



SELECTMEN'S MEETING October 6, 2009

The Board of Selectmen held a Selectmen's Meeting on Tuesday, October 6, 2009, at 7:32 p.m. in the Old Town Hall.

PRESENT: Lawrence K. Groh, Jr., First Selectman; Kathleen A. Hiatt, Selectman; John Penney; Howard Peck; Jim Esslinger – Telegram & Gazette; Shawn Brissette; Joseph Gaucher; Jim Sali; Paul Roger Dery; Ed Lavigne; Louise Lavigne; Steve Lewis; Kathleen Herbert; Doug Daniels; Paul LaFramboise; Ken Ebbitt; J. G. Adiletta; J. M. Adiletta, Al Landry; John Rice; Kevin Walsh; Joseph Donovan; Greg Lee; Shane Lee; Charlie Baron; Caroline Sloat; Robert Sloat; Mike Martin, Finance Director; JoAnne Demars – USDA, Rural Development; Olivia Braaten – Villager Newspaper; Andrew Morrison - WINY Radio; other concerned citizens

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Mr. Groh, to accept the minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting of September 15, 2009 and the Special Selectmen's Meeting of September 28, 2009, as presented.

<i>Ms. Hiatt</i>	<i>-Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Groh</i>	<i>-Yes</i>

CORRESPONDENCE

- Mr. Groh presented correspondence from Ms. Hiatt concerning the Finance Director's input on the Marianapolis sewer issue.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS

- Mr. Groh thanked the Thompson Historical Society for hosting this evening's meeting and acknowledged the significance of the venue in town history.
- Mr. Groh reminded citizens that a Town Meeting will be held on October 8, 2009 at 8 p.m. at the Thompson Public Library/Community Center.
- Mr. Groh announced that Thompson Together will hold a Fall Roadside Clean-Up from October 5 – 25, 2009. Interested persons may contact Norma O'Leary.
- Ms. Hiatt expressed her thanks to the Thompson Historical Society for hosting this meeting and reminded citizens that the Society's Christmas Sale begins on the Friday after Thanksgiving and is a major fundraiser for their organization.
- Ms. Hiatt commented that National Fire Prevention Week is October 4 - 10, 2009, and stated that the town is fortunate to have five volunteer fire companies. Although the Town provides

\$35,000 to each company, Ms. Hiatt asked citizens to consider donating to these organizations to support their work.

- Ms. Hiatt announced that there will be a program on November 9, 2009 at 2 p.m. at the Thompson Public Library/Community Center to honor WWII veterans. Secretary of State Susan Bysiewicz will be among the speakers.
- Ms. Hiatt reminded citizens that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.
- Ms. Hiatt had read in the Villager Newspaper that one of our citizens is interested in pursuing National Historic designation for the 1909 building, and formally asked Mr. Groh to hold either a public hearing or town meeting to allow citizen input on this issue.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

- There were no citizen comments during this meeting
- Mr. Groh had received some citizen comments prior to this meeting and provided the following information:
 - Status of Street Lights: Some have been removed, the program is progressing.
 - Status of ADA Project: 60% completed to install elevator, two handicapped accessible restrooms, and to widen doorways. The anticipated completion date is October 31, 2009.
 - Tax Collection Update: The overall rate is 51.69%, which is similar to where we are at this time of year.
 - Grant Update: Mr. Groh provided a copy of the report to Ms. Hiatt and stated that a copy will be available here tonight and also in the Selectman's Office.
 - Hours at the Transfer Station: The change in hours was researched regarding daylight hours and will occur as planned.
 - Richard Trudeau is Charter Communication's representative for Thompson and he will handle any issues for citizens. Please contact the Selectman's Office with any concerns, which will be passed along to Mr. Trudeau.

OLD BUSINESS

SOCIAL SERVICE BUILDING COMMITTEE BID RECOMMENDATION

John Rice, Chair of the Social Service Building Committee, stated that eleven bids had been received for Phase One, which would involve site work, foundation and the shell. The committee's recommendation is to reject all bids that were received, as they exceeded available funds.

Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Mr. Groh, that we reject the eleven bids that we received and opened on September 28, 2009.

<i>Ms. Hiatt</i>	<i>-Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Groh</i>	<i>-Yes</i>

SOCIAL SERVICE BUILDING RFP

Mr. Rice stated that the committee wants to divide the project into three, not two phases, and that Phase One would include the foundation, site work, trenching and bringing in utilities. A brief discussion followed.

Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Ms. Hiatt, to move forward with a RFP for Phase One of the Social Service Building, to be opened at a Special Selectmen's Meeting on October 19, 2009 at 12:00 noon.

Mr. Groh -Yes
Ms. Hiatt -Yes

MARIANAPOLIS SEWER LINE

A brief history of this issue was given. Mike Martin, Finance Director answered questions concerning the financial workload and recommended that, if the Town proceeds with this project, the town receive a lien on the property to protect Thompson's future interests. An estimate of additional workload was received from the Director of Planning and Development. A discussion Concerning a potential timeline, the USDA Rural Development and DEP processes, a potential opt out/opt in ordinance, input from the WPCA and Planning and Zoning Commission, attorney input, adjacent industrial land, and pipe size was held.

Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Mr. Groh, that the Town of Thompson apply for a grant to extend the sewer line to Marianapolis using Option One as presented here tonight pending approval of the Town Attorney and specifically addressing that the Trinity Foundation is responsible for costs and provide sufficient lien.

Ms. Hiatt amended the motion to include the phrase " that the application will be with the assistance of the Trinity Foundation", seconded by Mr. Groh.

Ms. Hiatt -Yes
Mr. Groh -Yes

Discussion on Motion: Mr. Groh stated that the feedback from Planning and Zoning Commission and the WPCA, indicating a preference for Option One, helped him with this issue. Ms. Hiatt agreed. Marianapolis is the geographic location and the Trinity Foundation will pay the costs.

CASELLA CONTRACT

Mr. Groh provided information from Town Attorney for informational purposes. Minor changes are listed. Nothing has been received from the Casella attorney.

NEW BUSINESS

31 BECOLA ROAD – SET BOND FOR ROAD EASEMENT

The residence at 31 Becola Road needs an upgrade to their septic system and NDDH has recommended that the system be installed across the road from the residence on land owned by the 31 Becola Road homeowner. The information was reviewed by the Director of Public Works and the proposed bond was deemed sufficient.

Motion by Mr. Groh, seconded by Ms. Hiatt, to set a \$1,000.00 bond for two years for a road easement for 31 Becola Road.

Mr. Groh amended the motion, seconded by Ms. Hiatt, to include that all proper permitting procedures be followed.

Mr. Groh *-Yes*
Ms. Hiatt *-Yes*

TAX REFUNDS

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

-Eric J. Johnson	\$355.37
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-JoAnne Louhe	\$ 11.23
-Carol Ann M. and Richard Larson	\$ 29.64
-Stanley C. Adams	\$ 24.36
-Toyota Motor Credit Corporation	\$ 79.79
-Deborah A. Wiggin	\$ 3.75

Mr. Groh *-Yes*
Ms. Hiatt *-Yes*

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Groh stated that he had received three sealed bids for the street sweeper. This item is not on tonight's agenda, and the online reverse auction has not taken place. Ms. Hiatt suggested that

these sealed bids be returned and the parties be given information on the reverse auction site. Mr. Groh will include a letter explaining the process.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Ms. Hiatt, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:18 p.m.

<i>Mr. Groh</i>	<i>-Yes</i>
<i>Ms. Hiatt</i>	<i>-Yes</i>

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