



SELECTMEN'S MEETING

April 20, 2010

The Board of Selectmen held a Selectmen's Meeting on Tuesday, April 20, 2010, at 7:32 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; Leo Adams; Sebrina Heroux; Joseph Gaucher; Steve Benoit; Ron Tillen; Paul Dery; Al Landry; Kevin Walsh; Paul Horanzy; Gregg Lee; Kathy LeBlanc; Alvin Hill; other concerned citizens

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Beausoleil, to accept the minutes of the Selectmen's Meetings of March 16, 2010 and April 6, 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 distributed the monthly correspondence from Troop D of the CT State Police.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS

- Mr. Groh commented that the Little League Parade on April 17, 2010 was well attended and that the entire Board marched in the parade.
- Mr. Groh stated that it will be a great loss to this area with Shawn Johnston choosing not to seek another term as State Representative. Mr. Groh stated that Mr. Johnston always looked out for the best interests of our region and of the state.
- Mr. Beausoleil noted the outstanding job done at the Little League complex.
- Mr. Beausoleil noted that he had worked with Shawn Johnston on resolving issues at DMV concerning volunteer fire department plates, and that Mr. Johnston is a great asset to our area and is always available.
- Mr. Beausoleil stated that he and Mr. Bell had attended the Community Day event at the VFW, where members of the community were recognized for their contributions.
- Mr. Beausoleil commended Mr. Adams on the Department of Public Works attention to road repairs and expressed his concern at the challenge of road maintenance with budget concerns.

- Mr. Bell stated that Mr. Johnston has done a lot for our town and our region.
- Mr. Bell attended a Community Award ceremony at the Knights of Columbus Hall that was a roll call for Community Fire Department and honored the six volunteers who responded to a recent accident.
- Mr. Groh is researching if there was an additional person who assisted in the accident in question where the six volunteers responded.
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CITIZENS' COMMENTS

- Mr. Walsh inquired about the Town Meeting on Wednesday April 28, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Merrill Seney Community Room. Mr. Groh explained the three items on the agenda. Mr. Walsh expressed his concern that local labor be used for the River Mill Housing Project. Mr. Groh encouraged all citizens to attend the Town Meeting and discuss all issues.
- Mr. Landry stated that it would also be appropriate to hire local people as bus drivers.
- Mr. Gaucher expressed his opinion that the Small Cities obligation should stay on the present property.

OLD BUSINESS

MARIANAPOLIS SEWER PROJECT

Mr. Groh distributed a letter from Town Attorney to the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Groh stated that the process tonight will be to open the submitted bids and then to send the bids to the Qualification Committee to ensure that the bids meet the specifications and then forward their recommendation to the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Groh opened the bids:

CME	\$229,615.00
URS	\$338,338.00
CLA Engineers	\$178,050.00

Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Mr. Beausoleil, to give the three bids to Kevin Kennedy to forward to the Request for Qualifications Committee, for their review and to make a recommendation for the next Board of Selectmen's Meeting.

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

NEW BUSINESS

THE NEW ENGLAND RELAY

RAGNAR RELAY NEW ENGLAND

TRI-STATE TREK

Mr. Groh stated that these three races are held annually and use the state and town roads. We ask for insurance documents.

Motion made by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Groh, to allow the approve the New England Relay for June 12 – 13, 2010, the Ragnar Relay for May 21-22, 2010, and the Tri-State Trek for July 23 – 25, 2010, pending insurance and notification of the State Police.

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

REGIONAL REVALUATION COSTS

There was a discussion of the material Mr. Groh distributed to the board of Selectmen that detailed the costs involved in a regional revaluation plan through NECCOG. Ms. Heroux explained that the Assessor in each town would still be in control of the entire process. Under this plan, one half of full inspections would be done in each five year period. Each of the twelve NECCOG towns would be responsible for assessing specialty properties, and it was noted that Thompson has one specialty property. This process has been approved by the Office of Policy and Management.

TAX REFUNDS

Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Mr. Bell, to refund the following overpayment as recommended by the Tax Collector, Rene Morin.

Lauren E. Murphy, aka Lauren MacMillan \$3.28

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Groh commented that he is still arriving at final figures and the associated impacts of the proposed budget for this Thursday's Board of Finance meeting and will distribute information to the Board members.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Mr. Bell, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:38 p.m.

Mr. Groh -Yes

Mr. Bell -Yes
Mr. Bausoleil -Yes

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