



SELECTMEN'S MEETING

August 3, 2010

Mr. Groh called the regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order on Tuesday, August 3, 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; Rene Morin, Tax Collector; Joseph H. Gaucher; Pam Zouranjian; Joe Shilinsky; Susie Shilinsky; Kevin Walsh; Al Landry; Steve Benoit; other concerned citizens

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by, seconded by Mr. Bell, to accept the minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting of July 20, 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

None.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS

- Mr. Groh commented that information regarding any storm and flood damage should be given to the Selectman's Office and then to the State in order to determine possible funding.
- Mr. Beausoleil attended the Ordinance Committee meeting this morning at 7 a.m. He stated that this is a very dedicated group of volunteers who are nearing the completion of their charge. They are currently working on the FOG ordinance and will forward that to the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Beausoleil is working on the Firemen's Tax Abatement Ordinance and will bring his suggestions to the September meeting of the Ordinance Committee.
- Mr. Beausoleil stated that the Quinebaug Fire Station is a shelter and that a HAM Radio antenna will be installed. There is a need to set up a communication antenna at the Town Hall.
- Mr. Bell reminded citizens that the August 10, 2010 Primary will run from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. for all contested races.
- Mr. Bell inquired about the schedule of Household Hazardous Waste Collection. This will occur every second year.

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- Mr. Bell commented that Robert Brodeur has passed away. Mr. Brodeur was dedicated to Thompson community and served as a Selectman and on the Zoning Board of Appeals for many years.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

- Mr. Morin thanked the Board of Selectmen for hiring Lynn Landry as Financial Tax Clerk. He stated that he is pleased with her performance during the tax collection season and that the Tax Office is running well. He also expressed his appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Landry for volunteering to maintain the gardens at the Town Hall.
- Mr. Gaucher stated his concerns with traffic violations in the Buckley Hill Road area. Mr. Groh stated that the State Police will be more visible here in Thompson, checking for speeding or seat belt violations as well as cell phone use.
- Mr. Landry commented that Mr. Adams, Director of Public Works, is investigating scheduling the next Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day. He also stated that the Ordinance Committee discussed their desire to remain as an advisory committee to be called upon when needed. A gentleman attended their meeting this morning to complain about some unsightly properties on Main Street. Mr. Groh will check into this matter.
- Mr. Walsh asked about the status of the USDA Grant for the Social Services Building. Mr. Groh gave a brief history of the process. Kevin Kennedy, Director of Planning and Economic Development, has submitted written materials to the USDA that detail the process and use of volunteers. This document has satisfied their concerns. An additional USDA Grant application has been submitted.
- Mr. Landry inquired about the status of the River Mill Housing Project. Mr. Groh stated that he has a meeting on Friday regarding this matter, and that no decision on the grant application has been made.
- Mr. Gaucher asked about the handicapped bathrooms being out of order. Mr. Groh has had Mr. Adams investigate, but they are still not working properly, and this matter will be resolved.
- Mr. Shilinsky, 29 Whittemore Avenue, expressed concern about damage to his property by snow removal equipment last winter. Mr. Groh will meet with Mr. Adams tomorrow to discuss this issue and telephone Mr. Shilinsky with the outcome. Mr. Shilinsky also expressed concern over the Railroad signal and short length of time on the Main Street crossing.

PROCLAMATION FOR EAGLE SCOUT – DANIEL J. PETRE, JR.

Mr. Groh read into the record a Proclamation for Daniel J. Petre, Jr., on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. A ceremony will be held on Sunday, August 8, 2010, and Mr. Groh will attend.

Motion made by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Beausoleil, to accept as read the Proclamation for Daniel J. Petre, Jr. on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

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

Discussion on Motion: Mr. Morin commended the Board for making the Proclamation. As an Eagle Scout, Mr. Morin is aware of the hard work involved in achieving this goal.

HARRINGTON HEALTHCARE AT HUBBARD – PAMELA ZOURANJIAN

Ms. Zouranjian, an Administrator with Harrington Healthcare, gave a presentation on the changes and upgrade of services at their facility. They are dedicated to total local care and commitment to the community. Several full time physicians have been added to their staff. Improvements in several departments were detailed, as well as the expansion for their Emergency Room. Mr. Bell thanked them for their commitment to the Veteran’s Day Dinner at Point Breeze. Mr. Beausoleil, who is also a volunteer firefighter, stated that the Emergency Room improvements will be appreciated. The Board thanked Ms. Zouranjian for the presentation.

TAX OFFICE – PRINTING OF TAX BILLS

This discussion was continued from the July 20, 2010 meeting. There is an invoice for printing the July 2010 tax bills. There was a consensus between Mr. Morin, Tax Collector, and the Board to print the T.W.P.C.A. bills as a way of determining cost and time factors, before making a decision regarding printing tax bills on site, as opposed to having Quality Data Service print the bills.

Motion made by Mr. Beausoleil, seconded by Mr. Bell, authorizing the First Selectman to go to the Board of Finance to present the Quality Data Service Inc. invoice, not to exceed the expenditure of \$2,120.00

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

Discussion on Motion: Mr. Groh requested that Mr. Morin also attend the Board of Finance Meeting on August 19, 2010.

RESOLUTION – CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY

Mr. Groh read the resolution into the record and gave a brief history of the grant. This will be used for supplies and library materials at the Thompson Public Library.

Motion made by Mr. Beausoleil, seconded by Mr. Bell, that Lawrence K. Groh, Jr., First Selectman of the Town of Thompson, be empowered to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of this organization a certain contract with the Connecticut State Library, State of Connecticut, for an LSTA Grant in the category Collaboration to Support Literacy for Children and Young Adults. This is a resolution of the municipal governing body.

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

Heather or Nathan Jalbert	\$45.17
Kenneth Elias	9.83
Deborah or Thomas Slye	1.05
Sean Driscoll	5.59
Chester Holewa	1.05
Chester or Carol Holewa	21.53
Barbara Hart	29.88
Scott Williams	29.85
Paul or Marie Franklin	15.90
JohnMichael Shenette	25.53
David Barrett	1.05

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

Discussion on Motion: Mr. Morin explained that these refunds are all motor vehicle taxes that the taxpayer paid and then contested. The Assessor issued Certificates of Correction and the refund is the difference between the two amounts.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was a consensus to hold a Special Selectmen's Meeting on August 11, 2010 at 3 p.m. with the Chairs of the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Inland/Wetlands Commission. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the newly created position of combined Wetlands Enforcement Officer/Zoning Enforcement Officer.

As a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission, Mr. Landry expressed concern about the importance of good communication between the Staff and Commission.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Mr. Beausoleil, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:15 p.m.

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

Recorded and transcribed by:
Lynn Landry

