



SELECTMEN'S MEETING
May 5, 2009

The Board of Selectmen held a Selectmen's Meeting on Tuesday, May 5, 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; Charles Seney; Lynn Landry; Al Landry; John Rice; Joseph Gaucher; Lis Burton; Kathleen Herbert; Bill Poirier; William Zannotti; Leo Adams, Director of Public Works; Kevin Walsh; Kenneth Beausoleil; Stephen Benoit; Dick Trudeau; Kathleen Murphy, Judge of Probate; Thompson Villager; WINY Radio; Sarah Hamby – Norwich Bulletin; other concerned citizens

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Miss White, to approve the minutes of the Special Selectmen's meeting of April 20, 2009 as presented.

<i>Ms. Hiatt</i>	<i>-Yes</i>
<i>Miss White</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 Special Selectmen's meeting of April 21, 2009 with two corrections.

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

Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Mr. Groh, to approve the minutes of the Selectmen's meeting of April 21, 2009.

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

Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Miss White, to approve the minutes of the Special Selectmen's meeting of April 22, 2009.

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

Mr. Groh -Yes

Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Mr. Groh, to accept the minutes of the Special Selectmen's meeting of April 27, 2009.

Ms. Hiatt -Yes

Mr. Groh -Yes

Miss White -No

Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Miss White, to accept the minutes of the Special Selectmen's meeting of May 4, 2009.

Ms. Hiatt -Yes

Mr. Groh -Yes

Miss White -Yes

CORRESPONDENCE

- Mr. Groh presented correspondence from the Connecticut State Police in regard to re-arrest warrants.
- Mr. Groh presented correspondence from the U.S. Census Bureau in regard to the 2010 Census that is being done in town.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS

- Mr. Groh commented that he met with the fire chiefs of the five fire departments and the Director of Emergency Management in regard to the H1N1 flu.
- Mr. Groh commented that the Board of Finance has finished its deliberations on the budget and that the Annual Town Meeting will be held on Monday, May 18, 2009 at 8:00 p.m. at the School Auditorium. Mr. Groh also commented that the referendum for the budget will be on Wednesday, May 27, 2009 from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the regular polling places.
- Miss White commented on attending the ribbon-cutting event in Fabyan for the trails dedication.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

- Mr. Walsh commented in regard to the Town Meeting question on the Board of Selectmen's authority to accept grants.
- Ms. Herbert commented on the proposed budget being added to the website.
- Mr. Gaucher commented on the amount of out-of-state vehicles in town.

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- Mr. Landry commented on the small motor bikes riding along the roads and through the parks.
 - Mr. Rice questioned if there was signage in Riverside Park prohibiting activities such as horse riding and motor bike riding.

OLD BUSINESS

REQUEST FOR SALE/DONATION OF GREEN ACRES ASSOCIATION PROPERTY - DISCUSSION

Mr. Groh presented a recommendation from the Conservation Commission regarding the proposed sale/donation of property from the Green Acres Association.

Motion made by Miss White, seconded by Ms. Hiatt, that we respectfully decline the opportunity to take on this property for the reasons stated in a prior meeting.

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

ORDINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS – DISCUSSION/ACTION

Ms. Hiatt recommended forwarding the proposed ordinance changes for the Refuse and Recycling ordinance to the Transfer Station Advisory Committee. Ms. Hiatt also recommended forwarding the proposed ordinance changes for the Abandoned Motor Vehicle ordinance to former First Selectman David Babbitt. A brief discussion followed.

Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Ms. Hiatt, to table this item to the next meeting.

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

CODE OF ETHICS – DISCUSSION/ACTION

The Board discussed the Code of Ethics that was approved on March 15, 2005. A lengthy discussion followed.

No action taken.

AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR POLICY – DISCUSSION/ACTION

The Board discussed the Automatic External Defibrillator Policy.

No action taken.

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

Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Ms. Hiatt, to table this item to the May 19, 2009 meeting.

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

RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE PRESENTATION - DISCUSSION

Mr. Landry presented information for the Board's review from the Renewable Energy Development Committee in regard to hydropower in Wilsonville. The Board's consensus was to move forward.

No action taken.

STATUS AND PROSPECTS OF LOCAL PROBATE COURTS - DISCUSSION

The Board discussed the current proposals for the consolidation of local probate courts. A lengthy discussion followed.

Miss White read a statement from Judge Murphy into the record in regard to the responsibilities of the Probate Court.

Note: Statement attached as it was read into the record.

No action taken.

MAINTENANCE OF ROADS IN REGARD TO FLOODING AND BEAVER DAMAGE - DISCUSSION

The Board discussed the issues of flooding and beaver damage on town roads.

No action taken.

PROCESS FOR ADVERTISING FOR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

The Board discussed the process followed for advertising for Boards and Commissions.

No action taken.

BID PROCESS - DISCUSSION

Ms. Hiatt read the Town's bid policy to the audience.

No action taken.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF ARCHITECT FOR SOCIAL SERVICES BUILDING PROJECT - ACTION

Mr. Rice presented a recommendation from the Social Services Building Committee in regard to the approval of an architect. The Committee recommended Friar Associates at a cost of \$53,800.00. A brief discussion followed.

Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Ms. Hiatt, to go with Friar Associates as recommended by the Social Services Building Committee as they went through the interviews and the process.

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

APPROVAL OF NEW HIRE – KEVIN RACINE - ACTION

Mr. Groh explained the hiring process to the audience.

Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Miss White, that we hire Kevin Racine to fill the highway maintainer position at the Transfer Station starting tomorrow.

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

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH NECONN SOCCER CLUB – DISCUSSION/ACTION

Mr. Groh presented a request from NECONN Soccer to make improvements to the soccer fields in return for priority use of said fields. A brief discussion followed.

No action taken.

TRI-STATE TREK ACKNOWLEDGMENT – ACTION

Mr. Groh presented a notification from the Tri-State Trek in regard to the annual bicycle ride.

Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Mr. Groh, that we allow the First Selectman to sign the acknowledgement of the Tri-State Trek utilizing the roads in the Town of Thompson from July 24th through the 26th and ensure that we get the appropriate insurance policy prior to the event.

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

**REQUEST FOR LEASE OF TOWN PROPERTY – KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS –
DISCUSSION**

Mr. Groh explained that a request came in from the Knights of Columbus in regard to making improvements to Town property in exchange for the rights to use the improvements and property. A brief discussion followed.

No action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – POSSIBLE LAND TRANSFER

Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Ms. Hiatt, to go into Executive Session with the Board of Selectmen at approximately 9:55 p.m.

<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 10:10 p.m.

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.

-Goddard (Burrows) Denise M -\$45.78

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

OTHER BUSINESS

None

ADJOURN

Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Ms. Hiatt, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:11 p.m.

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

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