

SELECTMEN'S MEETING June 16, 2009

The Board of Selectmen held a Selectmen's Meeting on Tuesday, June 16, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. in the Merrill Seney Community Room.

PRESENT: Lawrence K. Groh, Jr., First Selectman; Kathleen A. Hiatt, Selectman; Leo Adams, Director of Public Works; Joseph Gaucher; Chris Kelley; Charles Seney; Lynn Landry; Al Landry; Shawn Donohoe; Kevin Walsh; Lis Burton; Kathleen Herbert; Karen Durlach; David Ostrowski; William Poirier; Sarah Hamby – Worcester Telegram & Gazette; WINY Radio; other concerned citizens

Note: Miss White was not present for this meeting due to a family emergency.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Mr. Groh, to accept the minutes of the Selectmen's meeting of June 2, 2009 as presented.

Ms. Hiatt -Yes Mr. Groh -Yes

Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Mr. Groh, to accept the minutes of the Special Selectmen's meetings of June 4, 2009, June 8, 2009 and June 12, 2009 as presented.

Ms. Hiatt -Yes
Mr. Groh -Yes

CORRESPONDENCE

- Mr. Groh presented correspondence from the Building Official in regard to fees
- Mr. Groh presented a thank you letter from Paul LaRoche.
- Mr. Groh presented correspondence sent to Community Fire Company thanking them for performing fire extinguisher training at the Town Hall.
- Mr. Groh presented information from the Transfer Station that was requested by Ms. Hiatt.
- Mr. Groh presented correspondence from the State of Connecticut in regard to land transfer fees.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS

- Mr. Groh commented thanked the audience for attending tonight's meeting.
- Mr. Groh introduced Patricia Beckenhaupt from the Northeast District Department of Health
 who gave information in regard to the reported and confirmed case of the H1N1 virus in
 Thompson.
- Mr. Groh thanked Sun Run Gardens for the work they did on the gardens around the Town Hall.
- Mr. Groh requested to add an item to the agenda for tonight's meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Ms. Hiatt, to add to the agenda as 6G, Approval of New Hire – Recording Secretary to the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Groh

-Yes

Ms. Hiatt

-Yes

• Ms. Hiatt commented that the Board approved the extension of the lease of the baseball field on the old Belding Mill property from July 21, 2009 to October 31, 2009 at their Special Selectmen's meeting on June 8, 2009.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

- Mr. Seney commented on the condition of an American flag that is hanging across the street from L.B.'s diner.
- Mr. Gaucher commented that the Executive Session on the agenda should be moved to the end of the meeting.
- Mr. Landry commented on information he was given in regard to a possible land transfer involving the land at the old Belding Mill site.

OLD BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SESSION – POSSIBLE LAND TRANSFER – DISCUSSION/ACTION

Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Ms. Hiatt, to go into Executive Session with Kathleen Hiatt and myself at approximately 8:03 p.m.

Mr. Groh

-Yes

Ms. Hiatt

-Yes

The Board came out of Executive Session at approximately 8:13 p.m.

Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Ms. Hiatt, to make a request to the Board of Finance for up to \$2,000.00 for an appraisal of 630 Riverside Drive, which is the Belding Mill site, which is half the cost of an appraisal.

Mr. Groh

-Yes

Ms. Hiatt

-Yes

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH NECONN SOCCER CLUB – DISCUSSION/ACTION

The Board has not yet received a revised memorandum of agreement from Town Counsel

No action taken.

THOMPSON TRAILS COMMITTEE

Ms. Hiatt presented a proposed charge for the Thompson Trails Committee.

Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Mr. Groh, to establish the Thompson Trails Committee as an advisory committee to the Board of Selectmen.

Ms. Hiatt

-Yes

Mr. Groh

-Yes

Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Mr. Groh, to adopt the charge for the Thompson Trails Committee as read.

Ms. Hiatt

-Yes

Mr. Groh

-Yes

NEW BUSINESS

PROPOSED EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT – CHRIS KELLEY – DISCUSSION/ACTION

Mr. Chris Kelley presented a proposal to the Board of Selectmen for an Eagle Scout project to include installing three picnic tables

Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Mr. Groh, to support Chris Kelley in his Eagle Scout project to

Ms. Hiatt

-Yes

Mr. Groh

-Yes

TAX COLLECTOR/ASSESSOR SOFTWARE UPGRADE - DISCUSSION

The Board agreed to hold a Special Selectmen's meeting at 5:00 p.m. on July 1, 2009 for the purpose of having two vendors, Quality Data Systems and R. Walsh Associates, present information on the proposed Tax Collector/Assessor's Office software upgrade.

The Board agreed to hold a Special Selectmen's meeting at 5:00 p.m. on July 15, 2009 for the purpose of opening the requests for proposals from the two vendors.

The Board agreed to award the project at their regular Selectmen's meeting on July 21, 2009.

Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Ms. Hiatt, not to go out to bid on the Tax Collector software but rather to go for the reasons that they do 90% of all the

Mr. Groh

-Yes

Ms. Hiatt

-Yes

PROCLAMATION FOR TOURTELLOTTE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Mr. Groh proposed creating a proclamation to honor the Tourtellotte Centennial Celebration. A brief discussion followed. The Board agreed to move forward with

APPROVAL OF NEW HIRE – HIGHWAY MAINTAINER-TRANSFER STATION – JOSHUA BUTTS – ACTION

Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Mr. Groh, that we approve for hire into the Highway Maintainer-Transfer Station, Joshua Butts

Ms. Hiatt

-Yes

Mr. Groh

-Yes

APPROVAL OF NEW HIRES FOR TEMPORARY PART-TIME RECREATION EMPLOYEES

Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Mr. Groh, that we approve for hire for

Ray Anderson Samantha Bernardi

Ms. Hiatt

-Yes

Mr. Groh

-Yes

TRANSFER STATION OPERATING HOURS - DISCUSSION

The Director of Public Works requested changing the operating hours of the Transfer Station from 8:15 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. to 7:15 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays during the regular season and on Wednesday and Fridays during the summer. A brief discussion occurred.

No action taken.

OTHER BUSINESS

Approval of New Hire – Recording Secretary to the Board of Selectmen

Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Mr. Groh, to approve a new hire for the Board of Selectmen Recording Secretary, Lynn Landry.

Ms. Hiatt

-Yes

Mr. Groh

-Yes

H1N1 Informational Flier

Ms. Hiatt requested that the Recreation Director contact the Northeast District Department of Health to create a one page flier for the summer camp children to take home and possibly for TEEG to distribute at their summer lunch program.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Ms. Hiatt, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:07 p.m.

Mr. Groh

-Yes

Miss White

-Yes

Ms. Hiatt

-Yes

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