



SELECTMEN'S MEETING

June 2, 2009

The Board of Selectmen held a Selectmen's Meeting on Tuesday, June 2, 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; Michael Martin, Finance Director; Alison Boutaugh; Charles Seney; Lynn Landry; Al Landry; James Sali; William Poirier; Norma O'Leary; Joseph Lindley; Ellen McSweeney-Corrado; Kenneth Beausoleil; Stephen Benoit; Shawn Donohoe; Jody Houghton; Donna Godzik; Gregory Godzik; Kevin Walsh; Donna Lynch; Brian Lynch; Sarah Hamby – Worcester Telegram & Gazette; Matt Sanderson – Thompson Villager; WINY Radio; other concerned citizens

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Miss White, to approve the minutes of the Selectmen's meeting of May 19, 2009 as presented.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

- Mr. Groh presented correspondence from the State of Connecticut regarding a correction to the equalized grand list.
- Mr. Groh presented correspondence from the Connecticut State Police regarding re-arrest warrants.
- Mr. Groh presented a questionnaire for Boards and Commission created from an example provided by Lis Burton.
- Ms. Hiatt presented a form letter sample for notifying board and commission members that have been appointed/re-appointed.
- Mr. Groh presented correspondence from the State of Connecticut regarding the Animal Control Officer.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS

- Mr. Groh commented that the budget passed on May 27th.
- Mr. Groh commented that the tax warrant/ rate bill is ready to be signed.

Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Mr. Groh, that we put the Tax Warrant on as item 6F under New Business.

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

- Mr. Groh commented on the Memorial Day parade and services.
- Mr. Groh commented that the inmates from Brooklyn Correctional Institution are assisting with the Town clean-up as they have been every year.
- Mr. Groh commented that he presented the Ordinance Review Committee Charge to said committee this morning.
- Mr. Groh commented on the letter he sent on behalf of the Board of Selectmen in regard to the consolidation of the local Probate Courts.
- Mr. Groh thanked Lynn and Al Landry for all of the work they do on the landscaping in front of the Town Hall.
- Miss White requested that the Board add an item under 6G to discuss the Probate Court.

Motion made by Miss White, seconded by Ms. Hiatt, that we add as 6G Discussion on Probate Court.

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

- Miss White commented in relation to Memorial Day and its meaning in history.
- Miss White commented on her concern regarding speeding and reckless driving in town.
- Miss White commented on the timeframe between the Annual Town Meeting and the Referendum and the amount of publication utilized announcing the vote.
- Miss White commented on her disappointment that there was a tax increase.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

- Ms. Burton commented on having a Tourtellotte Centennial celebration.
- Mr. Seney commented on his opinion on the voting for the budget.
- Mr. Donohoe commented on the overlap between the initiatives of the Renewable Energy Development Committee and the projects planned through the Rivermill and the possibility of working on them jointly.
- Mr. Poirier requested that the Board discuss the extension of the lease for the baseball field on the old Belding Mill site.

Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Miss White, that we add an agenda item 5AA to the agenda the Discussion of the Extension of the Lease for the Field that Supports the Girls' Softball.

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

OLD BUSINESS

DISCUSSION OF THE EXTENSION OF THE LEASE FOR THE FIELD THAT SUPPORTS THE GIRLS' SOFTBALL

The Board discussed the extension of the lease of the ball field on the old Belding Mill site. A lengthy discussion followed.

A meeting was scheduled to discuss this proposal between the owner of the Belding Mill site, the President of Thompson Little League and the First Selectman.

TOURTELLOTTE TRUST ORDINANCE – APPROVAL OF NOTICE OF TOWN MEETING - ACTION

Mr. Groh presented a Notice of Town Meeting for June 10, 2009 for the purpose of approving the Tourtellotte Trust Ordinance. A lengthy discussion followed.

Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Mr. Groh, that we approve the Notice of Town Meeting for the Tourtellotte Trust, for the Town Meeting to be scheduled Wednesday, June 10, 2009 and the Notice of Town Meeting as presented.

