



SELECTMEN'S MEETING
March 3, 2009

The Board of Selectmen held a Selectmen's Meeting on Tuesday, March 3, 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; Kathleen Herbert; Leo Adams, Director of Public Works; Charles Seney; Stephen Benoit; Bill Poirier; Lis Burton; Lynn Landry; Al Landry; Kevin Walsh; Maurice Viens; Joseph Donovan; Norma O'Leary; Don Antonson Matthew Sanderson – Thompson Villager; other concerned citizens

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Miss White, seconded by Ms. Hiatt, to accept the minutes of the following meetings, that of February 5th, February 4th, there are two for February 4th, February 10th, February 12th, February 12th again, February 13th, February 17th, February 19th and January 27th.

Amended motion made by Miss White, seconded by Ms. Hiatt, that we accept the minutes of the meetings from February 5th through January 28th with the corrections as stated.

<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 accept the minutes of the Special Selectmen's meeting of January 26th with 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, that we accept the minutes of the Special Selectmen's meeting of January 28th as presented.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

- Miss White commented on the amount of correspondence received by the Selectmen's Office.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS

- Miss White questioned whether or not a meeting has been scheduled with the Planning & Zoning Commission regarding land use for the proposed Social Services Building.
- Miss White commented in regard to David Kress' being on one of the Town's committees.
- Miss White commented in regard to layoffs at Linemaster Switch Company and the Town of Dudley.
- Ms. Hiatt commented in regard to a presentation by the Eastern Workforce Investment Board at the Thompson Public Library.
- Mr. Groh commented that he scheduled a Special Selectmen's meeting for Wednesday, March 4, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.
- Mr. Groh commented on the current status of the Tourtellotte Trust.
- Mr. Groh thanked the audience for attending tonight's meeting.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

- Mr. Antonson commented that the lights in the Riverside Park baseball field are on late at night.
- Ms. Burton commented that the terms of appointed and elected officials are out of date on the Town's website.
- Ms. Burton commented on a Small Cities Grant for \$460,000 for ADA renovations. Ms. Burton asked for the status of that project.
- Mr. Seney complimented the Public Works department on the snow plowing job that was done.
- Miss White requested that the Town Clerk provide an updated list of elected and appointed officials.
- Ms. Herbert commented on the absence of a Board of Finance web page on the Town's website.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – POSSIBLE CONCESSION NEGOTIATIONS W/ AFSCME

Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Ms. Hiatt, to go into Executive Session with the three Selectmen, the Finance Director and the Personnel Director at approximately 7:58 p.m.

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

The Board came out of Executive Session at approximately 8:10 p.m. No action taken.

BUDGET DELIBERATIONS – ALL TOWN DEPARTMENTS

The Board deliberated on the budget requests for all Town departments.

The following budget requests were approved / modified by the Board of Selectmen:

Dept. / Line Item	Current Proposed	Board of Selectmen Amended
5301	Recreation Commission	
522310	2200	2195

A question and answer session followed.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

APPOINTMENTS TO INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION – FRANCESCA G. MORANO & RAYMOND AUSTIN

Mr. Groh explained the Inland Wetlands Commission appointments are First Selectman appointments only. Mr. Groh stated that he wanted to inform the Board that he is re-appointing Francesca G. Morano and Raymond Austin to the Inland Wetlands Commission, both with terms to expire on March 15, 2014.

APPOINTMENT TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION - ALTERNATE

Mr. Groh explained that there are two individuals who are interested in the alternate position on the Economic Development Commission.

Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Miss White, to table this appointment of the Economic Development Commission seat till the March 17, 2009 meeting

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

**APPOINTMENT TO RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE –
ROBERT PATON**

Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Miss White, that we accept Mr. Paton's offer to become a formal member of the Thompson Renewable Energy Development Committee.

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

APPOINTMENT TO SOCIAL SERVICES BUILDING COMMITTEE – DELPHA VERY

Mr. Groh presented a resignation from the Social Services Building Committee from Donna Grant. Mr. Groh presented a request to join the Social Services Building Committee from Delpha Very.

Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Ms. Hiatt, to table this until the March 17th meeting.

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

PROCLAMATION FOR 2009 GIRL SCOUT WEEK

Miss White read a proclamation for 2009 Girl Scout Week.

Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Mr. Groh, that we approve the Proclamation as read.

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

REQUEST TO CLOSE MAIN STREET – THOMPSON LITTLE LEAGUE

Mr. Groh presented a request to close Main Street on Saturday, April 18, 2009 from Thompson Little League for their annual parade.

Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Miss White, that we give the Little League organization permission to use Main Street by closing Main Street for the duration of their parade on Saturday, April 18th starting at 11:00 a.m. and finishing approximately 30 minutes later.

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

REQUEST FROM THE TRAILS COMMITTEE TO BECOME ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO TOWN

The Board reviewed a request to make the Trails Committee an official advisory committee to the Town. A lengthy discussion followed.

No action taken.

OTHER BUSINESS

Miss White commented that the Dudley town website sells advertising on their website. Miss White would like to explore this option for Thompson.

Miss White requested an update of the grant spreadsheet.

Mr. Landry commented on the cost of streetlights and the possibility of removing some and putting timers on others.

Ms. Hiatt requested to put job descriptions back on the agenda for discussion.

Ms. Hiatt commented on the additional work in the summer for the Department of Public Works due to the open space acquired by the Planning & Zoning Commission.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Mr. Groh, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:04 p.m.

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

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