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*Board of Selectmen*

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SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 20, 2018 7:00 p.m.

Thompson Town Hall – Seney Room

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- I. Roll Call: First Selectman Ken Beausoleil and Selectman Amy St Onge.  
Selectman Steve Herbert was delayed at work  
Steve Benoit (Director, Emergency Management)  
Members of the public, WINY. Staff: Recording Secretary Dotti Durst  
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- II. **Motion A. St Onge seconded by K. Beausoleil to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2018 meeting carried unanimously.** Section 4 should read “ensure”
- III. Correspondence
  - A. State of CT – October 2018 Monthly Police Services
  - B. Generations Family Health Center – Community Room Ribbon Cutting on 11/29
  - C. Crabtree & Evelyn, 11/15/18 memo – Plant is closing January; 110 local employees
  - D. State Fire Marshal, Incident Reporting – Letter 10/30/18 regarding local Fire Marshal Reports; requests were sent in April and July. K. Beausoleil is working to identify the reporting glitch; these reports affect qualification for grants
  - E. State Office of Policy & Management – Neglected Cemetery Grant \$2,500/Wilsonville
  - F. Halloran & Sage-Clarification of statutory ZEO responsibilities and reporting protocols
- IV. Selectmen’s Comments: A. St Onge- None  
K. Beausoleil- best wishes for a happy Thanksgiving holiday to all  
-929 Riverside Drive revitalization is progressing, DEEP and the EPA are meeting  
-Airline Trail at Ballard Road flooding is caused by a blockage under the Trail, not under RT 12. A remote control camera is being used to pinpoint the blockage.  
– pothole notification calls to the town hall and to the DPW are on-going, especially with the relentless rain alternating with freezing  
- reminder to all: the snow and ice removal policy, by Ordinance, is that there is a 24-hour window for cleanup. A fine is permitted for violation of this safety requirement.  
– the school sewer mediation is scheduled for December 11 as required  
- animal control facilities at NECCOG are under review  
- the Fire Advisory Committee has met. Chair Kim Austin asked for the update of the local emergency services plan, as is mandated every 5 years. They are also reviewing procedures regarding background checks for staff. A prospective member of the Committee has been identified who is not affiliated with any fire station, but is a member of the BOF  
–UCONN Engineering students will be involved with 1). the Airline Trail footbridge, with 3 or 4 possible design solutions put forward, and 2). the hazardous K of C intersection where accidents and near-misses occur because of poor site lines.
- V. Citizens’ Comments: Linda Jarmolowicz, Denis Drive- regarding the disturbances on her road by students who have rented an abutting property: she has gone to the ZBA. A public hearing is scheduled for 12/10. She awaits a promised letter with instructions. The question of a FOI form was asked and handled. K. Beausoleil will follow up with the ZEO.

Al Landry, Randall Road- leaves and snow are being blown onto the roads causing a safety concern. Although the Ordinances address the property owner as being responsible, perhaps a revision could strengthen the matter by imposing a fine.

VI. Ordinance Discussion: K. Beausoleil noted several Ordinances which should be reviewed, some of which have previously been discussed here. It is time to start putting proposals forward. Those that need updating include the breakpoint of the budget amount that necessitates a Town meeting and that necessitates a Referendum, which might be more appropriate if based on a percentage of the budget rather than a hard number. Fire fighter tax abatements do not account for individuals who do not own Thompson property even if they may own property in an abutting town. The new requirement that towns issue permits for Bingo and Raffles calls into question the 5% fee. The Junk Vehicle ordinance has an ambiguity: abandoned cars are addressed but trailers of various types are not specified. Some time ago, the Secretary of the Ordinance Committee created archives, but the work should be updated for ease of seeing the history of a given Ordinance.  
A. St Onge- we previously discussed the situation that has risen when the Education proposed budget has failed in referendum, but it was the Town Budget that was subsequently modified. Discussion of the point ensued.

VII. Voting District Reevaluation/Update: No further information is ready. Selectmen S. Herbert is working on this.

VIII. **Motion K. Beausoleil seconded by A. St Onge to reappoint Ross Eddy and Valerie Clark as members of the Agriculture Commission through August 1, 2023 carried unanimously.** Chair R. Blackmer has noted that the group meets quarterly.

IX. Town Attorney Update: the goal is to meet with him in Thompson, perhaps the first week in December. A Special Meeting will be needed; there will also be an Executive Session as there are matters involving litigation to review.

X. Other: none

XI. Citizen's Comments: none

XII. **Tax Refunds: Motion K. Beausoleil seconded by A. St Onge to authorize tax refunds totaling \$646.80 carried unanimously.**

Cab East LLC	\$154.02	Cab East LLC	\$222.61
Cab East LLC	\$136.56	Cab East LLC	\$133.61

XIII. Executive Session: Consider hiring a Recreation Director and Town Planner  
**Motion K. Beausoleil seconded by A. St Onge to go into Executive Session at 7:40 PM carried unanimously**

Executive Session ended at 7:55 PM. No action was taken.

XIV. **Motion by A. St Onge seconded by K. Beausoleil to adjourn carried unanimously.**  
K. Beausoleil adjourned the meeting at 7:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Dorothy Durst, Recording Secretary Dorothy Durst

*These minutes have not yet been approved by the Board of Selectmen. Please refer to next month's meeting minutes for approval of and/or amendments to these minutes.*