



## SELECTMEN'S MEETING

### June 15, 2010

The Board of Selectmen held a Selectmen's Meeting on Tuesday, June 15, 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; Mike Dabrowski; Paul Provost; Al Landry; Diana Couture; John Rice; 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 June 1, 2010, the Special Selectmen's Meeting of June 1, 2010 and the Special Selectmen's Meeting of June 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 correspondence dated June 11, 2010, from Vincent Russo, Probate Court Administrator concerning the District Probate Court to be housed in Thompson as of January 5, 2011.

Mr. Groh presented the monthly update on crime statistics from Troop D.

### SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS

Mr. Groh reminded residents of the Town Meeting to be held on June 16, 2010 at 7 p.m. at the TMHS Auditorium and reviewed the agenda items.

Mr. Groh noted that he will be chaperoning the Eighth Grade Class Trip to Washington, D.C. during the first week of July and will not be at the July 6, 2010 Selectmen's Meeting. He will prepare the agenda on Friday, July 2, 2010.

Mr. Bell noted that the Stop Sign at the intersection of Pasay and Pompeo Roads needs to be replaced, as well as equipment repairs needed at the Wilsonville Park.

He expressed his appreciation for Mr. Groh's hard work in securing the District Probate Court location in Thompson.

Mr. Beausoleil stated that he has reviewed the public informational hand-out on the River Mill Project. This includes a timeline and information on the proposed project. This will be a great

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help for citizens at the Town Meeting. Mr. Groh noted that many citizens have obtained copies and that copies will be available tonight and tomorrow.

Mr. Beausoleil commented on the research that John Mahon has been doing to learn the additional duties of his new position as Zoning and Wetlands Enforcement Officer.

Mr. Beausoleil inquired if the 29 Whittemore Avenue plowing damage issue has been resolved. Mr. Groh stated that the information has gone to Mr. Adams, Director of Public Works.

### **CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

None.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### ***APPROVAL OF NEW HIRE—FINANCIAL TAX CLERK***

Mr. Groh stated that there were interviews held on June 1 and June 3, 2010 for this position. The Hiring Committee was composed of the three Selectmen, the Tax Collector, and the Personnel Director.

*Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Mr. Beausoleil, to hire Lynn Landry for the position of Financial Tax Clerk, to begin on June 24, 2010, as recommended by the Hiring Committee.*

<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. Groh noted that there were thirty-four applicants for this position and many aspects were considered by the Hiring Committee.

#### ***NEW HIRE—BUILDING OFFICIAL***

Mr. Groh stated that the Hiring Committee for this position was composed of three Thompson and three Putnam representatives. This is a joint position, with the employee being a Town of Thompson employee, with Thompson receiving reimbursement from Putnam for half of all costs. There will be a posted schedule of twenty hours per week in each of the towns, with Staff coordinating inspections and emergencies taking priority. Retirement benefits will be through MERF, the State of Connecticut municipal retirement fund. This is a cost saving measure, and will be monitored by Mr. Groh and Mayor Viens of Putnam.

This is an appointment by the First Selectman for a four year term, to start after the probationary period. The appointment will be for Lee Post, who is Putnam's current Building Official.

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Diana Couture, former Tax Assessor, noted the quality of work that Alvin Hill did for Thompson. Mr. Groh stated that Thompson is losing a great employee, and that Mr. Hill was an asset to the Town of Thompson.

***MARIANAPOLIS SEWER PROJECT UPDATE***

Mr. Groh distributed to the Board of Selectmen copies of a signed memorandum of understanding between CLA and the Town of Thompson. He noted that CLA is applying to the USDA and that this project is moving along.

***REQUEST FOR USAGE OF TOWN HALL PARKING LOT—PROJECT GRADUATION***

Mr. Groh received a request from Project Graduation 2011 for the use of the Town Hall Parking Lot to hold a series of can and bottle drives. He read the following Saturday dates into the record: July 10, August 7, September 11, October 2, November 6, December 4, January 8, February 5, March 5, April 2, May 7, June 4 in the upcoming fiscal year.

*Motion made by Mr. Beausoleil, seconded by Mr. Bell that we approve the request, dated June 3, 2010, from the Project Graduation 2011 Committee to use the Town Hall Parking Lot to hold their fundraising activities on the dates listed in the request with the provision that there are no dates in conflict with previous commitments of the Parking Lot, in which case the Project Graduation Committee will change their dates.*

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

***INTERSECTION OF PASAY ROAD AND ROUTE 200***

At the June 1, 2010 Selectmen’s Meeting, a letter was presented from Francis McGarry that suggested some changes to the intersection of Pasay Road and Route 200 (Thompson Hill Road). There was a discussion of Mr. McGarry’s suggestions and other suggestions were made by citizens. Some of the concerns raised were the line of sight, the conditions of nearby roads, and the history of traffic accidents in this area. Mr. Groh will discuss this intersection with the Department of Transportation and the Director of Public Works.

***CLEAN ENERGY COMMITMENT RESOLUTION***

Mr. Landry, on behalf of the Renewable Energy Development Committee, made a presentation regarding the proposed resolution and the 20% by 2010 Clean Energy Proposal. Most of the EPA Energy Challenge criteria have been met by the Town of Thompson, and the Committee is requesting that the town enter into the proposed non-binding resolution. It was noted that Thompson has almost reached the goal of 100 points of clean energy to qualify for a 2 Kw photovoltaic system to be installed on a municipal building. Mr. Groh read the proposed resolution into the record.

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*Motion made by Mr. Beausoleil, seconded by Mr. Bell, that the Town of Thompson enter into the Clean Energy Commitment Resolution.*

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

Discussion on Motion: The members of the Board will sign the formal resolution later this week.

***PROBATE COURT RECORDS***

Mr. Groh presented a letter from the Killingly Historical and Genealogical Society stating concerns about the location of Probate Court Records. It was the consensus of the Board to house the Probate Court Records in the Town Clerk's vault to maintain the historical records and facilitate local access to these records. When the Probate Court is regionalized on January 5, 2011, all future records will be digitized and on-line with records maintained in the State of Connecticut Library.

*Motion made by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Beausoleil, to keep the Probate Court records of the Town of Thompson, prior to January 4, 2011, in the Town Clerk's Vault.*

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

**TAX REFUNDS**

None.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

**ADJOURN**

*Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Mr. Beausoleil, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:43 p.m.*

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

Recorded and transcribed by:  
Lynn Landry