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## SELECTMEN'S MEETING August 6, 2013

The Board of Selectmen held a Selectmen's Meeting on Tuesday, August 6, 2013, at 7:05 p.m. at the Old Town Hall on Chase Road.

**PRESENT:** Larry Groh, First Selectman; Kenneth Beausoleil, Selectman; Kerstin Forrester, Selectman, Kevin Walsh, Alvan Hill, Linda Jarmolowicz, David and Joanne Morin, Roger Tremblay, James Niedzialkoski, Joseph Gaucher, Kathleen Herbert, Paul Baer, Sally White, WINY Reporter and other concerned citizens.

### 1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Mr. Beausoleil, seconded by Mrs. Forrester, to accept the minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting of July 16, 2013, with the following corrections made by Mrs. Forrester.

Mr. Groh - Yes  
Mr. Beausoleil - Yes  
Mrs. Forrester – Yes

### Corrections shown in bold.

Corrections - Mr. Groh stated that the Town Planner **had written** the grant and they would not be reimbursed for this. #4 Citizen's Comments on Agenda Items - The State Statute, which supersedes the Town Ordinance, states that Commissioners are to be appointed by the chief executive officer of the municipality, which in Thompson is the **First Selectmen**. #12 Citizen's Comments - Phil Thomas stated that the **former Fabyan post office building** will be for sale and it also is the location for the Honor Roll for WWII. - There was a contractor brought in from Charlton, MA to clean out the duct work in the building and why were there **not** any additional quotes.

Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Mr. Beausoleil, to move #9 Citizen's Comments under #4 Citizen's Comments on Agenda Items.

Mr. Groh - Yes  
Mr. Beausoleil - Yes  
Mrs. Forrester – Yes

### 2) CORRESPONDENCE:

1. An email was sent to State Representative, Danny Rovero from Donna M. Fournier, regarding sidewalks on Route 12 that are in need of repair. Mr. Rovero responded to Ms. Fournier that he had forwarded her message to Mr. Groh asking if they have applied for any grants to try and take care of this problem. Mrs. Forrester inquired if it is a state road why isn't the state responsible and Mr. Groh commented that this was his response to the email. Mr. Beausoleil further commented that with all of the additional traffic in this area that the state should be made aware of the problem and they also need to inquire what the long-term plans are for the sidewalks.
2. A letter/press release was received from CIRMA, the Connecticut Interlocal Risk Management Agency, stating that Larry Groh and the Town of Thompson received an equity distribution check in the amount of \$5,173.00.

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3. Monthly Calls for Service Report from Connecticut State Police, Troop D Barracks from July 1 through July 31, 2013.

4. Also reviewed was a memo from a citizen on Linehouse Road regarding a boundary dispute. Mr. Groh had asked the Linehouse resident to attend this meeting if they were unhappy with his response regarding the requirements for placing a fence on property boundaries. They were not present at the meeting.

### **3) SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS:**

1. Mr. Groh thanked the Historical Society for the use of their building for tonight's BOS meeting.

2. Mr. Beausoleil stated the same, and he further stated that the Community Fire Company will be celebrating their 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on August 17, 2013, with a parade, muster and various demonstrations. Mr. Groh also stated that the parade will begin at 11:00 am at the Thompson Medical Center and will end at Riverside Park.

3. Mrs. Forrester asked Paul Baer if the Library, Recreation Department and the Board of Education have been asked to post their minutes to the town website. Mr. Baer stated that he had asked them to do so. She also was at the BOF meeting and it was stated that the contract for Marianapolis had been signed, and Mr. Groh stated that if there are no major changes then the BOS will be signing the contract. Lastly, Mrs. Forrester inquired about the West Thompson Fire Department's roof grant not being reimbursed. Mr. Groh stated that it has not been reimbursed and that he is working with the Town Planner to try to sort this out.

### **4) CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:**

- Kevin Walsh inquired if the discount cards for prescriptions contract has been taken care of yet. Mr. Groh stated that he has not yet reviewed the contract. He also asked about the status of hiring a consultant for the Fire Departments. Mr. Groh stated that the BOF did not approve the request. Mrs. Forrester further commented that the Fire Advisory Committee will draft an RFP at their next meeting in August. They will ask for input from the Fire Departments, and if it is approved by the BOS, it will be going out for quote.

- David and Joanne Morin inquired about the damage that was done to their driveway by the snow plows, which occurred back in February of 2013, and when will it be fixed. Mr. Groh stated that the Highway Department has had personnel shortages but it will be fixed.

