



SELECTMEN'S MEETING
November 15, 2011

The Board of Selectmen held a Selectmen's Meeting on Tuesday, November 15, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. in the Merrill Seney Community Room.

PRESENT: Lawrence K. Groh, Jr., First Selectman; John Bell, Selectman; Kenneth Beausoleil, Selectman; Karensa Konesni – WINY Radio; Joseph Gaucher; Kevin Walsh; Steven Bodreau; Paul Roger Dery; Sally White; Alison Botough; William Ritter; David Kress; Al Landry; Mike Lajeunesse; other concerned citizens

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Beausoleil, to accept the minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of November 1, 2011.

<i>Mr. Bell</i>	<i>-Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Beausoleil</i>	<i>-Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Groh</i>	<i>-Yes</i>

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Groh presented the monthly update on crime statistics from Troop D.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS

Mr. Groh stated that this meeting is the last of Mr. Bell's term of office and thanked Mr. Bell for his service to the town and his commitment to work together on the Board.

Mr. Groh wished citizens a safe and happy holiday season.

Mr. Beausoleil thanked Mr. Bell for his work on the Board and for the experience he bought to this endeavor.

Mr. Beausoleil wished everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

Mr. Beausoleil noted that the paving of Hagstrom Road has been finished and Pompeo Road is close to completion. The Department of Public Works has been doing a great job.

Mr. Bell wished Mr. Groh and Mr. Beausoleil well for the future. He thanked them for the pleasure of working together and also thanked the citizens who have participated, Steve Bodreau, Chief of the Quinebaug Fire Station, for his commitment to public health and safety, and to WINY for their help in reporting community information.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Mr. Landry stated that between 100 to 150 citizens participated in the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day held on November 11, 2012. He also expressed his appreciation for Mr. Bell's service on the Board.

Miss White asked if any additional options would be available for collection. Mr. Groh replied that there is a suggestion of having a regional site, which would be grant funded.

Mr. Lajeunesse commented that this would be a good service.

Mr. Gaucher expressed his concern regarding a household dumpster in Wilsonville.

Ms. Boutough noted that several streetlights on Riverside Drive are not functional. Mr. Groh stated that he will be meeting with CL&P later this month to discuss the issue.

DISCUSSION OF REDIRECTION OF TRAFFIC ON CHASE ROAD EXTENSION

Mr. Groh gave a brief history of this issue and noted that the agenda should read Chase Road. He distributed information to the Board of Selectmen regarding the Scenic Road designation of Chase Road on June 25, 1990 by the Planning & Zoning Commission, and Ordinance #10-042, Regarding Requirements of Scenic Road. This ordinance is available at the Town Clerk's Office, the Selectman's Office and online.

Mr. Kress would like to see changes to the portion under discussion to promote safety.

There was a general discussion of public road usage and regulations.

Miss White expressed her concerns about town-wide speeding and concerns with alterations to the Thompson Common and surrounding roads.

Mr. Groh noted that Troop D has been enforcing speed limits, which are difficult to enforce.

Mr. Beausoleil suggested a three way stop at Bates Ave. The criteria would be a vote for the Board of Selectmen.

It was the consensus to ask the Director of Public Works for his recommendation on Stop Signs at this intersection before any action is taken.

LIBRARY SECURITY CAMERAS

Mr. Groh gave a brief history of this issue.

Mr. Beausoleil presented information from several companies. This proposed system would cover the hallway, the entrance and portions of the exterior. Mr. Beausoleil and Ms. Boutough, Library Director, walked the perimeter and interior with each company and discussed security needs and camera placement. The quotes included three bids on analog systems and two bids on megapixels, and ranged between approximately \$7,400.00 and approximately \$15,000.00. There was a discussion of the technologies involved, retrieval of information and security issues.

It was the consensus that Mr. Groh present the latest information to the Board of Finance on November 17, 2011, inquire if money is available, and, if so, return to the Board of Selectmen to compile specifications to go out to bid.

Ms. Boutough thanked Mr. Beausoleil for his time and attention.

TAX REFUNDS

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

Edward Gagne \$27.95

Mr. Groh -Yes
Mr. Beausoleil -Yes
Mr. Bell -Yes

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Groh expressed his appreciation to Mr. Bell for his work on the Board. Mr. Bell will remain as Chair of the Fire Advisory Committee.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Beausoleil, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:20 p.m.

Mr. Groh -Yes
Mr. Beausoleil -Yes
Mr. Bell -Yes

Recorded and transcribed by:
Lynn Landry