



SELECTMEN'S MEETING

August 4, 2009

The Board of Selectmen held a Selectmen's Meeting on Tuesday, August 4, 2009, at 7:30 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; Jonathan Duvall - WINY Radio; Lis Burton; Joe Donovan; Ken Beausoleil; Al Landry; Joseph H. Gaucher; Matt Sanderson - Thompson Villager; Kathleen Hebert; John L. Bell, Sr.; Kevin Walsh; Leo Adams, Director of Public Works; Steve Benoit; Joseph Donovan, Jr.; 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 July 21, 2009, with the correction of identifying Mr. Groh on page 2.

<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 Access Agency concerning energy assistance.
- Mr. Groh presented contact information from the State of Connecticut Finance, Revenue and Bonding Commission.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS

- Mr. Groh commented on the status of the Buckley Hill Road Project.
- Mr. Groh commented on the request from Miss White to receive monthly or biweekly reports from the Director of Public Works. Mr. Groh stated that he oversees the daily operation of every employee in town. Ms. Hiatt wants to review Mr. Adams' report. Any questions should be presented to the First Selectman.
- Mr. Groh noted the progress with the renovations to the Town Hall.

Motion made by Miss White, seconded by Ms. Hiatt, to add to tonight's agenda Item 8 a) Overview of proposed Cassella agreement.

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

- Ms. Hiatt stated her appreciation of the reinstatement of Saturday hours at the Thompson Public Library, to begin on September 12, 2009, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m..

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

- Ms. Burton commented on the need for a sign at the Transfer Station stating the proposed hour changes. She also asked Mr. Groh for an update of the status of turning off selected street lights in town. She asked how the crime statistic reports are utilized. Ms. Hiatt has met with Lt. Kewer, Troop D State Police, to do a multi-year analysis. No spikes have occurred. The multi-year analysis was done earlier this year and no spikes had occurred at that time.
- Kevin Walsh offered his thanks to Ms. Hiatt and Miss White for their service to our community, and expressed his wish for them to continue to be involved.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

EAGLE SCOUT PROCLAMATION

A proclamation recognizing Timothy Larson for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout was read into the record by Miss White.

Motion by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Miss White, to sign this proclamation as read, in support of Mr. Larson achieving the status of Eagle Scout.

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

Mr. Groh commented that this is a high achievement and he looks forward to presenting this proclamation to Mr. Larson.

COMMUNITY FIRE COMPANY DEED

Mr. Groh reviewed the status of the Community Fire Company deed of March 29, 1950, and the impact of Community Fire Company's plans to build a three bay garage on recently acquired abutting property. A clear title is needed for bank and grant purposes. Merrill Seney, of Community Fire Company, has requested that this issue come before the board of Selectmen and

then to Town Meeting. A discussion followed. Selectmen are asked to forward questions to the First Selectman, and he will speak with the Town Attorney.

Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Mr. Groh, to table this issue until the First Selectman can meet with Town Attorney.

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

TOWN POLICY ON THE SALE, TRADE OR ACCEPTANCE OF REAL PROPERTY

Ms. Hiatt presented a list of discussion points regarding the process of accepting or disposing of real estate. A discussion was held regarding the potential process and town departments involved.

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

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

TAX REFUNDS

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

Brad A. Mayo	\$10.22
Leo or Marie Moriarty	\$12.38
Leo Meunier	\$17.88
James V. Harvey, Jr.	\$45.15
Timothy J. Janeczek	\$39.84
Edward P. Salkiewicz	\$ 2.43

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

OTHER BUSINESS

STATUS OF CASSELLA AGREEMENT

Miss White requested an update on the Cassella agreement and expressed her concerns. Ms. Hiatt read the motion from the Special Selectmen's Meeting of July 27, 2009 regarding this subject. Mr. Groh informed the Board of the present status of the agreement, and stated that a

copy of the agreement would be given to each member of the Board as it becomes available. A lengthy discussion followed. Miss White made some clear accusations of misconduct by Cassella. Mr. Groh stated that since the Town doesn't know the origin of this research and that the Town did not conduct this research, these statements are those of Miss White, not the Town of Thompson.

Motion made by Ms. Hiatt to adjourn. No second was made.

Motion by Mr. Groh, seconded by Ms. Hiatt, to add Executive Session, Personnel Matter, as Item 8 b) to tonight's agenda.

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

Motion by Mr. Groh, seconded by Ms. Hiatt, to enter into Executive Session at 8:45 p.m.

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

The meeting resumed at 8:50 p.m., with no action taken.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Ms. Hiatt, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:51 p.m.

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

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