



## SELECTMEN'S MEETING

### August 17, 2010

The Board of Selectmen held a Selectmen's Meeting on Tuesday, August 17, 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; Rich Hosford – Villager Newspapers; Karenza Konesni – WINY Radio; Kevin Walsh; Joe Shilinsky; Susie Shilinsky; Al Landry; Steve Benoit; 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 August 3, 2010, with the correction under Selectmen's Comments, that the HAM Radio antenna will be installed, not has been installed.*

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

*Motion made by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Beausoleil, to accept the minutes of the Special Selectmen's Meeting of August 11, 2010 as presented.*

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| <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 two monthly updates from Connecticut State Police, Troop D.

### SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS

- Mr. Groh attended the Eagle Scout Ceremony for Daniel Petre, Jr. on August 15, 2010.
- Mr. Beausoleil noted that the State Police have been active in the Thompson area in several different locations.
- Mr. Bell thanked Mr. Beausoleil and Mr. Benoit for help in packing up equipment after the recent primary elections.
- Mr. Bell noted that Brooklyn has received grant funds for their Women's Softball League and inquired about funding for the Thompson program. Mr. Groh stated that the

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Thompson program shares facilities with the Little League and that there are scheduling constraints. He will discuss this topic with the Town Planner.

### **CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

Mr. Landry stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission recently purchased two conference tables to be used at their meetings. He requested permission to store these tables in the back room.

Mr. Landry suggested that having parking lines painted would facilitate use of the parking lots. Mr. Landry commented that there has been some recent vandalism and suggested that funding for security cameras to be placed on all town buildings be considered in next year's budget.

Mr. Landry inquired about the use of herbicide sprays near telephone poles, stop signs and guard rails. Mr. Groh stated that he would check into this.

Mr. Walsh inquired about the status of the River Mill Housing Project. Mr. Groh stated that the project did not qualify in the first round with the State of Connecticut and that the second round has not been announced. The developers are still ready to move forward with this project and may apply next year also.

Mr. Shilinsky stated his concerns with snow plow damage to his property at 29 Whittemore Avenue. He is suggesting a berm be placed at the edge of his property and he is willing to pay for the berm. Mr. Shilinsky will meet with Mr. Groh on Friday, August 20, 2010 and with Mr. Bell at 7:00 a.m. on Wednesday August 18, 2010, and Mr. Beausoleil after 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday August 18, 2010. The Director of Public Works will be involved in any decision regarding the resolution of this issue.

### ***LEASE OF PROPERTY TO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS***

Mr. Groh received a request from the Knights of Columbus asking to lease an area of town-owned land adjacent to their property on Riverside Drive. They would like to erect a gazebo and improve the area. It would be available for public use. This is similar to the use of town-owned properties by such entities as the Little League, the Bull Hill soccer fields and the VFW Hall. There was a brief discussion on procedure and Mr. Beausoleil suggested having the Ordinance Committee create guidelines to include topics such as insurance liability, maintenance, and terms of leases. The Town Attorney would review any contracts to protect the interests of the Town. It was the consensus to explore this topic.

### ***RECOGNITION OF ROBERT PEDERSON FOR SERVICE ON RECREATION COMMISSION***

Mr. Groh read into the record a letter recognizing Mr. Robert Pederson for his nineteen years of service on the Recreation Commission. All members of the Board expressed their appreciation for the many dedicated volunteers on our Boards and Commissions and wanted to set a precedent of acknowledging retiring volunteers.

*Motion made by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Beausoleil, to acknowledge the nineteen years of service of Robert Pederson on the Recreation Commission and to send the letter expressing the Board's appreciation.*

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

Discussion on Motion: Mr. Groh expressed his appreciation for Mr. Pederson's dedication and service.

**RESOLUTION – CONNECTICUT DEP / QUADDICK LAKE**

Mr. Groh gave a brief history of the DEP Grant for weed control on Quaddick Lake. State Representative Shawn Johnston was instrumental in obtaining this grant, and a resolution was signed by the previous Board of Selectmen. Mr. Groh read the Resolution into the record.

*Motion made by Mr. Beausoleil, seconded by Mr. Bell, to sign the Resolution of Municipal Legislative Body, that it is in the best interests of the Town of Thompson to enter into contracts with the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, and that Lawrence K. Groh, Jr., holds the office of First Selectman since November 17, 2009 and will hold the office till November 22, 2011, and is duly authorized to enter into and sign said contracts on behalf of the Town of Thompson. The First Selectman is further authorized to provide such additional information and execute such other documents as may be required by the state of federal government in connection with said contracts and to execute any amendments, recisions and revisions thereto. This Resolution is effective as of August 17, 2010.*

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

**WILSONVILLE HYDRO SITE**

Mr. Groh presented a list obtained from Kevin Kennedy of responders to the RFQ concerning the Wilsonville Hydro Site. He suggested that the information be forwarded to the Thompson Renewable Energy Development Committee for their review and recommendations.

**TAX REFUNDS**

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

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| Dan A. McDonald                 | \$48.89 |
| Ronnie E. LaBonte               | 14.63   |
| Ronnie E. LaBonte               | 72.28   |
| Patricia A. or Robert P. Larsen | 166.59  |
| Raymond P. Faucher, Sr.         | 12.52   |
| Lynn D. Auger                   | 3.49    |
| William E. Berube               | 65.64   |

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| Gertrude Menard | 4.22 |
| John J. Bonner  | 5.61 |

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

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Beausoleil stated that he has received complaints about refuse being left in the Concession Stand building in Riverside Park, possibly after use by TEEG for the Summer Lunch Program. He suggested that any organization bringing materials into the Stand, remove any materials when they leave.

Mr. Beausoleil expressed concern over the Town Hall ADA Restrooms being out of order for approximately four weeks. Mr. Groh has instructed Kevin Kennedy to work with the contractor and plumber to resolve this issue, and it was also stated that the one year warranty should be extended to reflect full use time.

Mr. Beausoleil suggested that the air circulation in the Merrill Seney Community Room be studied.

Mr. Groh had received a request from Verizon for the Town to consider giving permission for them to erect a cell phone tower on town owned property on Pasay Road. With previous cell phone towers, the Town Attorney has negotiated the contracts. The final decision on placement rests with the Connecticut Siting Council.

## **ADJOURN**

*Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Mr. Beausoleil, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:50 p.m.*

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| <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