



SELECTMEN'S MEETING
March 17, 2009

The Board of Selectmen held a Selectmen's Meeting on Tuesday, March 17, 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; Kathleen Herbert; Stephen Benoit; Bill Poirier; Lis Burton; Lynn Landry; Al Landry; Joseph Lindley; Joseph Iamartino; Matthew Sanderson – Thompson Villager; WINY Radio; Sarah Hamby – Worcester Telegram & Gazette; other concerned citizens

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Miss White, to accept the minutes of the Selectmen's meeting of March 3, 2009 with corrections.

<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 Miss White, to accept the minutes of the Special Selectmen's meeting of March 4, 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 Miss White, to accept the minutes of the Special Selectmen's meeting on March 6, 2009 as presented.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

- Mr. Groh presented a letter of resignation from Marie DeJesus from the Recreation Commission.
- Mr. Groh presented a certificate of appreciation from the American Heart Association to the Recreation Department.

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- Mr. Groh presented correspondence from the Connecticut State Police in regard to monthly calls for service.
 - Mr. Groh presented an anonymous letter regarding ATVs riding on Route 12.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS

- Mr. Groh commented that the Board should have received the grant spreadsheet from the Director of Planning & Development.
- Mr. Groh commented on the Special Selectmen's meeting that was held last night in regard to the Thompson Hill Sewer Project.
- Mr. Groh commented on the budget presentation made on March 5th and March 12, 2009.
- Miss White commented on the anonymous letter regarding ATVs and the ATV problem also on East Thompson Road.
- Ms. Hiatt commented on the increase in presence of the Connecticut State Police recently and also the implementation of the speed traps that the Board discussed at a previous meeting.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

- Mr. Landry commented in regard to kids riding a motorcycle in Riverside Park.

OLD BUSINESS

APPOINTMENT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ALTERNATE

Mr. Groh presented two candidates for the Economic Development Commission alternate position, Brian Santos and Alfred Cenko. A brief discussion followed.

Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Miss White, to table it until the April 7th meeting.

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

APPOINTMENT SOCIAL SERVICE BUILDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Groh presented two candidates for the Social Service Building Committee, Delpha Very and Don Antonson. A brief discussion followed.

Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Miss White, to table this appointment until we have the information from the TEEG President.

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

NEW BUSINESS

APPOINTMENT DEPUTY DIRECTOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Mr. Groh presented a candidate for Deputy Director of Emergency Management. Mr. Groh explained that there is not currently a position for Deputy Director but that it would be a volunteer position

Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Miss White, we appoint Mr. William R. Poirier as the Assistant Emergency Director for the Town of Thompson.

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

HUBBARD REGIONAL HOSPITAL PRESENTATION – BLAINE MOFFA

Mr. Ed Moore, President and CEO of Harrington Hospital, gave a presentation in regard to the current arrangement and services at Hubbard Hospital in Webster, Massachusetts. A brief question and answer session followed.

UNION CONCESSION AGREEMENT RATIFICATION

Mr. Groh presented the signed Memorandum of Agreement between AFSCME and the Town in regard to Union Concessions.

Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Miss White, that we ratify this Memorandum of Agreement presented today signed by Mr. Groh, the First Selectman, and Mr. Ernie Larose, President of the Local AFSCME AFL-CIO.

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

ORDINANCE – TOURTELLOTTE RESERVE FUND

Mr. Groh presented a preliminary draft of an ordinance regarding the Tourtellotte Trust. A lengthy discussion followed.

Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Mr. Groh, that we forward the proposed ordinance to Town Meeting as presented.

Motion and second retracted.

Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Ms. Hiatt, to table it until the next meeting.

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

***FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION
ADA MUNICIPAL GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE
FAIR HOUSING POLICY STATEMENT
TITLE VI COMPLIANCE***

Mr. Groh presented a Fair Housing Resolution, ADA Municipal Grievance Procedure, Fair Housing Policy Statement and Title VI Compliance statement.

Motion made by Miss White, seconded by Ms. Hiatt, to approve the ADA Municipal Grievance Procedure, the Title VI Compliance and the Fair Housing Resolution with one correction.

<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, that we sign the Fair Housing Policy Statement as presented.

<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 – TOWN SOCIAL SERVICE FACILITY

Ms. Hiatt read the Resolution of Municipal Legislative Body for the Town Social Service Facility.

Mr. Groh noted that any and all bids in regard to this project would come before the Board.

Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Mr. Groh, that we approve the Resolution of the Municipal Legislative Body regarding the Town Social Service Facility as presented.

Amended motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Mr. Groh, to include the word for word resolution that was voted on at the Town Meeting starting as the second sentence of paragraph one.

Further amended motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Mr. Groh, to include the phrase "as demonstrated by."

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION – MS4 STORM WATER VIOLATION DATED JAN. 9, 2004

Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Miss White, to go into Executive Session with the three Selectmen at approximately 9:42 p.m.

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

The Board came out of Executive Session at approximately 9:56 p.m.

No action taken. A Special Selectmen's meeting will be scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on March 19, 2009, at the Thompson Public Library to further discuss.

TAX REFUNDS

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

-Christine A or Mark Ayotte -\$171.84
-April M. Lowe -\$100.07

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Hiatt requested that the First Selectman take a look at the job descriptions.

Mr. Groh commented on the availability of a waiver of health insurance benefits that would allow an employee to opt out of the Town's health insurance if he or she had access to another insurance plan. A brief discussion followed.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Miss White, seconded by Ms. Hiatt, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:13 p.m.

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

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