



SELECTMEN'S MEETING

August 18, 2009

The Board of Selectmen held a Selectmen's Meeting on Tuesday, August 18, 2009, at 7:31 p.m. in the Merrill Seney Community Room.

PRESENT: Lawrence K. Groh, Jr., First Selectman; Sarah F. White, Selectman; Kathleen A. Hiatt, Selectman; Sarah Hamby – Worcester Telegram & Gazette; Craig Tiffany- WINY Radio; John Guskowski -CME Associates; Carol Rodgers – CME Associates; Charles W. Seney; Joseph H. Gaucher; Al Landry; Steve Benoit; Ken Beausoleil; Karen Durlach; Ron Tillen; Joseph Gibbons; Paul LaFramboise; Matt Sanderson –Thompson Villager; and other concerned citizens.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Ms. White, to accept the minutes of the Special Selectmen's meeting of July 27, 2009 as presented.

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

Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Mr. Groh, to accept the minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting of August 4, 2009, with the clarification on page 2, under Citizen's Comments, that the multi-year analysis was done earlier this year, and no spikes had occurred at that time.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

- Mr. Groh presented correspondence from Troop D with the monthly statistics.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS

- Mr. Groh commended the Village Improvement Society of Thompson on their one hundredth anniversary of incorporation. Miss White read into the record a proclamation from Governor M. Jodi Rell designating August 8, 2009 as Village Improvement Society of Thompson Day in the State of Connecticut.

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- Mr. Groh announced that the CT State Police will be conducting traffic watches throughout the town. Miss White stated her concerns with speeding and reckless driving.
 - Ms. Hiatt recommended that citizens who wish to avoid the forecasted high temperatures and poor air quality visit the climate-controlled Thompson Public Library/Community Center.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

- Mr. Gaucher noted that the Stop signs on Buckley Hill Road are not being observed.

OLD BUSINESS

SEWER ISSUE PRESENTATION BY TRINITY FOUNDATION

John Guskowski and Carol Rogers of CME Associates, Inc. presented an overview of three options for their wastewater disposal. A lengthy discussion followed. Trinity Foundation will provide the Selectmen with an updated letter specific to the proposal. Mr. Groh provided citizens with copies of the Trinity Foundation's timeline letter, listing upcoming meetings with WPCA, the Board of Finance, the Planning and Zoning Commission, and future Selectmen's Meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

EAGLE SCOUT RECOGNITION

Mr. Groh read into the record a proclamation honoring John Edmund Mahon III for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Mr. Groh, to sign the proclamation as read.

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

RESIGNATION OF FINANCE CLERK

Mr. Groh has received the resignation of Paulette Hamel in her role as Finance Clerk. He distributed information to the Board from Michael Martin, Finance Director. Mr. Martin has recommended adjusting the hours within his office, adding five hours to the other Finance Clerk's workweek. A discussion followed. Mr. Groh will bring specific questions from the Board to Mr. Martin.

Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Ms. Hiatt, to table this issue until the next meeting.

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

APPOINTMENT TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Groh presented copies of the Minutes of the Selectmen’s Meeting of March 4, 2008, which established the Ordinance Committee. Two of the current members have not resigned, but have not been attending meetings. Mr. Groh has received a verbal resignation from Mr. Ted Smith.

Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Miss White, to remove Mr. Ted Gagne and Mr. Ted Smith from the Ordinance Committee.

Ms. Hiatt -Yes
Miss White -Yes
Mr. Groh -Yes

Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Mr. Groh, to appoint Alexandra Martin to the Town’s Ordinance Committee to fill one of the vacant positions.

Ms. Hiatt -Yes
Mr. Groh -Yes
Miss White -Abstain

ACCEPTANCE OF ROAD—FAIRWAY DRIVE

A brief history and discussion of the acceptance of Fairway Drive was held.

Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Mr. Groh ,that we accept the parcel of land the parcel of land known as Fairway Drive once the deed is recorded, and we have confirmed the description of the deed conforms to the subdivision as approved by Planning and Zoning.

Ms. Hiatt -Yes
Mr. Groh -Yes
Miss White -Yes

PROPERTY REVALUATION REGIONALIZATION UPDATE

Recent legislation will allow for regional revaluation to take place. Mr. Groh serves on a sub-committee at NECCOG investigating this issue and updated the Board. A brief discussion followed.

TAX REFUNDS

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

-Cheryl Dunn	\$ 33.91
-Elliott B. Craver	\$ 8.51
-James J. Lamoureux	\$ 16.55
-David W. Boss	\$ 9.30
-Eric M. Robbins	\$ 9.70
-Lorraine L. Adams	\$ 1.99
-Julia C. Mahon	\$ 3.69
-Brian M. Warren	\$ 10.47

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

Discussion: A brief discussion was held regarding the minimum amount of tax refunds.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business to come before the Board.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Mr. Groh, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:55 p.m.

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

Recorded and transcribed by:
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