



SELECTMEN'S MEETING December 7, 2010

The Board of Selectmen held a Selectmen's Meeting on Tuesday, December 7, 2010, 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; Kevin Walsh; Paul Dery; Al Landry; other concerned citizens

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Beausoleil, to accept the minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting of November 16, 2010, as presented.

<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 Board with copies of the CT Dept. of Agriculture Award for advocating for local agriculture. This was presented to Director of Planning and Development Kevin Kennedy for the 2009 AGvovacy Grant that has benefitted the town and surrounding communities.
- Mr. Groh presented a letter form Jane Ellison and Vicki Martin on behalf of the Sarah Williams Danielson Chapter of DAR. On December 11, 2010, wreaths will be placed at the East and West Thompson Cemetery entrances to honor the Revolutionary War patriots, as part of the National Wreaths Across America Program. Mr. Bell will bring this information to the VFW.
- Mr. Groh presented the monthly report from Troop D regarding violations in Thompson.
- Mr. Groh distributed copies of the Thompson Board of Education policy regarding naming rooms. The Town may want to consider a policy for naming rooms and buildings.
- Mr. Groh presented correspondence from the Thompson Board of Education's budget timeline. This began on November 30, 2010 and included a public forum on December 6, 2010. On January 10, 2010 there will be an opportunity for public comment to the Board of Education. Other dates of interest are March 10, 2011 when the Board of Education and Board of Selectmen budgets will be presented to the Board of Finance. There will be public comment at that time. The Board of Finance will deliberate during March and April. The annual Town Meeting will be held on May 16, 2011, and adjourn to referendum. Copies of this timeline were distributed.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS

Mr. Groh wished that everyone enjoyed the Thanksgiving holiday and wished citizens a safe and a happy holiday season.

Mr. Beausoleil stated that the Quinebaug Fire Station hosted between 130 to 140 people for their annual Thanksgiving meal. He appreciated the use of the school bus for transportation and everyone for the cooperation needed to create this successful annual event.

Mr. Bell offered his praise to Director of Public Works Leo Adams and his crew for the great job on repaving sections of Pompeo and Wilsonville Roads. He also stated that he informed the State Police of potential traffic problems near Floral Ave., and that the problems have decreased.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Mr. Landry asked if the artwork by John Barton will be displayed after the remodeling of the Merrill Seney Community Room. Mr. Groh affirmed that it would, and gave an overview of the changes to this room. Mr. Groh also stated that the remodeling completion target date is December 22, 2010, that the Probate Court will be moved into the newly created offices on Monday December 27, 2010, and that on January 5, 2011, the Regional Probate Court will be installed here in Thompson.

Mr. Walsh asked if the Merrill Seney Room will continue to be used for District #2 voting. Mr. Groh replied that he is seeking feedback from the Board and the Registrars concerning moving the District #2 voting to the Thompson Public Library/Community Center. This would allow for a safer traffic situation.

Mr. Walsh asked if the upcoming budget sessions will be held during evening hours to encourage citizen participation. Mr. Groh noted that evening budget sessions have been offered during the past several years, and that there will be a mixture of day and evening workshops.

Mr. Groh stated that the improvements to the Town website will be installed in January 2011, and that more information will be available to the citizens.

HAULING FEES

At the present time, commercial trash haulers pay \$400.00 per truck used in Thompson. There are four or five companies involved. Mr. Beausoleil requested more information, and it was the consensus of the Board to table this topic until the next meeting.

RESOLUTION FOR CT STATE LIBRARY HISTORIC DOCUMENT PRESERVATION GRANT

Mr. Groh presented information from Jeffrey Barske, Town Clerk, regarding an annual \$3,000.00 grant to preserve documents in the Town Clerk's Office.

Motion made by Mr. Beausoleil, seconded by Mr. Bell, to resolve that Larry K. Groh, Jr., First Selectman, is empowered to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of this municipality a contract with the Connecticut State Library for an Historic Documents Preservation Grant.

