



SELECTMEN'S MEETING May 17, 2011

The Board of Selectmen held a Selectmen's Meeting on Tuesday, May 17, 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; Gary Bessette; Kevin Walsh; Al Landry; other concerned citizens

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Mr. Bell, to accept the minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting of May 3, 2011 as presented.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Groh presented correspondence regarding a proclamation concerning African American Revolutionary War Patriots.

Motion made by Mr. Beausoleil, seconded by Mr. Bell as add Resolution Concerning African American Revolutionary War Patriots of Thompson Connecticut to the agenda as Item 8 a).

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

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS

Mr. Groh noted that the Annual Town Meeting was held on May 16, 2011. The Budget Referendum will be held on May 24, 2011 from Noon to 8 p.m. at the regular polling places. District 2 voting will take place in the Merrill Seney Community Room.

Mr. Groh stated that the Memorial Day Parade will be held on May 30, 2011. The Board will meet at 8:45 a.m. to prepare for the Parade at 9:00 p.m.

Mr. Beausoleil stated that there will be a Special Selectmen's Meeting on May 26, 2011 at 7 p.m. at the East Thompson Fire Station. This will be to address insurance issues, and will be followed by the Fire Advisory Committee Meeting.

Mr. Bell stated that the Iraqi Freedom Monument Ceremony was well done. He also inquired about the recent rail study for Thompson. Mr. Groh will check with the Town Planner on this. Mr. Bell noted that the Highway Department has been filling pot holes in town. Mr. Bell informed the citizens that after the Memorial Day Parade at 9 a.m., the VFW will be visiting several cemeteries to honor veterans, and will conclude their activities with a ceremony at the VFW Post, followed by a free meal at the Post at Noon.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Mr. Walsh commented on the low turn out at the Annual Town Meeting. There was a discussion of the impact of how the budget going automatically to referendum may inhibit citizen attendance at the Annual Town Meeting. Mr. Landry stated that encouraging voter input earlier on in the budget process may contribute to earlier participation but not necessarily Annual Town Meeting attendance. Mr. Walsh asked for the status of the Town website. Mr. Groh stated that work is progressing.

APPROVAL OF NEW HIRE – DANIEL PETRE – LIBRARY CUSTODIAN

Mr. Groh stated that Mr. James Rice will be greatly missed as the Library Custodian. He was a wonderful asset and committed employee. There were many applicants, with a wide range of skills, considered by the Hiring Committee. Mr. Beausoleil values the recommendation of the Hiring Committee.

Motion made by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Beausoleil, to hire Daniel Petre as the new Library Custodian, in the position vacated by the retirement of James Rice., with a start date of May 18, 2011.

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

REQUEST FOR TRANSFER STATION USAGE – VFW LADIES AUXILIARY

A request was received from the Ladies Auxiliary to sell poppies at the Transfer Station.

Motion made by Mr. Beausoleil, seconded by Mr. Groh, to allow the Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW Post 10088 to distribute poppies at the Transfer Station on May 25, May26, May 27, & May 28,2011, and at other establishments around Town.

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

TAX REFUNDS

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

Darrin Schmeelk \$11.20

Mr. Groh -Yes

Mr. Beausoleil -Yes

Mr. Bell -Yes

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Beausoleil asked to be given updates between Board meetings on ongoing issues. Mr. Groh will provide this information to Mr. Bell and Mr. Beausoleil.

RESOLUTION REGARDING AFRICAN AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY WAR PATRIOTS OF THOMPSON CONNECTICUT

Mr. Groh had received a draft of a resolution honoring African American Revolutionary War Patriots and information on the proposed National Liberty Memorial in Washington, D.C. There was one citizen of Thompson, Mingo Pollack, who served in 1774. Mr. Beausoleil read the Resolution into the record.

Motion made by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Beausoleil, to approve the Resolution Concerning African American Revolutionary War Patriots, as read, specifically honoring Thompson Citizen Mingo Pollack.

Mr. Bell -Yes

Mr. Beausoleil -Yes

Mr. Groh -Yes

ADJOURN

Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Mr. Beausoleil, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:15 p.m.

Mr. Groh -Yes

Mr. Beausoleil -Yes

Mr. Bell -Yes

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