



SELECTMEN'S MEETING
February 13, 2007

The Board of Selectmen held a Selectmen's Meeting on Tuesday, February 13, 2007, at 7:30 p.m. in the Merrill Seney Community Room.

PRESENT: A. David Babbitt, First Selectman; Kathleen A. Hiatt, Selectman; Lawrence K. Groh, Jr., Selectman; Leo Adams; Rene Morin; Joseph Gaucher; Al Landry; Charles Edinburn – Thompson Villager; other concerned citizens

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Mr. Babbitt, to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2007 as presented.

Ms. Hiatt -Yes
Mr. Babbitt -Yes

Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Mr. Babbitt, to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2007 Special Selectmen's meeting, the January 30, 2007 Special Selectmen's meeting, the January 31, 2007 Special Selectmen's meeting, and the February 1, 2007 Special Selectmen's meeting as presented.

Ms. Hiatt -Yes
Mr. Babbitt -Yes

CORRESPONDENCE

- Mr. Babbitt presented correspondence in regard to a seminar on workforce housing.
- Mr. Babbitt presented correspondence from the State of Connecticut in regard to a public hearing on energy and electric rates.
- Mr. Babbitt presented correspondence from the State of Connecticut in regard to the approval of the award of the contract to SAS Construction for the Buckley Hill Road project.
- Mr. Babbitt presented correspondence from the Building Official in regard to creating an ordinance addressing outdoor wood-burning furnaces.

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- Mr. Babbitt presented correspondence from the Library Board of Trustees in regard to longevity pay for Library employees.
 - Mr. Babbitt presented correspondence from the Director of Planning & Development in regard to his resignation from the Town.
 - Mr. Babbitt presented correspondence from the Town Clerk in regard to the recount from the referendum held in January, 2007.
 - Mr. Babbitt presented correspondence from Thompson Little League in regard to the Little League parade on Saturday, April 14, 2007.

Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Mr. Babbitt to add the request from Thompson Little League to the agenda under Other Business.

Ms. Hiatt -Yes
Mr. Babbitt -Yes

- Mr. Babbitt presented correspondence from QVSCC in regard to their budget request from the Town of Thompson for FY 07-08.
- Mr. Babbitt presented correspondence from the State of Connecticut in regard to snow removal.
- Mr. Babbitt presented correspondence from CL&P in regard to backup transformers in Town.
- Mr. Babbitt presented correspondence sent to the Police Athletic League in regard to supporting the football team.
- Mr. Babbitt presented correspondence from Connecticut Water in regard to the new rate for fire hydrants.
- Mr. Babbitt presented correspondence from the Census Bureau.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS

- Mr. Babbitt commented that Diane Courtemanche's father passed away.
- Mr. Babbitt commented that he visited Superior Court with other First Selectmen.
- Mr. Babbitt commented that the Board has had many Selectmen's meetings.
- Mr. Babbitt commented that he has attended meetings as with NDDH, the Department of Transportation, COST, the State legislature and others.

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- Mr. Babbitt commented that there was a Board of Finance meeting in January since the last Selectmen's meeting.
 - Mr. Babbitt commented that he has toured the donated land with Carolyn Werge.
 - Mr. Babbitt commented that he has met with Phil Law on his plans for the Belding Mill property.
 - Mr. Babbitt commented that he attended the Chamber of Commerce Award Dinner.
 - Mr. Babbitt commented that there was an EMS Legislative Breakfast in Quinebaug.
 - Mr. Babbitt commented that he attended the CIRMA Annual Meeting and has attended the regular NECCOG meeting.
 - Mr. Babbitt commented that the Selectmen's Offices were moved around.
 - Mr. Babbitt commented that the Recreation Department held the bonfire with the help of DPW and Community Fire.
 - Mr. Babbitt commented that he met with QVEC in regard to new roads in Thompson.
 - Mr. Babbitt commented that the Board is working on finishing job descriptions and the budget.
 - Mr. Babbitt commented that he attended a meeting with the Town's insurance consultant and CIRMA.
 - Mr. Babbitt commented that he is waiting to see what the School does with their budget.
 - Mr. Babbitt commented that there is a Board of Finance meeting on Thursday night.
 - Mr. Babbitt commented that there is a chicken dinner for the Thompson Together Environment Committee on Friday night.
 - Mr. Babbitt commented that her meeting with TVCCA and the Library Board will be postponed until next week due to inclement weather.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

