



**SELECTMEN'S MEETING**  
**December 21, 2010**

The Board of Selectmen held a Selectmen's Meeting on Tuesday, December 21, 2010, at 7:30 p.m. in the Merrill Seney Community Room.

**PRESENT:** Lawrence K. Groh, Jr., First Selectman; Kenneth Beausoleil, Selectman; Clare Hopkins – Village Newspapers; Joseph Gaucher; Kevin Walsh; Al Landry; other concerned citizens

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES***

*Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Mr. Beausoleil, to accept the minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting of December 7, 2010.*

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

***CORRESPONDENCE***

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

***SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS***

Mr. Groh stated that Mr. Bell is not able to attend tonight's meeting because of a family emergency.

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

Mr. Groh reviewed the progress made with establishing the Probate Court in Thompson. The remodeling project is coming together on schedule, with work done by the Highway Department. The Regional Probate Court will commence on January 5, 2011.

Mr. Beausoleil wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and hoped that everyone would be safe during the winter season.

***CITIZENS' COMMENTS***

Mr. Walsh expressed concern about Agenda Item 7, possible land transfer. Mr. Groh stated that any matters of legal consequence or regarding any negotiation require an Executive Session, and that any possible land transfer would be sent to Town Meeting. Each matter would be reviewed on a case by case basis. Mr. Walsh expressed concern about government regulation of private lands and there was a discussion of agencies that regulate land usage.

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Mr. Gaucher asked if there are regulations that affect logging. He expressed concern about logging on Riverside Drive. Mr. Groh stated that the State of Connecticut regulates clearcutting of large parcels and that the InlandsWetlands Commission addresses issues of soil erosion and stream/wetlands crossings.

***TOWN ORDINANCES***

There was a discussion of the proposed changes to the ordinances. It was the consensus to hold one Town Meeting to act upon the Outdoor Woodburning Furnace Ordinance, the TWPCA Ordinance, the Fats, Oil, Grease Ordinance and the Wetlands Commission Ordinance. There were five ordinances that were recently acted upon; the remaining ordinance changes would be acted upon at another Town Meeting. The dates of these Town Meetings will be set after the proposed ordinances have been reviewed by Town Attorney.

***APPROVAL OF NEW HIRE – PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION AND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS RECORDING SECRETARY***

At the last meeting, it was agreed to have Mr. Beausoleil, Human Resources Director Tonya Park, the Chairman of Planning and Zoning Commission, and the Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals meet to interview candidates for these two positions. This meeting occurred on Thursday, December 16, 2011, and the group made a recommendation to hire a candidate that the full Board had interviewed.

*Motion made by Mr. Beausoleil, seconded by Mr. Groh to hire Ida Ransom as the Recording Secretary for the Planning and Zoning Commission and for the Zoning Board of Appeals.*

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

Discussion on Motion: Mr.Groh stated that Ms. Ransom serves as secretary for several committees, has extensive experience and that he is looking forward to having her serve in these additional capacities. He also stated the Diana Traynor, who resigned from these positions, did commendable work for Thompson.

***EXECUTIVE SESSION – POSSIBLE LAND TRANSFER***

*Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Mr. Beausoleil, to go into Executive Session for Possible Land Transfer at 8:32 p.m.*

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

The Board of Selectmen returned at 8:53 p.m. with no action to be taken.

***TAX REFUNDS***

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

Toyota Motor Credit Corporation	\$202.16
Chase Auto Finance Corporation	\$16.77
Toyota Motor Credit Corporation	\$29.19

*Mr. Groh*                      -Yes

*Mr. Beausoleil*              -Yes

***OTHER BUSINESS***

None.

***ADJOURN***

*Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Mr. Beausoleil, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:55 p.m.*

*Mr. Groh*                      -Yes

*Mr. Beausoleil*              -Yes

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