



SELECTMEN'S MEETING

May 18, 2010

The Board of Selectmen held a Selectmen's Meeting on Tuesday, May 18, 2010, at 7:30 p.m. at the Thompson Fire Engine Company Fire House.

PRESENT: Lawrence K. Groh, Jr., First Selectman; John Bell, Selectman; Kenneth Beausoleil, Selectman; Joseph Gaucher; Sylvia Allard; Tina Allard Boutillette; Robyn A. Trudell; Ray Durand; Al Landry; Eric T. McGlynn; Rebecca Neundorf McGlynn; Kevin Walsh; Rene J. Morin; Roman Jamieson; Ron Tillen; Kathy LeBlanc; 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 May 4, 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 information on the Memorial Day Parade.
- Mr. Groh presented the monthly update from Troop D on activities in Thompson.
- Mr. Groh presented the Board with notification of the tax credit application from River Mill to CHFA.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS

- Mr. Groh thanked the Thompson Hill Fire Engine Company for hosting this evening's meeting and welcomed those in attendance.
- Mr. Groh stated that the Annual Town Meeting was held on May 17, 2010. The budget referendum will be held on Wednesday May 26, 2010 from Noon to 8:00 p.m. at the regular polling places.
- Mr. Beausoleil noted the increased presence of State Troopers in town and the increase in traffic citations.
- Mr. Bell commented on the work done by the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance in establishing the proposed budget. He stated that he hopes the budget will pass.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Ms. Trudell, representing Girl Scout Troop 64007, requested permission to use the Town Hall Parking Lot for a fundraising event.

Motion made by Mr. Beausoleil, seconded by Mr. Bell, to add "Request to Use Town Hall Parking Lot" as Agenda Item 9 a) under Other Business.

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

Mr. Durand, 635 East Thompson Road, presented the Board with pictures of the shared driveway and gave a brief history of a neighborhood conflict. Speed bumps were installed in the driveway by one of the users. He requested that the town enact an ordinance prohibiting speed bumps in shared driveways. Mr. Groh informed him of the process of creating an ordinance.

Mrs. Allard, 631 East Thompson Road, expressed her concerns for children's safety and presented photographs to the Board.

Mrs. Boutillette, 631 East Thompson Road, stated that this driveway is an easement, and expressed her concerns regarding her children's safety.

Mr. McGlynn of 637 East Thompson Road reported that he has requested that Mr. Durand slow down on several occasions.

Mrs. McGlynn commented that we need to keep safety as a priority.

Mr. Beausoleil asked Mrs. Allard if this was a subdivision of her property. She stated that this shared driveway is a deed on record, and is grandfathered in as a shared driveway.

Mr. Groh commented that speed bumps are not against any current Planning and Zoning Regulation or ordinance. This is a civil matter. He expressed concern regarding enacting an ordinance to address one situation.

Mr. Beausoleil stated that ordinances need to be in the best interest of the town as a whole, and that he agrees that this is a civil matter. Mr. Bell expressed his agreement.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSSION ON SHARED BUILDING OFFICIAL POSITION

Mr. Groh presented John Bell with a packet of applications for his review. There will be a Hiring Committee made up of three members from the Town of Thompson, which includes John Bell, and three members from Putnam, to review and select a candidate for the position of Shared Building Official. The Hiring Committee will meet on Thursday, May 20, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. to discuss applications and set up interviews.

DISCUSSION ON FINANCIAL TAX CLERK POSITION

Mr. Groh stated that the application process for this position closed today. He presented copies of the applications to Mr. Bell, Mr. Beausoleil and Mr. Morin, Tax Collector. He asked them to review the applications and rank the candidates from one through ten. A Special Selectmen's Meeting will be held on Friday, May 21, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. in the Selectman's Conference Room to discuss applications and set up interviews.

PARTIAL PAYMENT OF \$384,000.00 SMALL CITIES LOAN ON RIVER MILL PROPERTY

Mr. Groh gave a copy of the lien to the Board. He stated that he has met with Andy Scott, owner of River Mill, LLC, and has negotiated a \$50,000.00 payment. This would release a portion of the lien on River Mill and other related properties, and allow Winn Development to proceed with their housing project. The original lien will remain on the current properties, with the exception of the housing area. These funds would not go into the General Fund; the funds would be returned to the Small Cities Program and would be used to assist small businesses in Thompson. Mr. Groh stated that this is a positive step forward, and a regular payment schedule would begin after a two year hold. This plan would need to be reviewed by Town Attorney.

Mr. Bell noted that this is a good faith effort.

Mr. Beausoleil stated that this is a step in the right direction, to resolve this issue and to assist economic development.

There was a general discussion regarding the history of this lien, the Town Meeting of April 28, 2010, and ways to resolve the current situation.

It was the consensus of the Board to move forward on this issue and to schedule a Town Meeting in early June.

TAX REFUNDS

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

REQUEST TO USE TOWN HALL PARKING LOT

Ms. Trudell requested to use the Town Hall Parking Lot to hold a fundraiser for Girl Scout Troop 64007.

Motion made by Mr. Beausoleil, seconded by Mr. Bell, to allow Girl Scout Troop 64007 to use the Town Hall Parking Lot on June 26, 2010, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., to hold a yard sale and can/bottle drive fundraising event, pending no conflict in scheduling for that date.

Mr. Beausoleil -Yes

Mr. Bell -Yes

Mr. Groh -Yes

ADJOURN

Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Mr. Bell, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:00 p.m., and stated that the Board appreciated the use of the Thompson Hill Fire Engine Company Fire House.

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

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