and Shaina Smith seconded the motion to sign this as presented and send it off to the appropriate authorities.**
 Ken Beausoleil- Yes Steve Herbert- Yes Shaina Smith- Yes
The motion carried unanimously.
- C. K. Beausoleil stated that the letter was directed toward the proposed Burrillville plant, and S. Smith also drafted a letter appropriate for the proposed Killingly plant.
- D. S. Smith stated that she made a few small changes, and she wasn't sure who to address the letter to.
- E. S. Herbert suggested addressing it to State representatives. K. Beausoleil agreed, and added that it should be addressed to the siting council, as well.
- F. The Board discussed the water source for the proposed Killingly plant, to determine how to word the section in the letter regarding the impact to Thompson.
- G. **Steve Herbert moved and Shaina Smith seconded the motion to send the letter of objection to officials in Killingly, our State representatives, and Siting Council, noting our objection to the Power Plant in Killingly, as revised.**
 Ken Beausoleil- Yes Steve Herbert- Yes Shaina Smith- Yes
The motion carried unanimously.

VI. Set Town Meeting Date

- A. K. Beausoleil suggested setting the Town Meeting for August 18th at 7:00 PM, to include only the resolution for the proposed power plants. The Board previously discussed including various ordinance changes at the Town Meeting, but the Town Attorney suggested otherwise. K. Beausoleil stated that the Town Attorney believed Inlands and Conservation had been separated already.

- B. S. Herbert asked for clarification. K. Beausoleil stated that there were ordinances that the Town Attorney did not have a chance to approve that were sent to Town Meeting last year.
- C. Linda Jarmolowicz reminded the Board that August 18th would be the night of the BOF meeting.
- D. S. Herbert asked about the Ethics Policy Ordinance, and K. Beausoleil stated that it is not ready to go forward.
- E. K. Beausoleil stated that he could suggest to the BOF that they begin their meeting, and then recess to go to the Town Meeting. He stated that the Town Clerk will not be around the week of the 20th through the end of August, which is why the suggested date for the meeting was the 18th.
- F. S. Herbert asked if the Assistant Town Clerk can fill in during the Town Meeting. K. Beausoleil stated that he will look into that.

VII. Appointments – Economic Development Commission (EDC) Alternates: Kerstin Forrester and Robert Larkin

- A. K. Beausoleil explained that EDC has two alternate positions to be filled, and the appointments will be staggered to expire on December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2017.
- B. **Steve Herbert moved and Shaina Smith seconded the motion to appoint Kerstin Forrester as an alternate to Economic Development Commission, term to expire December 31, 2016.**
 - 1. S. Smith stated that she submitted a letter to the Chief State's Attorney's office and everyone from the previous administration is currently under review by the State. She would feel uncomfortable having someone serve on a commission until it is determined if there was any wrongdoing, coming from a moral and ethical standpoint. While the State is investigating, she would not feel comfortable appointing Kerstin Forrester.
 - 2. S. Herbert stated that Kerstin Forrester brings a wealth of knowledge to the position and she served the Town well. He asked if S. Smith actually accused K. Forrester of anything in her letter. S. Smith stated that she believes she did make an accusation in the letter.
 - 3. S. Smith asked if K. Forrester submitted an application, to which K. Beausoleil responded that she did. S. Smith stated that she understands "innocent until proven guilty," but having been on the previous Board, and given what she had seen and believed might be true, until the full report is received from the State, "we won't know."

Ken Beausoleil- Abstain

Steve Herbert- Yes

Shaina Smith- No

The motion did not carry.

- C. **Ken Beausoleil moved and Steve Herbert seconded the motion to appoint Robert Larkin as an alternate to Economic Development Commission, term to expire December 31, 2017.**

Ken Beausoleil- Yes

Steve Herbert- Yes

Shaina Smith- Yes

The motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Road List

- A. S. Herbert stated that he would like to see estimates regarding how many man hours each task would require.
- B. S. Smith suggested compiling a spreadsheet to be less confusing.