- Paul Baer asked about the emergency medical card program and is this done yet. Mr. Groh stated that he passed this information along to the Fire Departments. - What is the status of the June BOS Newsletter? Mr. Groh stated there will not be a newsletter but they will be posting information on the website. - The Library sewer vent pipe has been fixed and is there a report on what was found? Mr. Groh will make an inquiry. - The Library has a 24-hour lobby and are the security cameras effective since there has been vandalism and has the film been reviewed? – Mr. Groh did not know the answer to this. – Mr. Baer stated that the animal control parking lot is deplorable and that something should be done. – Regarding the service used to clean up the mold from the town hall ventilation system, is there a report on this and is the video made available? Mr. Groh will look into this. – Regarding the Fire Advisory Committee and is the EMS Plan complete? Mrs. Forrester stated that the plan will be ready for review by the BOS on September 3, 2013. – Where is the incident analysis on the fatal fire which occurred in February 2013? Mr. Groh requested that Mrs. Forrester bring this up at the next Fire Advisory Committee meeting. – The Town of Thompson accepted \$70,000.00 from the Water Company to repave the lots area. Why did the town repave the lots area when the Water Company could have done their own paving? Mr. Groh stated that it cost about \$15,000.00 to repave for the Water Company and the rest of the money is to be used for fixing other roads with problems. Mrs. Forrester commented on the Rachel Drive area and that it is in need of paving. – Mr. Baer is trying to get people to post minutes and agendas in a standardized file format. Also, can they send out a memo to all of the departments that they can post events on the events calendar. – He also stated that the meeting calendar has some meeting conflicts. – He would like information on the Project Graduation Can Drive for 2014. Kathleen Herbert stated that she will look into this. – He asked about obtaining permits under the new state gun control bill. Mr. Groh stated that there has been a major increase by about 80% since the new gun control bill. The state has not given any permit process on this.

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- Roger Tremblay is baffled by the problems on Fabyan Road and what is the problem; delegation or money, why is it taking so long to get to these items? Mr. Groh stated that it depends on the issue; sometimes it is money or staff or there are other projects that take priority. He also stated that there are priority lists created that are continually upgraded.
- Joe Gaucher stated that there are fully loaded dump trucks that go over the Blain Road Bridge and he wanted to know what the loads are for the bridge. Mr. Beausoleil stated that there are no weight restrictions for that bridge.
- Kevin Walsh asked about the weight limit on the Blain Road Bridge and how can there be no weight restrictions. Mr. Beausoleil commented that the bridge was inspected with no problems found. He also commented that bridges with weight restrictions are bridges with problems found during inspection.
- Sally White asked why the mowing along the side of the roads is not getting done and she suggested that they hire a contractor to have the mowing done. Has there been a NECCOG meeting? Mr. Groh stated that the July meeting was cancelled. As an FYI, Mr. Groh stated that he is chairing a Paramedic Intercept Service here in town where one Paramedic would be on staff 24 hours here in Thompson who could be called to the scene. They are looking at what they can do to help that service. Study will be completed by September or October of 2013. Ms. White asked Mr. Groh to read the email from Donna Fournier to Representative Rovero aloud which was read by Mrs. Forrester.
- Alvan Hill commented on the bridge on Wilsonville Road which was repaired and he also stated that a bridge is designed to deflect the motion which is why you feel vibration. He also commented on the mowing not being done. He further commented that you cannot put a fence 6 feet and under on a boundary line per P&Z.
- Paul Baer asked what town ordinances are being reviewed by the Ordinance Committee. Mr. Groh stated that there are five right now in review.

#### **5) STEAP APPLICATION FOR QUADDICK ROAD BRIDGE:**

Mr. Beausoleil read aloud a letter from the State of Connecticut, Office of Policy and Management, regarding the Town of Thompson's application to replace the Quaddick Road Bridge which was not selected for grant funding through the Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) for fiscal year 2012-2013. Mr. Groh stated that the BOF took this expense out of the budget when they applied for the state grant and since the grant was denied they would like to put the item back in the budget in the amount of \$80,000.00. He also stated that there is a federal grant that they can apply for and the deadline for that is in 2 days. The Town Planner already did the research on this grant. Mr. Beausoleil and Mrs. Forrester felt that it would be prudent to find out why they were not selected for the state grant before they apply for the federal grant. Mr. Groh agreed and he will look into this. They agreed that they should keep the budget intact as much as they can. The BOS agreed to move forward with the application for the federal grant.

#### **6) APPOINTMENT TO FIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE:**

Motion made by Mr. Beausoleil, seconded by Mrs. Forrester, to appoint Roland Julian as a member of the Fire Advisory Committee.

Mr. Groh - Yes  
Mr. Beausoleil - Yes  
Mrs. Forrester – Yes

#### **7) TAX REFUNDS:**

Motion made by Mrs. Forrester, seconded by Mr. Beausoleil, to refund the following overpayments as recommended by the Tax Collector, Rene Morin.

Mr. Groh - Yes  
Mr. Beausoleil - Yes  
Mrs. Forrester – Yes

**Danielle K. Adams**

**\$ 84.05**

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Dedrick A. Baublitz	\$312.76
Elizabeth H. Becker	\$ 71.93
Charles H. Bourgeois	\$ 26.57
Andrea L. or Kenneth J. Coderre	\$ 19.28
Convenient Graphics + Rentals, LLC	\$ 31.14
Brandon S. Faunce	\$ 18.75
Hometown Bank	\$785.78
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Dean C. Kwasniewski	\$ 87.69
Alphonse Levesque	\$ 58.11
Michael J. Martin	\$ 95.15
Michael J. Martin	\$158.73
Michael J. Martin	\$ 57.17
Bruce A. Myers	\$ 22.98
National Delivery Service	\$415.14
Roberta L. or Oliver Richards	\$ 10.38
Maurice G. or Arlene M. Santerre	\$ 28.51
Jannette A. Sullivan	\$ 12.06
James Weiss	\$ 47.26
Sarah F. White	\$ 2.77

**8) OTHER BUSINESS:**

No other business.

**9) ADJOURN:**

Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Mrs. Forrester, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:02 p.m.

Mr. Groh - Yes  
Mr. Beausoleil -Yes  
Mrs. Forrester -Yes

Recorded and transcribed by Patricia Lacasse.