- Mr. Gaucher commented that the Board should give the correspondence in regard to the water rates to State Representative Shawn Johnston.

PROPOSAL TO INCREASE MINIMUM TAX BILL AMOUNT – RENE MORIN

Mr. Morin presented his proposal to increase the minimum tax bill amount from \$2.00 to \$5.00. Mr. Morin also presented a proposal to increase the minimum tax refund amount from no minimum to \$5.00.

Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Mr. Babbitt, that the Town does not create tax bills for any amount under \$5.00 beginning July 1, 2007.

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

Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Ms. Hiatt, that the Town does not refund tax overpayments for any amount under \$2.00 beginning July 1, 2007.

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

MCF COMMUNICATIONS APPROVAL OF CELL TOWER LEASE

Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Mr. Groh, to allow the First Selectman to sign the lease with the last stipulation by Town Counsel.

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

ACCEPTANCE OF PERCEPTION PROGRAMS, INC. COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

No action taken as a representative from Perception Programs, Inc. was not in attendance.

RECOGNITION OF ADRIENNE CODERRE - CENTENARIAN

Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Ms. Hiatt, to approve the recognition of Adrienne Coderre as a Centenarian.

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

DISCUSSION ON PROPERTY ACQUIRED THROUGH STRICT FORECLOSURE

Mr. Babbitt explained to the Board that he is looking for ideas as to a policy of addressing property that is acquired through a strict foreclosure. Ms. Hiatt explained the process that was followed for a strict foreclosure.

Mr. Landry agreed that there should be a procedure created and that the Conservation and Recreation Commissions should review the land for either conservation or recreational purposes.

ACCEPTANCE OF QUAIEL LAND DONATION

Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Mr. Groh, to move the acceptance of the Quaiel Land donation to Town Meeting for approval.

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

SCHEDULE BUDGET WORKSHOPS AND EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR UNION NEGOTIATIONS

The Board scheduled the following date for an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Union negotiations:

Tuesday, February 20, 2007 – 2:00 p.m.

The Board scheduled the following dates for budget workshops:

Wednesday, February 21, 2007 – 2:00 p.m.
Friday, February 23, 2007 – 2:00 p.m.
Monday, February 26, 2007 – 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, February 28, 2007 – 2:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 1, 2007 – 2:00 p.m.
Friday, March 2, 2007 – 2:00 p.m.
Monday, March 5, 2007 – 2:00 p.m.

TAX REFUNDS (7)

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

-Ronald D. Desilets	-\$52.61
-Brian L. Gontowski	-\$85.51
-Charles Cunningham, Jr.	-\$73.10
-Carly A. Vignali	-\$76.34
-Earl C. Gendron	-\$10.02

-Michael D. & Rhonda L. Tackson -\$112.97
-Robert E. or Diane Duebber -\$4.81

Mr. Babbitt -Yes
Ms. Hiatt -Yes
Mr. Groh -Yes

OTHER BUSINESS

Request to Close Main Street – Thompson Little League

Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Mr. Groh, to close Main Street as requested by the Thompson Little League.

Ms. Hiatt -Yes
Mr. Groh -Yes
Mr. Babbitt -Yes

Ms. Hiatt announced that the River Clean-up is scheduled for April 21, 2007

ADJOURN

Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Mr. Babbitt, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:40 p.m.

Ms. Hiatt -Yes
Mr. Babbitt -Yes
Mr. Groh -Yes

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