<i>Ms. Hiatt</i>	<i>-Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Groh</i>	<i>-Yes</i>
<i>Miss White</i>	<i>-No</i>

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH NECONN SOCCER CLUB –
DISCUSSION/ACTION**

Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Ms. Hiatt, to table this until the next meeting until the information is received from Town Attorney.

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

NEW BUSINESS

TOWN CONTRIBUTION TO HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNTS - ACTION

Mr. Groh explained that there was discussion during the budget in regard to Health Saving Accounts. The Finance Director and the Personnel Director explained the Health Savings Accounts to the Board. The Board discussed funding Health Savings Accounts for non-union employees.

Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Ms. Hiatt, to move forward with the Health Savings Account.

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

Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Ms. Hiatt, to fund it at 100% for year one.

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

Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Ms. Hiatt, to fully fund it at as of July 1st for the first year and at the same time quarterly payments for every year thereafter.

Mr. Groh -Yes
Ms. Hiatt -Yes
Miss White -No

Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Mr. Groh, that we forecast for future Boards of Selectmen, although we understand clearly each Board of Selectmen will address this issue during a budget cycle, that we project that this year as we said we would do 100% Town payment, in the next fiscal year we would do 95% Town payment, the following fiscal year 85%, and the fourth fiscal year would be 75%.

Ms. Hiatt -Yes

Mr. Groh -Yes
Miss White -No

REQUEST FOR FUNDING FOR ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAM - ACTION

The Finance Director, Michael Martin, provided information on an energy conservation program for the Highway Garage. A brief discussion followed.

Motion made Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Mr. Groh, that we go to the Board of Finance and request that they expend \$13,100.00 and authorize incurring the debt of \$13,100.00 for the next 32 months to support this energy efficient program at the Town Garage.

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

APPROVAL OF USE OF LIBRARY PARKING LOT – COMMUNITY FIRE CO. – DISCUSSION/ACTION

Mr. Groh presented a request from the Community Fire Co. to use the Library parking lot for their motorcycle poker run.

Motion made by Miss White, seconded by Ms. Hiatt, that we approve the use of the Library parking lot for Community Fire Company's event on June 13th and hopefully to include with the arrangements that the Director of the Library is able to make for the use of their restrooms.

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

APPOINTMENT TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION – KATHLEEN HERBERT - ACTION

Mr. Groh presented a request from Kathleen Herbert to be appointed to the Economic Development Commission.

Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Mr. Groh, that we appoint Kathleen Herbert to the Economic Development Commission to fill out the term of the existing vacancy.

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

SCHEDULE SPECIAL SELECTMEN'S MEETING FOR INTERVIEW CANDIDATE SELECTIONS – HIGHWAY MAINTAINER-TRANSFER STATION, RECORDING SECRETARY, EVENING CUSTODIAN - ACTION

The Board agreed to schedule a Special Selectmen's meeting on Thursday, June 4, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. to review the applicants for the Highway Maintainer-Transfer Station position.

The Board agreed to schedule a Special Selectmen's meeting on Friday, June 12, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. to review the applicants for the Evening Custodian and Recording Secretary. The Board may also interview applicants for the Highway Maintainer-Transfer Station position at that time.

TAX WARRANT

Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Mr. Groh, to put it on the agenda for Thursday June 4th at 3:00 p.m. the first item on the agenda.

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

DISCUSSION ON PROBATE COURT

The Board discussed the proposed consolidation of the Probate Courts. No action taken.

TAX REFUND

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

-William Barnard Jr	-\$67.56
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<i>Mr. Groh</i>	<i>-Yes</i>
<i>Ms. Hiatt</i>	<i>-Yes</i>
<i>Miss White</i>	<i>-Yes</i>

OTHER BUSINESS

The Board discussed items that Ms. Hiatt suggested could wait until the next meeting to discuss.

The items included a supposed investigation that Miss White did in regard to a scrap metal business in Putnam, a supposed investigation that Miss White did in regard to an injured employee and supposed contact made by Miss White to one of the Town's insurance companies.

A brief discussion occurred.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Miss White, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:03 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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