



SELECTMEN'S MEETING

August 21, 2012

The Board of Selectmen held a Selectmen's Meeting on Tuesday, August 21, 2012, at 7:31 p.m. in the Merrill Seney Community Room. Mr. Beausoleil called the meeting to order and stated that Mr. Groh was unable to attend due to a personal matter.

PRESENT: Kenneth Beausoleil, Selectman; Kerstin Forrester, Selectman; Mike Blackmer – WINY Radio; Joseph Gaucher; Kevin Walsh; Steve Benoit; Paul Horanzy; other concerned citizens

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Mr. Beausoleil, seconded by Mrs. Forrester, to table the minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting of August 7, 2012.

Mrs. Forrester -Yes
Mr. Beausoleil -Yes

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Beausoleil presented correspondence from William Ritter, who is resigning from all Thompson Boards and Commissions, as he has moved out of the community. Mr. Beausoleil expressed his appreciation for Mr. Ritter's service to Thompson.

Mr. Beausoleil presented correspondence from DEEP stating that Community Fire Company has received a grant for \$2,500.00 for volunteer programs; three other Thompson Fire Departments have received this type of grant.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS

Mr. Beausoleil thanked Mr. Benoit and the Fire Departments for their participation in the recent Emergency Management Drill. Technology was well utilized and the CL&P liaison, Shawn Johnston, demonstrated knowledge and communication skills that will be appreciated if an emergency occurs.

Mr. Beausoleil noted that the Highway Department is finishing the paving of the school roadways and parking lots. He asked citizens to be cautious driving as school starts on August 29, 2012.

Mr. Beausoleil reminded citizens that the next Board of Selectmen Meeting will take place at the East Thompson Fire Department on Tuesday, September 4, 2012, at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Beausoleil reminded citizens that there will be a Town Meeting to consider establishing the Quaddick Reservoir Water Quality District. This meeting will occur at 10 a.m. on Saturday, September 1, 2012 at the Quinebaug Fire Station, 720 Quinebaug Road.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Mr. Walsh asked for clarification regarding the September 1, 2012 Town Meeting. Mrs. Forrester stated that this will be a town meeting and there has been a meeting with Town Counsel to determine the eligibility of voters. Town Counsel will attend the meeting to state this determination, as well as the Registrars of Voters. Mr. Beausoleil noted that the Town Meeting was legally posted and that these and any other questions will be addressed at said meeting. Mrs. Forrester stated that the Saturday date was chosen to allow residents of the potential district to attend.

Mr. Walsh asked about the Voting District Committee. Mrs. Forrester stated that the recent Villager Newspaper article was a good summary and that the committee welcomes participation and input. No official decisions have been made.

Mr. Horanzy asked about the tree trimming policy and who may receive any resulting firewood. A brief discussion followed. Mr. Beausoleil will discuss this matter with Leo Adams, Director of Public Works.

RESOLUTION – DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Mr. Beausoleil gave a brief history of a \$14,000.00 grant for a nitrogen study performed at the TWPCA plant approximately six years ago. This Resolution is needed to obtain reimbursement from the State. Mr. Beausoleil read the Resolution into the record.

Motion made by Mrs. Forrester, seconded by Mr. Beausoleil, to approve the Resolution to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, as of August 21, 2012, as read.

Mrs. Forrester -Yes
Mr. Beausoleil -Yes

APPOINTMENTS – AGRICULTURE COMMISSION

Mr. Eddy has expressed his wish to be reappointed to the Agriculture Commission. He currently serves as chair.

Motion made by Mrs. Forrester, seconded by Mr. Beausoleil, to approve the reappointment of Ross Eddy to the Agriculture Commission, term to expire August 1, 2014.

Mrs. Forrester -Yes
Mr. Beausoleil -Yes

TAX REFUNDS

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

Michael Burke	\$81.24
Keith P. or Christine A. Elkinson	\$77.30
Keith P. Elkinson	\$ 5.91
Donald H. Johnson	\$ 2.71
Richard A. Loy	\$51.29
Raymond A. Phelps, Jr.	\$ 7.77
Szeredy Builders, Inc.	\$ 8.60
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Dale E. or Henry B. Wilson	\$40.40
Gary E. or Ella Wrubleski	\$11.83
Wendy Racine	\$22.49

Mr. Beausoleil -Yes
Mrs. Forrester -Yes

OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs. Forrester requested an update on the West Thompson Fire Station Roof Project. Mr. Beausleil spoke with Town Planner Kevin Kennedy briefly this morning. Plans for trusses have been sent to CME Engineering for approval, which is expected today or tomorrow. It will take seven to ten days for the trusses to be manufactured and delivered.

Mrs. Forrester expressed her concern regarding the legal status of the contractor and various terms of the contract. Mr. Beausoleil stated that Mr. Kennedy will meet with Mr. Groh to review these issues and others raised by Mr. Baer, and a meeting will be scheduled with Town Attorney. He stated that he hopes these answers will be ready for the September 4, 2012 Board meeting. Mr. Gaucher expressed concern over the asbestos ceiling tiles and Mr. Beausoleil stated that this is being reviewed by Mr. Kennedy.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Mr. Beausoleil, seconded by Mrs. Forrester, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:06 p.m.

Mr. Beausoleil -Yes
Mrs. Forrester -Yes

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