



SELECTMEN'S MEETING

December 1, 2009

The Board of Selectmen held a Selectmen's Meeting on Tuesday, December 1, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. in the Merrill Seney Community Room.

PRESENT: Lawrence K. Groh, Jr., First Selectman; John Bell, Selectman; Kenneth Beausoleil, Selectman; Jim Esslinger – Worcester Telegram & Gazette; Andy Morrison - WINY Radio; Joseph H. Gaucher; Al Landry; Charles W. Seney; Paul Dery; Steve Benoit; James Seney, Sr.; John Seney, Jr.; Kevin Walsh; 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 November 17, 2009 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 concerning upcoming repairs at the Westville Lake Dam, which is north of Thompson on the Quinebaug River.
- Mr. Groh presented correspondence from Troop D, CT State Police, concerning warrants and violations of probation in Thompson.
- Mr. Groh presented information from the USDA concerning Social Service Building Project requirements.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS

- Mr. Groh announced that the next Selectmen's Meeting will be held on December 15, 2009 at the East Thompson Fire Department.
- Mr. Groh asked citizens to report any unusual or suspicious activity to Troop D, as there have been increased reports of break-ins in the area.
- Mr. Beausoleil commented on Governor Rell's proposed 3% cut in aid to towns and that she has sent this information to the legislature. This will affect the current year. Mr. Groh commented that NECCOG is aware of this situation.
- Mr. Bell commented on the quality paving work performed by the Highway Department on Pasay Road and Wilsonville Road.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

- Mr. Seney inquired about the burned building in Grosvenordale. Mr. Groh stated that the demolition permit has been recently issued.
- Mr. Dery has specific information on the proposed State cuts. He will e-mail this information to Board of Selectmen members.
- Mr. James Seney, Jr. commented on the negotiations between American Ambulance and the Community Fire Company Ambulance Service. Their attorney and NECCOG have been addressing their concerns on billing procedures.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

PROCLAMATION FOR SILVER STAR BANNER DAY

Mr. Groh had received information asking all towns across the nation to join in observing May 1 as Silver Star Banner Day. Mr. Groh read the proposed proclamation into the record.

Motion made by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Beausoleil, that we accept this proclamation as read.

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

APPOINTMENTS FOR SPECIAL FIRE POLICE

Mr. Groh read the following list of proposed Special Fire Police:

Celeste Fifield
John Ducharme
Donald Deslauriers
Wendy Pieper
John Rice
Donald Lemieux
Ashley Lemieux
Allen Gauthier
George Therrien
Mary Preston
Joseph Langelier

Motion made by Mr. Beausoleil, seconded by Mr. Bell, to appoint the above list as read, to Special Fire Police.

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

APPOINTMENT OF TOWN TREASURER

Mr. Groh gave a summary of the State Statute requiring municipalities to have a Town Treasurer and stated that, in the past, the Finance Director has been appointed to this position.

Motion made by Mr. Beausoleil, seconded by Mr. Bell, to appoint Michael T. Martin as Town Treasurer.

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

APPOINTMENT OF CONSTABLES

Mr. Groh read the following list of five constables who have expressed an interest in continuing in this office. There are seven positions available; we will have two vacancies.

Donald A. Brown
Peter Walter Krawiec
George Henry Mooney, Jr.
Alan C. Pratt
Dennis A. Tackson

Motion made by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Groh, to appoint the above mentioned individuals as constables.

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

APPOINTMENTS TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Mr. Groh stated that the ordinance creating the Economic Development Commission calls for all appointments to be for two year terms, with half of the commission beginning terms on alternate years. This procedure has not been followed and recent appointments have been for five year terms. Mr. Groh has attended an Economic Development Commission meeting and discussed with them ways to resolve this issue. Current members and term dates are as follows:

Member	Current Term Ending	Suggested Term Ending
Ryan Lajoie, Chair	12/31/2013	12/31/2010
JoAnn Hall	12/31/2012	12/31/2010
Donna Barrette	12/31/2009	12/31/2011
Kerstin Forrester	12/31/2009	12/31/2011
Alan Pratt	12/31/2009	12/31/2011
Brian Yacino	12/31/2001	12/31/2011 (no change)
Kathleen Herbert	12/31/2010	12/31/2010 (no change)
George Elmes	12/31/2009	(choosing not to serve again)
Brian Santos	12/31/2010	12/31/2010 (no change)

Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Mr. Beausoleil, to appoint to the Economic Development Commission: Ryan Lajoie, term ending 12/31/2010; Kerstin Forrester, term ending 12/31/2011; Alan Pratt, term ending 12/31/2011; Donna Barrette, term ending 12/31/2011; and JoAnn Hall, term ending 12/31/2010.

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

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY FIRE MARSHALL

Mr. James Seney, Jr. has currently been serving as Deputy Fire Marshall, assisting the Fire Marshall in inspections. Mr. Seney updated the Board on his training in the Fire Marshall Program, including modules in Fire Investigation, Hazardous Material and Life Safety. His certifications will be forwarded to the Town of Thompson, as will documentation of his continuing education courses.

Motion made by Mr. Beausoleil, seconded by Mr. Bell, to appoint Mr. James Seney, Jr. as Deputy Fire Marshall, with an indefinite term.

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

Discussion: The Board offered congratulations and thanks to Mr. Seney.

APPOINTMENT TO HOUSING AUTHORITY

Motion made by Mr. Beausoleil, seconded by Mr. Bell, to appoint Kathleen J. Murphy to the Town of Thompson Housing Authority, term to expire 10/31/2014.

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

APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Motion made by Mr. Beausoleil, seconded by Mr. Bell, to reappoint Stephen Benoit as Director of Emergency Management, term to expire 11-22-2011.

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Mr. Bell, to add Tax Refunds to tonight's agenda as Item 14 a).

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

TAX REFUNDS

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

-GMAC \$ 95.23
-Dolores J. Hebert \$226.36

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

ADJOURN

Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Mr. Beausoleil, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:15 p.m.

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

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