



SELECTMEN'S MEETING

September 7, 2010

The Board of Selectmen held a Selectmen's Meeting on Tuesday, September 7, 2010, at 7:32 p.m. at the East Thompson Fire Department.

PRESENT: Lawrence K. Groh, Jr., First Selectman; John Bell, Selectman; Kenneth Beausoleil, Selectman; Rich Hosford – Villager Newspapers; Karenza Konesni – WINY Radio; Kevin Walsh; Joseph Gaucher; Al Landry; Steve Benoit; 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 August 17, 2010, the Special Selectmen's Meeting of August 27, 2010 and the Special Selectmen's Meeting of September 3, 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.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS

- Mr. Groh hoped that everyone had enjoyed the Labor Day holiday.
- Mr. Groh thanked the East Thompson Fire Department for hosting this evening's meeting.
- Mr. Groh stated that Mr. Adams, Director of Public Works, will be painting parking lot lines at the Town Hall parking lot.
- Mr. Groh had requested information from Mr. Adams regarding vegetation around stop signs, guard rails and poles. Mr. Adams uses an herbicide, similar to household Round-Up, in those situations.
- Mr. Beausoleil noted that the State Police have been active in Thompson with traffic patrols.
- Mr. Beausoleil has met with the Fire Departments to review the Firemen's Abatement. He will forward a rough draft to the Board for review, and also to the Ordinance Committee.
- Mr. Beausoleil stated that he had viewed the situation at 29 Whittemore Avenue and thinks that loam and seed would alleviate the issue. Mr. Bell concurred with this. Mr.

Groh stated that he is concerned about installing curbing, as it would set a precedent. Mr. Groh asked Mr. Adams to assess the situation, and Mr. Adams reported that there was no need for curbing.

- Mr. Bell stated that a resident on Highland Drive reported a possible disturbance to him and Mr. Bell called the State Police to investigate.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Mr. Landry thanked Troop D for investigating a situation at his business, Sunrun Gardens, 1121 Quaddick Town Farm Road. They were quick to respond and fortunately this proved to be a false alarm.

CONSERVATION EASEMENT – HERITAGE WAY

Mr. Groh gave a brief history. The Board of Finance wants a definite cost before proceeding. Mr. Groh asked the Conservation Officer to investigate the matter and she found that the previous survey was a Class D, not an A-2.

Motion made by Mr. Beausoleil, seconded by Mr. Bell, to authorize Mr. Groh to present a request to the Board of Finance for up to \$4,500.00 for surveying the conservation easement on Heritage Way.

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

Discussion on Motion: The Board members felt that this is a proactive step to preserve and maintain the conservation easement. The Board will suggest to the Board of Finance that the monies come from the Open Space Fund.

SMALL TOWN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (STEAP)

The Town of Thompson has been with the STEAP Program since 2006, which has facilitated our eligibility for appropriate grants.

Motion made by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Beausoleil, to continue the STEAP program for the next four years, 2010 through 2014.

<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.

Philip D. Thomas	11.68
Ronald Rumrill	5.26
Stephanie Beauregard	49.50
Betty Chase	7.29
Ruth Simmons	45.51
Gary Gomes	10.21
Robert Brodeur	5.65
Nissan-Infiniti	54.03
Charis Southwell	17.94
Charis Southwell	4.03
Paul Deary	7.00
Maria Guillot	5.27
Michael Anderson	5.59
Richard Main	8.09
Toyota Motor Credit Corp.	161.15
Jennie Pezanko	21.01
George N. Pedersen	10.53
Nicholas Bonczek	2.50

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Walsh asked about the procedure for posting the Selectmen's Meeting agendas. Mr. Groh stated that agendas must be date-stamped and then posted for 24 hours on the bulletin board by the Town Clerk's office, as required by FOI.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Mr. Bell, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:03 p.m.

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

Recorded and transcribed by:
Lynn Landry