



SELECTMEN'S MEETING April 19, 2011

The Board of Selectmen held a Selectmen's Meeting on Tuesday, April 19, 2011, at 7:33 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; Registrar of Voters Ada Temple; Registrar of Voters Jay Kenney; Joseph Gaucher; Kevin Walsh; Raymond Faucher, Sr.; Paul Baer; Al Landry; other concerned citizens

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Mr. Beausoleil, seconded by Mr. Bell, to accept the minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting of April 5, 2011.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Groh presented the notice of the Memorial Day Parade to be held at 8:45 a.m. on May 30, 2011. Veterans' graves will be decorated on May 21, 2011.

Mr. Groh presented correspondence from the North Grosvenordale Post Office stating that they no longer need to lease five parking spaces in the Town Hall parking lot, as mail is now sorted in Putnam thereby reducing their staff.

Mr. Groh accepted the resignation of Ray Austin from the Inland Wetlands Commission, effective April 13, 2011. Mr. Austin has served our community for many years. Mr. Groh requested that citizens willing to volunteer for this Commission write to him at the Selectman's Office.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS

Mr. Groh commented on the public hearing held tonight at the Quinebaug Fire Station concerning the possible closure of the Quinebaug Post Office.

Mr. Bell reported on the VFW Recognition Day. Several community members were recognized, including Essay Contest Winner Shamus Flynn and two other students; Boy Scout Leader David Kress; Theresa Muraco as Citizen of the Year; Lisa Sharpe. Community Fire Dept.; Justine Gendreau, Quinebaug Volunteer Fire Dept.; Richard Asal, Sr., Thompson Fire Engine Company; Joseph Kuzak, East Thompson Fire Dept.; and Kyle Cimochofski, West Thompson Fire Dept.

Mr. Beausoleil stated that there was a good turnout at the Little League Parade on April 15, 2011, with Mr. Groh, State Representative Rovero and himself participating. He reported that the Little League fields are in good shape and wishes the League a good season.

Mr. Groh reminded community members that there will be a carnation sale in the Town Hall Parking Lot on May 7, 2011 to support the Susan G. Komen Walk for the Cure. On May 1, 2011, at 2 p.m., there will be a dedication of a monument honoring those who served for freedom in Iraq and Afghanistan.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Mr. Faucher expressed concern about the narrow bridge on Quaddick Road. He asked that a center line be painted and continue on the roadway on each side of the bridge, and to have a Narrow Bridge sign erected.

Mr. Landry asked if parking lines will be painted in the Town Hall parking lot; Mr. Groh will speak to the Director of Public Works about this matter. Mr. Landry reported that three pieces of artwork have been stolen from the 8th Annual Community Art Show now on display at the Thompson Public Library/Community Center. Mr. Groh stated that the State Police are investigating this theft, and are pursuing several leads.

Mr. Walsh requested information on having website access to minutes from NECCOG and NDDH. Mr. Groh is working on this.

Mr. Gaucher noted that the streetlight is still out at the St. Joseph Church crossing.

Mr. Faucher requested an update on the Belding Mill site. Mr. Groh stated that this is a privately owned site with several changes in ownership. Thompson Together is looking into how they can improve the situation. Mr. Faucher is concerned for public safety.

Mr. Walsh asked if there have been any environmental studies on this site. Mr. Groh stated that there has been a Phase One study, and copies are available in his office. The Town would require a Phase Two study before considering any trade or consideration.

DISCUSSION ON MOVING VOTING DISTRICT #2 FROM TOWN HALL TO THOMPSON PUBLIC LIBRARY/COMMUNITY CENTER

Registrars Ada Temple and Jay Kenney attended this meeting at the request of the Board. Mrs. Temple stated that two additional Staff would be needed if District #2 is moved to the Thompson Public Library/Community Center from the Town Hall. By law, the registrars' office must be staffed with two people at all times when voting occurs and, by State Statute, the Registrars determine the location of the voting sites. If the registrars fail to agree, the legislative body shall decide the location. There was a discussion of absentee ballot procedures, the need for access to Town Clerk records, preparation times and public safety. The cost of the additional staff would be approximately \$200.00 for a full day election. Mr. Groh and Mr. Beausoleil expressed concerns about public safety and traffic congestion. Mr. Bell wants to see District #2 remain at the Town Hall because of cost and registrars needs. It was the consensus of the Board to hold the upcoming referendum here, with the date to be determined at the next meeting. Mr. Groh thanked Mrs. Temple and Mr. Kenney for their attendance.

APPOINTMENT TO RECREATION COMMISSION – ALBERT LAFLEUR

Motion made by Mr. Beausoleil, seconded by Mr. Bell, to re-appoint Albert LaFleur to the Recreation Commission, term to expire April 15, 2014.

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

EAGLE SCOUT PROCLAMATION – ANTHONY P. DEAN

Mr. Groh read into the record the Proclamation honoring Anthony P. Dean for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Motion made by Mr. Beausoleil, seconded by Mr. Bell, to sign the proclamation as read.

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

Discussion on Motion: Mr. Groh will inform Mr. Beausoleil of the date of the ceremony.

PRINTING OF TAX BILLS

Mr. Groh gave an explanation of the quotes for printing the tax bills in-house and also at Quality Data Service. It is the recommendation of Rene Morin, Tax Collector, to have them printed at Quality Data, which the Board agrees is the most cost effective method. There was a discussion of other funds (Sewer Usage and Transfer Station Permits) that are also collected in the Tax Office.

Motion made by Mr. Beausoleil, seconded by Mr. Bell, to recommend that Quality Data Service print the tax bills at their facility.

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

BUCKLEY HILL ROAD PROJECT

Town Attorney has reviewed the wording of the Notice of Award.

Motion made by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Beausoleil, to authorize First Selectman Larry Groh to sign the Notice of Award to allow B & W Paving & Landscaping, LLC to perform the work on the Buckley Hill Road Project, date of award April 19, 2011, for State of CT Project No. 141-152 and Federal Aid Project No. STPW-1141 (103).

Mr. Bell -Yes
Mr. Beausoleil -Yes

Mr. Groh *-Yes*

TAX REFUNDS

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

Ahren LeClaire	\$ 75.01
Community Fire Dept.	\$1,033.09

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs. Temple asked for the status of the Accuvote contract. Mr. Groh stated that it was approved by the Board at the last meeting. He will speak with Finance Director Michael Martin concerning this matter.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Mr. Bell, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:50 p.m.

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

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