



## SELECTMEN'S MEETING July 21, 2009

The Board of Selectmen held a Selectmen's Meeting on Tuesday, July 21, 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; Andrew V. Morrison, WINY Radio; Olivia Braaten, Villager Newspaper; Michael Martin; Sebrina Heroux; Renee Waldron; Al Landry; Joseph Donovan, Sr.; Steve Benoit; Rene J. Morin; Winston Averill, Leo Adams; Lis Burton; Kathleen Herbert; and other concerned citizens

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*Motion made by Miss. White, seconded by Ms. Hiatt, to accept the minutes of the Special Selectmen's meeting of July 1, 2009 With the addition of "for the purpose of orientating the Board of Selectmen, prior to the receipt of the RFP".*

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

*Motion made by Miss White, seconded by Ms. Hiatt, to accept the minutes of the Special Selectmen's Meeting of July 15, 2009 as presented.*

<i>Miss White</i>	<i>-Yes</i>
<i>Ms. Hiatt</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 July 1, 2009 with typographical correction, and the correct title is Conservation Officer, striking the word "Enforcement".*

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

Discussion: Miss White stated that she misunderstood the motion concerning the Transfer Station hours, and does not favor that motion.

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*Motion made by Miss White, seconded by Ms. Hiatt, to accept the minutes of the Special Selectmen's Meeting of July 16, 2009 with the modification of requesting Mr. LaFramboise of the Trinity Foundation to give the Board of Selectmen a letter describing their current proposal.*

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

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Mr. Groh presented correspondence from Troop D.
- Mr. Groh presented copies of e-mails regarding Municipal Aid and the Governor's executive order.
- Mr. Groh presented the notification of Community Day to be held on 10-4-09.
- Mr. Groh presented an update on the probate consolidation and proposed map. Ms. Hiatt had additional information on a website link [www.jud.ct.gov/probate](http://www.jud.ct.gov/probate). Miss White expressed concern on the decision making process being done by non-elected officials.
- Mr. Groh presented the criminal activity report.

## **SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS**

- Mr. Groh commented on receiving a request regarding an abutter purchasing town-owned property. This will be discussed at the next meeting.
- Mr. Groh distributed copies of the Governor's Executive Order to the Board for their review.
- Mr. noted the receipt of the State of Connecticut Highway Permit for the upcoming Tri-State Bicycling Event.
- Mr. Groh commented that the Tourtellotte Trust Ordinance is now in effect. The Board of Trustees has completed the by-laws, voting on July 17, 2009. These by-laws will be signed by the Board of Trustees and available in the First Selectman's Office, filed with the Town Clerk, and entered into the Ordinance Book, and available at the Library Community Center.
- Miss White requested that meeting information be available for two full days before each Selectmen's Meeting to allow time for research.

## **CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

- None.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### ***WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES***

Consultant Winston Averill presented a cost comparison for MSW and Bulky Waste fees, and time/mileage incurred, for a five year period. A lengthy discussion occurred.

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*Motion by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Mr. Groh, to authorize the First Selectman to enter into a Five Year Contract, with Casella AuburnMA and Casella Southbridge, to dispose of MSW and Bulky Waste, as presented.*

Discussion: Miss White requested more time to research this issue, and asked to have this issue deferred to the next meeting or to a Special Selectmen's Meeting. There will be a Special Selectmen's Meeting at noon of Monday, 7/27/09 to discuss this topic.

*Ms. Hiatt withdraws her motion; Mr. Groh withdraws his second.*

### ***EVENING CUSTODIAN –NEW HIRE***

*Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Mr. Groh, to hire Ernest Bryant for the position of Evening Custodian, contingent on passing the drug test.*

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

*Miss White abstains because she was not part of the interview process.*

### ***TAX COLLECTOR/ASSESSOR SOFTWARE RFP***

Mr. Groh presented the following items:

- I T Director's Report
- Tax Collector's recommendation
- Assessor's recommendation
- Cost analysis by Finance Director

A lengthy discussion was held.

*Motion made by Miss White, seconded by Ms. Hiatt, that we accept the proposal from Quality Data Services, Inc. as our software provider.*

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

*Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Miss White, that the IT Director pursue secondary and tertiary markets for equipment when we no longer need it.*

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

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**NEW BUSINESS**

***CERTIFIED RESOLUTION CT STATE LIBRARY GRANT  
AND NONDISCRIMINATION CERTIFICATION CT ATE LIBRARY GRANT***

*Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Mr. Groh, to sign these items as presented to us this evening by the Town Clerk.*

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

***APPOINTMENTS TO RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE***

*Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Mr. Groh, to offer membership to Paul Provost and Mike Dabrowski in the Renewable Energy Development Committee.*

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

***MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT DEMHS REGION 4 AND RESOLUTION OF CT  
DEPT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT & HOMELAND SECURITY***

*Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Mr. Groh, to approve the resolution as presented before us.*

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

***NEW ORDINANCE DISCUSSION – APPOINTMENT OF TAX COLLECTOR & TOWN  
CLERK***

Written information was received from Jeffery Barske, Town Clerk, regarding state statutes and term lengths for these positions. A discussion was held. There was a majority opinion to send this information to the Ordinance Committee.

***EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL MATTER***

*Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Miss White, to go into Executive Session at 9:50 p.m. for personnel reasons.*

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

The Board of Selectman came out of Executive session and resumed the Selectmen's Meeting at 10:03 p.m. with no action taken on the personnel matter.

## **TAX REFUNDS**

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

-Anna M Milander \$ 24.03  
-Merrill R. or Danielle Robbins \$ 106.31  
-John or Jeannette Bibek \$ 32.08

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

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Miss White asked to have a monthly report from the Director of Public Works. Ms. Hiatt suggested that Mr. Adams' daily reports be copied for the Board of Selectmen.

*Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Mr. Groh, to add Item 8 (a) to this agenda, to sign a nondiscrimination certification in support of the Recreation Department's grant application to the CT Commission on Culture and Tourism, for Arts Presentations.*

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

Ms. Waldron presented information on this grant.

*Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Mr. Groh, to authorize the First Selectman to sign the nondiscrimination certification.*

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

Mr. Landry requested that a letter of congratulations be sent to the Town of Woodstock for reaching the 20% by 2010 Green Energy Initiative.

Ms. Waldron asked that the lack of street lights in River Mill Village be addressed.

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**ADJOURN**

*Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Mr. Groh, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:16 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:  
Lynn Landry