



SELECTMEN'S MEETING
May 19, 2009

The Board of Selectmen held a Selectmen's Meeting on Tuesday, May 19, 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; Attorney William H. St. Onge, Town Counsel; Michael Martin, Finance Director; Charles Seney; Al Landry; Joseph Gaucher; Lis Burton; Kathleen Herbert; Kevin Walsh; Shawn Donohoe; Rachel Johnston; Joseph Lindley; Brian Lynch; Donna Lynch; Norma O'Leary; Matt Sanderson – Thompson Villager; other concerned citizens

TOURTELLOTTE TRUST ORDINANCE

Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Ms. Hiatt, to put the Tourtellotte Trust Ordinance as the first thing on the agenda.

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

Note: Miss White was not present for this motion.

The Board discussed the comments submitted by the Board of Education on the proposed Tourtellotte Trust Ordinance. Town Counsel provided legal advice on the Trust. A lengthy discussion followed. The Board set a tentative date for a Special Town Meeting to approve the Tourtellotte Trust Ordinance at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 22, 2009.

No action taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Miss White, to approve the minutes of the Selectmen's meeting of May 5, 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 American Legion and the V.F.W. in regard to the Memorial Day services.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS

- Mr. Groh commented that the budget referendum is scheduled for May 27, 2009 from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the regular polling places.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

- Ms. Burton commented on the street sweeping being done by the Department of Public Works.
- Mr. Landry commented that tomorrow night there is a presentation on heating and cooling with geothermal in the Merrill Seney Community Room at 7:00 p.m.
- Mr. Groh presented a memo from the Finance Director in regard to the equalization of mill rates.

OLD BUSINESS

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR BUS MECHANIC

Mr. Groh presented a Memorandum of Agreement for the Bus Mechanic as revised by the Board of Education. Ms. Hiatt offered feedback in regard to the Agreement.

Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Mr. Groh, that the First Selectman sign this Memorandum of Agreement outlining OSHA and safety issues at the Town Garage with the bus mechanic and that other issues be satisfied in an ongoing relationship in the meetings with the Superintendent of Schools.

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

RESOLUTION OF MUNICIPAL LEGISLATIVE BODY – MIXING IN MATH PILOT - ACTION

Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Ms. Hiatt, to table this item until we get an answer from the State.

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

STATUS AND PROSPECTS OF LOCAL PROBATE COURTS - DISCUSSION

Mr. Groh informed the audience that this item was tabled from a previous meeting. Mr. Groh also provided an update on the proposed consolidation of the local Probate courts.

Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Miss White, that the First Selectman send a letter to the Legislature on behalf of the Board against consolidation of the Probate courts.

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

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE CHARGE

Mr. Groh presented suggestions on a charge for the Ordinance Review Committee. Ms. Hiatt offered suggestions.

Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Miss White, that the First Selectman provide this preliminary charge to the Ordinance Committee.

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

APPOINTMENT TO RECREATION COMMISSION – CRAIG SCHULER

Mr. Groh presented a request from Craig Schuler to be appointed to the Recreation Commission to fill a current vacancy.

Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Mr. Groh, that we appoint Craig Schuler to the Recreation Commission to fill out the period of the vacancy.

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

REQUEST TO USE TRANSFER STATION - VFW

Mr. Groh presented a request from the V.F.W. Post 10088 and the Ladies Auxiliary in regard to utilizing the Transfer Station to sell poppies on May 21st through May 24, 2009

Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Mr. Groh, that we allow the V.F.W. Post 10088 and the Ladies Auxiliary to distribute poppies at the Thompson Transfer Station on May 21st, 22nd, 23rd and 24th with the stipulation that the Director of Public Works can cancel it for safety reasons.

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

THOMPSON TRAILS COMMITTEE

Mr. Groh presented correspondence from the Thompson Trails Committee to become an official town committee.

Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Mr. Groh, to table this item until the June 16th meeting.

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

TAX REFUND

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

-Penske Truck Leasing Co -\$429.48

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Groh requested that the Board reschedule the July 7, 2009 meeting to July 1, 2009 due to an outstanding obligation.

Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Ms. Hiatt, to move the July 7th meeting of 2009 to July 1, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at the Quinebaug Fire Station; if it is not available then to a room that is available.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION – POSSIBLE LAND TRANSFER

Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Ms. Hiatt, that we go into Executive Session at approximately 10:06 p.m. with the Board of Selectmen.

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

The Board came out of Executive Session at approximately 10:21 p.m.

No action taken.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Miss White, seconded by Ms. Hiatt, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:22 p.m.

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

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