



SELECTMEN'S MEETING October 16, 2012

The Board of Selectmen held a Selectmen's Meeting on Tuesday, October 16, 2012, at 7:30 p.m. in the Old Town Hall, Chase Road, Thompson. Mr. Groh thanked the Thompson Historical Society for hosting this evening's meeting. He stated his pleasure in conducting Town of Thompson business in this setting that has been the site of many Town decisions.

PRESENT: Lawrence K. Groh, Jr., First Selectman; Kenneth Beausoleil, Selectman; Kerstin Forrester, Selectman; Mike Blackmer-WINY Radio; Joseph Gaucher; Kevin Walsh; Steve Bodreau; Paul Baer; Craig Hanford; Joseph Lindley; Paul Joyal; Celeste Fifield; Todd Mountford; Steve Benoit; Al Landry; other concerned citizens

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Mr. Beausoleil, seconded by Mrs. Forrester, to accept the minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting of October 2, 2012, with a typographical correction on the last motion to read \$4,800.00.

<i>Mrs. Forrester</i>	<i>-Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Beausoleil</i>	<i>-Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Groh</i>	<i>-Yes</i>

Discussion on Motion: Mr. Groh noted that a draft of the Meeting Minutes is now available on the town web-site. The Minutes become official town record after a vote of the Board.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. Forrester had received an e-mail from Ida Ransom concerning outdoor lighting at the Town Hall. Mr. Groh stated that the problem has been corrected and the lights are in proper working order.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS

Mr. Groh thanked the Thompson Historical Society for hosting this meeting. He noted that preparations for the THS Holiday Gift Shop are underway. He stated that it is an honor for him to be here as the First Selectman for this meeting.

Mr. Groh cautioned citizens to exercise caution with the upcoming Halloween celebration and to watch for children on the roadsides. He suggested that adults accompany children and carry flashlights.

Mr. Beausoleil expressed his pleasure with having this meeting in the Old Town Hall. He also reported that paving along Brickyard Road is nearing completion and stated that the Highway Department is doing an outstanding job.

Mrs. Forrester noted that the roof is on the West Thompson Fire Department and that the project is nearing completion.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Mr. Baer inquired if any decisions regarding paying for paving at the school complex have been made. Mr. Groh stated that discussions are continuing.

Mr. Benoit, Emergency Management Manager, noted that aftershocks of the Maine earthquake have been felt in parts of Connecticut. He has received no formal notification from the State.

Mr. Gaucher stated that the effects of blasting on Reardon Road have been felt at his home. He questioned the positioning of monitoring equipment.

Mr. Baer expressed concern regarding the Town web-site. Mr. Groh stated that the previous firm has been given a deadline of October 22, 2012 to resolve many issues. Mr. Baer thanked Mr. Groh and IT Director Tonya Park for having drafts of minutes from the Selectmen's Meetings on the website; he stated that other Boards and Commissions should have material posted within seven days.

Mr. Hanford noted that many political signs are being removed or defaced. Mr. Groh noted that signs on Town or State land may be removed by staff. Removing or defacing signs on private property could lead to arrest.

Mr. Baer inquired if there is a town ordinance regarding temporary advertising signs. Mr. Groh stated that Planning and Zoning regulates business signs, that political signs may be in place for two months, and that there is no regulation of temporary advertising signs.

Mr. Walsh suggested having a link to the ordinances placed on the headline page of the website.

Mr. Baer inquired about the Belding-Corticelli Improvement Committee. Mrs. Forrester noted that there will be a Public Hearing on November 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the Merrill Seney Community Room. Mr. Baer asked who had paid for the large sign at that property; Mr. Groh will investigate.

Mr. Gaucher noted garage work taking place on Riverside Drive in a private residence. Mr. Groh will instruct the Zoning Enforcement Officer to investigate.

Mr. Baer asked if the EMS Plan has been received from the Fire Services Advisory Committee. Mr. Groh stated that the last signature is anticipated.

Regarding the West Thompson Fire Department Roof Project, Mr. Baer asked if the proper documentation has been filed with the Secretary of State's Office. Mr. Groh had spoken with the CPA of JD&D Construction and noted that the documents are now in place. Mr. Groh presented the document to the public. Mr. Baer expressed further concerns about several aspects of this project. Mr. Baer presented photos of construction debris and also of truss storage and will e-mail copies of these photos to Mr. Groh.

Mr. Walsh expressed his concern with the ongoing issues with this project.

Mr. Groh replied that many issues have been addressed and successfully resolved. New questions have been brought forward.

Mr. Groh asked the President of the West Thompson Fire Department to speak. Mr. Mountford gave a brief overview of this project. Although construction has taken place over the last three months, the process began with the award of grant funding, a building committee that has met

weekly since February, and coordination with Town officials. He stated that the project is 90% completed. Mrs. Fifield of the West Thompson Fire Department, emphasized the need of the project and the dedication of the volunteers.

Mr. Baer expressed his opinion that a new fire house would have been more cost effective.

Mr. Groh expressed his appreciation for the information presented to him.

MARIANAPOLIS SEWER PROJECT UPDATE

Mr. Groh gave a brief overview of this project. He stated that this matter will next go the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Board of Finance and eventually to Town Meeting with an automatic referendum. There was a discussion of the proposed route, pipe size and the town retaining the right to hook into the line if necessary.

65 MAIN STREET ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Mr. Groh presented a draft of the minutes of the October 4, 2012 meeting of the 65 Main Street Advisory committee. Mr. Groh read their recommendation motion into the record. There was a discussion of the deed, history of the building and the committee's research into many topics.

Motion made by Mr. Beausoleil, seconded by Mrs. Forrester, to authorize the First Selectman to have the Town Attorney move forward to the State of Connecticut Attorney General to remove present deed restrictions on the town-owned property at 65 Main Street, to have no new deed restrictions, to keep the property for town use, and to demolish the building.

Mr. Beausoleil -Yes

Mrs. Forrester -Yes

Mr. Groh -Yes

Discussion on Motion: It was the consensus of the Board to approach Finance Director Michael Martin and Director of the Highway Department Leo Adams to establish a plan to fund and complete a plan to drain the systems and secure the building.

TAX REFUNDS

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

Phillip D. or Lorna E. Boucher	\$69.16
Roger W. Blanchette or Matthew Wilson	\$11.43
Gale F. Bushey	\$.91
Gale F. or Sharon L. Bushey	\$12.68
Gale F. or Sharon L. Bushey	\$4.93
Sharon L or Gale F. Bushey	\$3.26
Sharon L or Gale F. Bushey	\$6.24
Steven E. Farland	\$6.10
Brooke P. Nici	\$54.76
Nancy A. Shores	\$85.00
<i>Mr. Groh</i>	-Yes

Mr. Beausoleil -Yes
Mrs. Forrester -Yes

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Mr. Beausoleil, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10.00 p.m.

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

Mr. Groh thanked the Thompson Historical Society for the use of the Old Town Hall.

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