



**SELECTMEN'S MEETING**  
**August 19, 2008**

The Board of Selectmen held a Selectmen's Meeting on Tuesday, August 19, 2008, at 7:30 p.m. in the Merrill Seney Community Room.

**PRESENT:** Lawrence K. Groh, Jr., First Selectman; Kathleen A. Hiatt, Selectman; Leo Adams, Director of Public Works; Michael Martin, Finance Director; Stephen Benoit, Emergency Management Director; Kevin Walsh; Joseph Gaucher; Michael Fasshauer; Charles Seney; Lynn Landry; Al Landry; Joseph Donovan; Norma O'Leary; James Sali; James Esslinger – Worcester Telegram & Gazette; other concerned citizens

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Mr. Groh, to accept the minutes of the August 5, 2008 as presented.*

*Amended motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Mr. Groh, to approve the minutes with the correction on page 7 to indicate Miss White is out of town.*

<i>Ms. Hiatt</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 August 19, 2008 Special Selectmen's meeting as presented.*

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- Mr. Groh presented correspondence from the State of Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs in regard to the 2008 Stand-down Event which is a day long support service program for the needy and homeless veterans on September 12, 2008 at 7:00 a.m.
- Mr. Groh presented correspondence in regard to the Plan of Conservation and Development.
- Mr. Groh presented correspondence in regard to the post treatment results for Quaddick Lake.

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- Mr. Groh presented correspondence from TEEG in regard to fuel assistance. Mr. Groh stated that he also had a meeting at the TEEG office with Shawn Johnston and Joe Courtney yesterday afternoon.
  - Mr. Groh presented correspondence from the Library Board of Trustees in regard to volunteer opportunities at the Thompson Public Library.
  - Mr. Groh presented correspondence from CCM in regard to the services they provide to municipalities in Connecticut.
  - Ms. Hiatt presented a copy of an e-mail from the Northeast District Department of Health in regard to billing.

#### **SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS**

- Mr. Groh thanked the audience for attending tonight's meeting.
- Mr. Groh commented that the meeting he had with Joe Courtney and Shawn Johnston including discussions on fuel assistance and a meal program that TEEG is offering. Mr. Groh commended TEEG on their efforts with said program.
- Ms. Hiatt commented that this is the last meeting before Labor Day and that she hoped that everyone has a great time and reminded don't drink and drive.
- Ms. Hiatt commented that the little kids will be out for the start of school and asked that everyone drive safely.

#### **CITIZENS COMMENTS**

None

#### **REARDON ROAD AND MAIN STREET INTERSECTION DISCUSSION/ACTION**

Mr. Groh informed the audience that the Board met at the intersection of Reardon Road and Main Street at the Special Selectmen's meeting held this afternoon at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Groh explained that the Board discussed several options including stop signs, no parking and curbing to make the road less steep at the right turn. The Board also discussed options to improve line of site when looking left onto Main Street from Reardon Road. Mr. Groh stated that he was able to take the right turn without scraping his vehicle during the test drive as was Mr. Fasshauer and Mr. Germain. Ms. Hiatt stated that the Board also discussed moving the stop sign closer to the white stop line on Reardon Road. A lengthy discussion followed.

Mr. Groh informed the Board that the white car that seemed to be abandoned on Reardon Road near the Red Bridge Road intersection has been removed. Mr. Groh also explained that the owners of the vehicles parked on the section of Reardon Road near the Main Street intersection

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are planning to move the stone wall to accommodate parking for their vehicles. A lengthy discussion continued.

*Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Mr. Groh, that we move to narrow Reardon Road where it intersects Main by putting the appropriate berm on the right-hand side as described by the Director of Public Works which will move the traffic more to the center of the road; that we move the stop sign from Reardon Road down to where the stop line is; that we move the white stop line down Reardon Road more towards Main Street so cars will be stopped closer to where they can see oncoming traffic; that the Director of Public Works and the First Selectman evaluate putting up a "no parking from here to corner" sign on Reardon Road for the short term; and that we put the appropriate road markings on Reardon Road (center line); and that we put a stop sign on Main Street at the corner of Main and Reardon coming south on Route 12 with the appropriate signage warning for a new stop sign and the appropriate road markings.*

*Amended motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Mr. Groh, to take the Main Street solutions off.*

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

The Board agreed to meet at 4:00 p.m. on September 2, 2008 in a Special Selectmen's meeting at the Reardon Road and Main Street intersection to discuss Main Street issues.

**BALLARD ROAD – LAND DEEDED TO TOWN OF THOMPSON – TOWN MEETING REQUIRED ACTION REQUIRED**

Ms. Hiatt explained that the Board had tabled this item because there was a question in regard to the interpretation of the zoning regulations. Mr. Groh stated that the Zoning Enforcement Officer said this item was passed at a Planning & Zoning Commission meeting. The Board agreed to table this item in order to get more information. Ms. Hiatt also questioned whether or not the Board has the ability to not send this item to Town Meeting. Ms. Hiatt also questioned if there was any waiver for subdivisions on existing roads. Ms. Hiatt requested the input of the Director of Public Works on this matter and a copy of the Planning & Zoning Commission meeting minutes addressing this issue.

