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SELECTMEN'S MEETING November 16, 2010

The Board of Selectmen held a Selectmen's Meeting on Tuesday, November 16, 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; Joseph Gaucher; Kevin Walsh; Steven Bodreau; Celeste Fifield; Dale Fifield; Joseph Iamartino; 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 October 19, 2010,, the Special Selectmen's Meeting of October 19, 2010 and the Special Selectmen's Meeting of October 27, 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 monthly update on crime statistics from Troop D. Mr. Groh stated that there is a vacancy of an alternate seat on the Zoning Board of Appeals. The office has contacted the Republican Town Committee for a recommendation.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS

- Mr. Groh thanked the Thompson Historical Society and Mr. Iamartino for opening the Old Town Hall for this evening's meeting. There have been many years of town activities and Town Meetings held here.
- Mr. Groh hoped that everyone had voted in yesterday's election. There was a large turnout. There was a brief discussion of the current voting procedures. Towns now supply the paper ballots.
- Mr. Beausoleil noted that Crystal Water Company has been testing hydrants and has moved the Reardon Road hydrant into a useful position. He was also pleased with voter turnout.
- Mr. Bell thanked Mr. Beausoleil, along with Steve Benoit, for his help in loading the voting equipment used in District 3. He noted that lighting in District 2 was troublesome and that a door at the East Thompson Fire Station (District 4) needs a handle.

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CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Mr. Groh asked Mr. Iamartino for information on the Old Town Hall. Mr. Iamartino began by ringing the bell, which was formerly used to call citizens to Town Meeting. This is the third Town Hall for Thompson, and was constructed in 1842 from plans by Ithial Towne, a native of Wilsonville. Mr. Towne was a distinguished architect and founded the first commercial architectural firm in Connecticut. The Civil War Declaration was announced her. During 1955, this building was used for two months as an emergency shelter.

Mr. Gaucher stated that the parking lot in North Grosvenordale (District 2) was very congested. Mr. Groh gave a brief presentation regarding moving the polling place to the Library Community Center. Mr. Gaucher also expressed concern about the number of vehicles in Thompson that are registered out of state. Mr. Groh stated that the Assessor is working on this issue.

Mr. Walsh requested information on a recent news story regarding the establishment of a regional building inspection office and expressed his concerns regarding the loss of autonomy on the town level. Mr. Groh gave an overview of the decision making process at NECCOG. Various ideas to save money while maintaining services are discussed by the members. Each town reserves the right to participate in any of the regional proposals.

APPROVAL OF NEW HIRE – INLAND WETLANDS RECORDING SECRETARY AND SMALL CITIES ADVISORY BOARD RECORDING SECRETARY – DOMENICA CROCE

Motion made by Mr. Beausoleil, seconded by Mr. Bell to hire Domenica Croce as the Recording Secretary for Inland Wetlands Commission and the Small Cities Advisory Board.

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

APPROVAL OF NEW HIRE – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION – IDA RANSOM

Motion made by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Beausoleil, to approve the hire of Ida Ransom for Recording Secretary for Economic Development Commission.

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

PROPOSED LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN TOWN AND VERIZON FOR PROPOSED CELL TOWER ON PASAY ROAD

There was no information received form Town Attorney. It was the consensus to address this issue at a future meeting.

INVITATION TO BID – TOWN HALL BOILER REPLACEMENT

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Mr. Groh gave an overview of this topic. The Town has received grant money to replace the Town Hall boiler. Mr. Groh read the Bid into the record. This is for the purchase and installation of a new boiler, removal of the existing boiler and use of three heating zones in the building. Bids must be in triplicate, sealed, and received by November 16, 2010 by 4:00 p.m. in the Selectman's Office. They will be publicly opened at that evening's Selectmen's Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Motion made by Mr. Beausoleil, seconded by Mr. Bell, to go out to bid for the Town Hall boiler as previously read into the record.

Nr, Beausoleil -Yes
Mr. Bell -Yes
Mr. Groh -Yes

TAX EXEMPT ORGANIZATION APPLICATION DEADLINE EXTENSION – NORTHEAST YOUTH SPORTS CLUB, INC.

A request from the Northeast Youth Sports Club, Inc. was received for a thirty day extension for filing forms with the Assessor. This is the Thompson Football League group.

Motion made by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Groh, to approve the extension for the Northeast Youth Sports Club, Inc. for thirty days from today, to end December 4, 2010, for the purpose of filing an extension with the Assessor.

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

Discussion on Motion: The approval of the Board of Selectmen is required, per State Statute, for this type of extension.

MARIANAPOLIS SEWER PROJECT

Mr. Groh gave a brief history of this project, which will be paid for by Marianapolis/Trinity Foundation. An application has been made to the USDA for grant funding and a low interest loan. The procedure would be to bring the request to the board of Finance, whose next meeting is Thursday November 18, 2010, then, if approved, to a Town Meeting, and then to a referendum.

Motion made by Mr. Beausoleil, seconded by Mr. Bell, to approve bringing the proposal for the Thompson Sewer Line Extension for Marianapolis School Project, with an expenditure of \$2,530,000.00 to the Board of Finance, then to Town Meeting, and then to a referendum.

Mr. Beausoleil -Yes
Mr. Bell -Yes

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TAX REFUNDS

Mr. Groh -Yes

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

Nissan Infiniti LT \$121.25

Mr. Groh -Yes

Mr. Beausoleil -Yes

Mr. Bell -Yes

OTHER BUSINESS

Motion made by Mr. Beausoleil, seconded by Mr. Bell, to add Formation of a Fire Protection Advisory Committee to the agenda as Item 12)a.

Mr. Beausoleil -Yes

Mr. Bell -Yes

Mr. Groh -Yes

FORMATION OF FIRE PROTECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mr. Beausoleil suggested forming a Fire Protection Advisory Committee. This committee could be charged with studying the relationship with the Town, the fire hydrants with Crystal Water Company, the equipment needs of each company, regulations and training, information from the State and Federal levels, and public education and awareness.

Motion made by Mr. Beausoleil, seconded by Mr. Bell, that we set up a Fire Department Advisory Committee of eight individuals, to consist of a representative from each of the five fire companies, two citizens at large, with John Bell as Chairman.

Discussion on Motion: The exact charge of this Committee and specific membership will be discussed at the next meeting.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Mr. Beausoleil, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:35 p.m.

Mr. Groh -Yes

Mr. Beausoleil -Yes

Mr. Bell -Yes

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