- C. S. Herbert made a few suggestions to add to the list, including all material costs, cost of labor, vehicles used, etc.
 - D. The Board briefly discussed time frames for the projects on the list.
 - E. S. Smith asked what the anticipated cost of a new sweeper would be, to which K. Beausoleil answered \$216,000 is the amount with interest.
- IX. Highway Maintainer Hire
- A. K. Beausoleil stated that a candidate has accepted the position.
 - B. **Ken Beausoleil moved and Shaina Smith seconded the motion to hire Dan Petre as Highway Maintainer.**
 Ken Beausoleil- Yes Steve Herbert- Yes Shaina Smith- Yes
The motion carried unanimously.
- X. Website
- A. S. Herbert stated that he had hoped to have a potential provider at the meeting with a proposal, but they withdrew their interest.
 - B. K. Beausoleil stated that he spoke with Virtual Town Hall, and the estimate was \$7,000 to build a website, and \$2,700 to maintain the website. He reached out to NECCOG to see who they use for their website. The Town website is a work-in-progress with content that needs updated.
 - C. S. Herbert asked to be included in meetings with potential providers. He expressed concern with Virtual Town Hall because if the Town chose to leave them after the website was built, the Town does not get to keep the website.
 - D. K. Beausoleil stated that the Executive Assistant had training calls with Jim Stratos, and the Town does have all the rights it should have to the current website. He stated that the Town has full ownership of the website and has had full ownership all along. There is a good working relationship with Jim Stratos.
- XI. Other Business
- XII. Citizens' Comments
- A. Don Pimental, 40 Starr Rd., stated that an application was approved through Inland Wetlands Commission (IWC) with some conditions. The application was filed November 16th with some blank spots. One page listed Paul Lenky as land owner, and another page listed River Junction as land owner. The application was never clocked in with the Town Clerk. None of the IWC members went through the application. He spent \$27,000 of his family's money. S. Smith wrote a letter saying she felt Paul Lenky was going to do things behind closed doors. On November 5th, he gave permission to gravel a road the Town doesn't own. The Chief State's Attorney's office has all of the information. He is glad S. Smith remembered what took place when K. Forrester's appointment came up. K. Forrester previously said she got a road list from Leo Adams which we know is fraudulent and she is guilty of lying to the public that night. The application should have never been acted on. They did not accept any intervener information. The "young kid" who was appointed as spokesperson for the meeting has only been to 13 meetings. He is going to appeal the IWC decision. He filled out an application to join the IWC. In 2004, he asked a question and the Planning and Zoning Commission stated that it was prohibited to use Starr Rd. He said he met with someone in Putnam who used to be the Building Inspector and was told it is called pushing the envelope. He went to Marla Butts and explained the situation to her that the application shouldn't have been acted on and was completely ignored.

(Don Pimental, cont.) There is no communication between different Boards. The Town paid \$13,000 to Attorney St. Onge. The BOS oversees all commissions, so how did the application pass? He asked if a future application will get passed the same way. He stated "you say you believe in God, for crying out loud, then act like it. They are not going to let a developer run this Town." The title search proves that it is not a road. He is praying to God that the State Chief Attorney's office indicts someone.

XIII. Tax Refunds

A. **Ken Beausoleil moved and Shaina Smith seconded the motion to approve the following tax refunds:**

1.	ACAR Leasing Ltd	\$362.95
2.	D Boys Transport, LLC	\$148.57
3.	Fettig, Keith A.	\$21.37
4.	Groleau, Roland J. and Tina M.	\$32.60
5.	Larose, Mary V.	\$54.52
6.	McKinley, Alan J.	\$19.29
7.	McKinley, Mary S.	\$38.99
8.	Moran-Kimzey, Patricia	\$55.38
9.	Nelson, Antoinette E. and R. G.	\$51.11
10.	O'Connor, Nancy M.	\$69.06
11.	Paquette, Lucille G.	\$39.35
12.	Partridge, Richard H. and J. E.	\$12.17
13.	Picard, Dane M.	\$285.94
14.	Ravenelle, Normand and B.	\$12.61
15.	Ricard, Peter S.	\$61.99
16.	Robbins, Sr. Dana F. and J. A.	\$8.23
17.	Smith, David K.	\$5.43
18.	Vriga, Elizabeth V.	\$71.54
19.	Wilson, Dale E. and H. B.	\$46.02
20.	Wilbur, Christine A.	\$26.69

Ken Beausoleil- Yes Steve Herbert- Yes Shaina Smith- Yes

The motion carried unanimously.

XIV. Adjourn

A. **Ken Beausoleil moved and Shaina Smith seconded the motion to adjourn.**

Ken Beausoleil- Yes Steve Herbert- Yes Shaina Smith- Yes

The motion carried unanimously.

B. First Selectman Ken Beausoleil adjourned the meeting at 8:46 PM.

Tina Fox
Recording Secretary