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

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

**YEAR END TRANSFER FROM FINANCE DIRECTOR ACTION ITEM**

The Finance Director explained the requested year-end transfers to the Board. Note: the year-end transfers are hereby included as reference.

*Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Ms. Hiatt, to send the year-end transfers as recommended by the Finance Director, all the items in departments prescribed to be increased*

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by \$81,150.00 and to come out of the prescribed line items to be decreased by \$81,150.00, to the Board of Finance at the next Board of Finance meeting which is this Thursday.

Mr. Groh                    -Yes  
Ms. Hiatt                   -Yes

**RESOLUTION – AIRLINE STATE PARK TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS ACTION REQUIRED**

Mr. Groh presented the resolution for the Airline State Park Trail Improvements to the Board. Ms. Hiatt questioned whether or not Public Works could still perform the work in the current budget considering the loss of one position in Public Works and the additional road repair items to be completed. The Director of Public Works stated that the work should be able to be completed and recommended to go forward with the project this year.

*Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Ms. Hiatt, to sign the resolution for the Airline State Park Trail Improvements as outline before us.*

Mr. Groh                    -Yes  
Ms. Hiatt                   -Yes

**MIXING IN MATH PILOT PROJECT, NON-DISCRIMINATION CERTIFICATION, CERTIFIED RESOLUTION ACTION REQUIRED**

Mr. Groh explained that the Board had already acted on this however the Connecticut State Library sent it back because we used a non-discrimination certification that was signed previously in the year.

The Board re-signed the resolutions with the new dates.

**NORMA BEAUCHESNE WAGHER ROAD LAND DONATION DISCUSSION/ACTION**

Mr. Groh explained that Norma Beauchesne requested to donate .47 acres on the west side of Wagher Road. Mr. Groh presented research completed by the Conservation Commission in regard to the proposed donation as well as their recommendation. Mr. Groh stated that there is evidence that there was a grist mill on this site for the adjoining property. Mr. Groh read the recommendation from the Conservation Commission to the audience.

*Motion Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Mr. Groh, that we accept the Conservation Commission's recommendation to accept this piece of property and move it to Planning & Zoning and the Town Meeting as we need to and the lawyer.*

Ms. Hiatt                    -Yes  
Mr. Groh                    -Yes

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Discussion on motion: Mr. Groh commented that he will bring this property and the one discussed at the last meeting to the next Planning & Zoning meeting on Monday. Mrs. O'Leary corrected the Conservation Commissions submission to indicate it was not a grist mill but a saw mill.

### **LITTLE POND ATV ON TOWN PROPERTY DISCUSSION**

Mr. Groh explained that a person filed a complaint that they are having problems with ATVs on private and Town property around Little Pond. Mr. Groh explained that he wants the Board to discuss what to do with allowing or not allowing ATVs on Town property. Ms. Levesque will check with the insurance company in regard to liability. Mr. Groh stated that his initial research into this complaint indicated that the ATVs were not on Town property. Mr. Groh stated that he will continue to look into this matter.

Mr. Gaucher commented that there are ATVs crossing main roads like Route 200. Mr. and Ms. Landry commented that the ATVs should be registered and taxes should be collected on them. Mr. Groh stated that he will inform Miss White about this discussion item.

### **TAX REFUNDS (10)**

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

-Alma Sledzik	-\$24.34
-Timothy R Tremblay	-\$4.02
-Wayne Cournoyer	-\$71.47
-Stephen L Herbert	-\$10.30
-Ernest A Mayotte Est of	-\$45.15
-Linda McPhee	-\$141.96
-Terry L Lewis	-\$21.87
-Annmarie Oloff	-\$15.41
-Gordon Ringer	-\$41.61
-Barbara J Lumb	-\$13.40

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

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Ms. Hiatt requested that items be added to an agenda in the near future. Ms. Hiatt asked for a report from the Ordinance Review Committee on their progress. Mr. Groh stated that the Committee has gone through quite a few of the ordinances and one of the recommendations they will be presenting to the Board is to move the Annual Town Meeting to an earlier date.

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Ms. Hiatt requested to add the Zoning Board of Appeals vacancy to the agenda of a future meeting. Mr. Groh stated that he is anticipating having a nomination for that position in the near future.

Ms. Hiatt questioned when the next Tourtellotte Memorial Fund Committee meeting is scheduled as she knows an individual who may be interested in serving on said committee. Mr. Groh stated that the next meeting is scheduled for October 1, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. and that there may be an official recommendation coming to the Board.

Ms. Hiatt requested that the Director of Planning & Development provide an updated grant spreadsheet at the end of September.

**ADJOURN**

*Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Ms. Hiatt, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:05 p.m.*

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

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