



TOWN of
THOMPSON

Board of Selectmen

Minutes: Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 5, 2017
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
Steve Herbert

Staff Present: Tina Fox, Recording Secretary
Also Present: Members of the Public

- I. Approval of Minutes
 - A. **Steve Herbert moved and Ken Beausoleil seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the August 15, 2017 regular meeting with the following corrections:**
 1. Page 2, Section IV(A): "Most horses..." instead of "Most horse..."
 2. Page 4, Section XIV(F): "...was not provided" rather than "...was not provide."Ken Beausoleil- Yes Steve Herbert- Yes
The motion carried unanimously.
 - B. **Steve Herbert moved and Ken Beausoleil seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the August 17, 2017 special meeting with the following correction:**
 1. Page 2, second line, "...still has questions..." instead of "...still has a questions..."Ken Beausoleil- Yes Steve Herbert- Yes
The motion carried unanimously.
 - C. **Ken Beausoleil moved and Steve Herbert seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the August 22, 2017 special meeting with the following correction:**
 1. Section 2(D): The motion was to approve the permit, subject to clarification and K. Beausoleil making sure there was a surety bond.Ken Beausoleil- Yes Steve Herbert- Yes
The motion carried unanimously.
- II. Correspondence
 - A. Thompson Middle School Open House
 - B. WPCA Rate Increase
 1. S. Herbert asked what EDU stood for, and K. Beausoleil answered that he was unsure.
 - C. Volunteer Fire Assistance grants awarded to four Thompson Fire Companies
 - D. Prescription Savings Report
 - E. CCM Contest #LoCoolGov for Grades 6-12
 - F. Resignation-Director of Public Works

III. Selectmen's Comments

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

1. Three ordinances, the land donation from Hometown Bank, and the \$300,000 transfer request for the windows project from the Tourtellotte Board of Trustees need to go to Town meeting.
2. Work started on the sprinkler system at the Library/Community Center.
3. Road sweeping will begin in about a week.
4. Linehouse Rd. and Tufts Hill Rd. will be chip-sealed.
5. The House proposal for Town aid is approximately a \$700,000 reduction for Thompson from last year. If the Senate does not have a budget by September 14th to send to the House, then it will not happen for at least another two weeks.
6. There will be a BOF budget workshop at 7:00 PM at the Library/Community Center on September 14th.

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

1. Thanked Steve Benoit for the new screen in the Merrill Seney Room that was obtained through Emergency Management funds.

IV. Citizens' Comments: None

V. Resolution: Exemption for Horses and Ponies

A. K. Beausoleil read the resolution aloud, and made minor corrections as he read the resolution.

B. **Ken Beausoleil moved and Steve Herbert seconded the motion to approve the resolution for the exemption of horses and ponies as read.**

Ken Beausoleil- Yes Steve Herbert- Yes

The motion carried unanimously.

VI. ZEO Hire: Cynthia Dunne

A. K. Beausoleil stated that Cynthia Dunne was mentioned as someone who may be interested in the ZEO position. She supplied her resume and certifications. Mary Ann Chinatti, Randy Blackmer, Jr., and John Rice met with her and made a recommendation to offer her the position.

B. **Ken Beausoleil moved and Steve Herbert seconded the motion to hire Cynthia Dunne as Zoning Enforcement Officer interim only until the Planning and Zoning Commission at their September 25, 2017 meeting formally appoints her as Zoning Enforcement Officer, after which she will be an employee.**

Ken Beausoleil- Yes Steve Herbert- Yes

The motion carried unanimously.

VII. Director of Public Works Job Description

A. K. Beausoleil stated some Towns hire this position as an administrator, and not a hands-on position. Thompson has always had a working foreman that does administration work as well as hands-on work. He believed it was best for Thompson to have someone who can do both. He also recommended adding that the requirement of a CDL to the job description.

B. The Board discussed changes to the job description, possible certifications, and melding the two job descriptions that were presented.

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