



SELECTMEN'S MEETING September 21, 2010

The Board of Selectmen held a Selectmen's Meeting on Tuesday, September 21, 2010, at 7:32 p.m. in the Merrill Seney Community Room.

PRESENT: Lawrence K. Groh, Jr., First Selectman; John Bell, Selectman; Kenneth Beausoleil, Selectman; Claire – Villager Newspapers; Celeste Fifield; Joseph Gaucher; Kevin Walsh; 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 September 7, 2010, as presented.

<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 correspondence from NECCOG updating the Board on the research for the Buckley Hill Road Project.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS

- Mr. Beausoleil stated that he had met with the Thompson Firemen's Association regarding the Firefighter's Abatement. There was also a discussion of other issues facing the association, such as budgets and water pressure at hydrants. Celeste Fifield, Treasurer of the West Thompson Fire Department, presented information on replacing the roof of the firehouse. Mr. Walsh asked the Board of Selectmen to facilitate any help from the Town Planner to the Department.
- Mr. Bell commented on the increased presence of Troop D and the ongoing disregard for Stop signs on Buckley Hill Road.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

- Mr. Gaucher noted that Putnam has been receiving numerous grants. He also expressed his disapproval of the administrative performance-based pay at the public school.
- Mr. Landry stated that Troop D responded to the theft of plants from the Town Hall gardens and inappropriate behavior of the thief.

EAGLE SCOUT PROCLAMATION – DANIEL LARSON

Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Mr. Beausoleil, to table the Eagle Scout Proclamation for Daniel Larson until the next meeting.

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

FY 2010 END OF YEAR TRANSFERS

Mr. Groh presented a report from the Finance Director, Mr. Martin, regarding End of Year Transfers.

Motion made by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Beausoleil, to approve the First Selectmen to present the Fiscal Year 2010 End of Year Transfer Recommendations to the Board of Finance.

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

Discussion on Motion: Mr. Walsh asked for the total figure. Mr. Groh stated the total as \$91,650.00.

REQUEST TO CLOSE BATES ROAD

Mr. Groh has received correspondence from Mary Anne Fontaine requesting the closure of Bates Road for a church function.

Motion made by Mr. Beausoleil, seconded by Mr. Bell, to close Bates Road to through traffic on September 26, 2010 for the Homecoming Day function of the Thompson Congregational Church.

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

SOLAR ELECTRIC PANELS – RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. Landry, representing the Thompson Renewable Energy Development Committee, presented information regarding the installation of solar panels on town-owned properties. They would be installed at no cost to the town, would project a savings in electricity costs, and be available for a \$1.00 buy-out at the end of the sixty month lease period. The application process was discussed and, with the consensus of the Board, Mr. Groh will forward this information to Mr. Kennedy, Town Planner.

The Thompson Renewable Energy Development Committee will supply the First Selectman with the energy audit information needed to fulfill the Clean Energy Resolution process.

FIREFIGHTER TAX ABATEMENT ORDINANCE

Mr. Beausoleil reviewed the proposed changes to this ordinance. The current draft has been reviewed by the Thompson Firemen’s Association and by the Ordinance Committee. The Ordinance Committee has also reviewed the disposition of town property ordinance and clarified that it pertains to Real Estate property. The Board thanked the Ordinance Committee for their dedication. They will be on hiatus until needed.

Mr. Groh explained the process of ordinance information coming to the Board of Selectmen and then to the legislative body of the Town Meeting. The goal is to have an up-to-date Ordinance Book.

There was a consensus to consider two or more Town Meetings to approve the Ordinances. Copies would be available before the Town Meetings at the offices of the Selectman and the Town Clerk.

Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Mr. Beausoleil, to add Executive Session – Personnel Issue to the agenda under Other Business.

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

Sisters of Holy Cross	\$42.65
Thomas A. Lillie	2.41
Michael J. Munsch	15.98
Shawn B. Baublitz	110.14
Emile V. Breault Jr.	17.33
Honda Lease Trust	50.65
Elaine E. Smith	15.44
Henri J. or Cindie L. Gagnon	13.14
Peter T. Labby	23.00
Conrad L. and Diana M. Goernert	117.12
John E. Kimball	8.40
John E. Kimball	10.50
Norman or Celeste B. Guimont	72.21
Margaret L. Sellers or Patricia M. Devine	.84
Margaret L. Sellers or Patricia M. Devine	26.79
Kenneth P. Martinetty	35.51

Robyn Le Duc	12.61
Robyn Le Duc	14.71
Dennis A. Tackson and Patricia M. Shead	11.03
George H. Mooney Sr.	25.81
Marianne Hulten	24.69
Catherine A. Thomas	37.29
Daniel P. Roy Sr.	57.25
Sara B. Laughlin	25.74
Robert G. Wiik	75.81
Robert G. Wiik	19.23

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Beausoleil stated that he had received information from Mr. Morin regarding CCMC Training for Lynn Landry. He asked if a town owned vehicle would be available for transportation.

The memory of the electronic recording device reached maximum capacity at 8:40 p.m. The meeting continued with hand-written notes.

Motion made by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Beausoleil, to go into Executive Session – Personnel Issue at 8:41 p.m.

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

The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:10 p.m. with no action taken.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Mr. Beausoleil, seconded by Mr. Bell, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:11 p.m.

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

Recorded and transcribed by:
Lynn Landry