Mr. Beausoleil -Yes

Mr. Bell -Yes
Mr. Groh -Yes

DONATION OF LAND ON REARDON ROAD

Mr. Groh presented information from Rene Morin, Tax Collector, regarding a parcel of land on Reardon Road that has significant back taxes. It was the consensus of the Board to forward this information to the Conservation Commission for their review and recommendations.

TOWN ORDINANCES

The Board reviewed the text changes and updates provided by the Ordinance Review Committee. A separate Fees and Fines Schedule will be included and reviewed regularly. There will also be a history section for ordinances that have been replaced. Ordinances will be numbered. There are three new ordinances: Fats, Oils and Grease; Outdoor Woodburning Furnaces, and Inlands Wetlands Violations. It was the consensus to have the Town Attorney review the existing ordinances and to set a Town Meeting Date at the next Board meeting.

AWARD BID FOR TOWN HALL BOILER

Mr. Groh presented the Boiler Bid Recommendation from Kevin Kennedy, Director of Planning and Development. The Review Committee recommends that the Board of Selectmen award the bid to replace the Town Hall boiler to Barrette Mechanical LLC of Brooklyn, CT for the bid of \$16,866. Correspondence was also presented from Lee T. Post, Building Official regarding requirements per CT State Building Codes. Mr. Groh read into the record the Review Committee's specific reasons for not accepting the two lowest bids presented:

- 1) The bid of \$15,497 by Windham County Sheet Metal of Quinebaug, CT is not recommended due to the selection of a Weil-McLain Series 680 boiler and the exclusion of additional work deemed to be necessary by the Committee. Attached to the Review Committee's report was a comparison of the Buderus G315-8 boiler specified by Barrette Mechanical and the Weil-McLain Series 680 boiler. This bid did not include a new smoke pipe, line wiring and low voltage wiring which was included in the bid by Barrette Mechanical.
- 2) The bid of \$15,539 by Warren Brothers LLC of Stafford Springs, CT was not recommended due to the selection of a Buderus G315-6 boiler. The Committee felt that the six (6) section Buderus would not be sufficient to meet the peak heating needs of the building. Barrette Mechanical specified and eight (8) section Buderus.

Motion made by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Beausoleil, to go accept the recommendation of the Review Committee to award the bid for replacing the Town Hall Boiler to Barrette Mechanical, LLC of Brooklyn CT for the bid of \$16,866, and that we agree with the specific reasons as read into the record.

Mr. Bell -Yes
Mr. Beasoleil -Yes
Mr. Groh -Yes

Discussion on Motion: Mr. Dery inquired what would happen to any funds if remain after the boiler project is completed. Mr. Groh will ask Mr. Kennedy for clarification.

DOG POUND ADDITION COMMITTEE PROPOSED MEMBERSHIP

The Dog Pound Advisory Committee is charged with assessing the needs of the Dog Pound, and proposing any upgrades, with no use of local tax dollars. The Board requests a report within a few months.

Motion made by Mr. Beausoleil, seconded by Mr. Beausoleil, to accept the following as members of the Dog Pound Addition Committee: Merry Bennett, Animal Control Officer; Diana Couture; Ida Ransom; Dick Trudeau (Chair); and Julie Warblow.

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

TAX REFUNDS

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

Sabrina D. Lary	\$ 39.19
Denise Fitzgerald	\$ 41.43
Michael Fitzgerald	\$ 67.91
Chase Auto Finance	\$ 85.43
GMAC LLC	\$247.33

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Motion made by Mr. Beausoleil, seconded by Mr. Bell, to add Recording Secretary of Planning and Zoning Commission and Recording Secretary to Zoning Board of Appeals to the agenda as Item 12)a.

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

RECORDING SECRETARY FOR PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION AND RECORDING SECRETARY FOR ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Mr. Groh stated that these two positions will be vacant as of January 1, 2011. There were no new applicants since the hiring of the Inlands Wetlands, Economic Development Commission and Small Cities Advisory Board secretaries. Each of those candidates expressed an interest in the positions now open. It was the consensus of the Board to have input in the hiring process from the Human Resources Director and the Chairmen of the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr. Beausoleil stated that he will be available on December 16, 2010.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Mr. Beausoleil, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:29 p.m.

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

Recorded and transcribed by:
Lynn Landry