



## **SELECTMEN'S MEETING**

### **January 4, 2011**

The Board of Selectmen held a Selectmen's Meeting on Tuesday, January 4, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. in the Merrill Seney Community Room.

**PRESENT:** Lawrence K. Groh, Jr., First Selectman; John Bell, Selectman; Kenneth Beausoleil, Selectman; Alison Shea – Norwich Bulletin; Clare Hopkins – Villager Newspapers; Jay Kenney; Kevin Walsh; Al Landry; other concerned citizens

### ***APPROVAL OF MINUTES***

*Motion made by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Groh, to accept the minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting of December 21, 2010 with Mr. Beausoleil's inclusion of Human Resource Director Tonya Park as part of the interview team under Approval of New Hire.*

<i>Mr. Bell</i>	<i>-Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Groh</i>	<i>-Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Beausoleil</i>	<i>-Yes</i>

### ***CORRESPONDENCE***

Mr. Groh presented correspondence from J & D Civil Engineers, LLC giving feedback on the proposed ordinance on Outdoor Woodburning Furnaces and on the definitions of various surveys.

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

Mr. Groh announced that the Annual Public Hearing for the Tourtellotte Trust will be held on February 7, 2011 at 6 p.m. in the Merrill Seney Community Room. This will include a presentation by the investment firm, a presentation on the anticipated repairs, and on opportunity for public comment.

Mr. Beausoleil noted that the Highway Department did an exceptional job during the December blizzard.

Mr. Bell stated that the installation of the Regional Judge of Probate took place on January 3, 2011; he was impressed with the offices and renovations.

### ***CITIZENS' COMMENTS***

Mr. Walsh stated that the State legislature will be addressing the outdoor Woodburning Furnace issue in the early part of the session, and recommended not acting upon this issue at the town

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level until after the State legislation is completed. The proposed ordinance mirrors the state regulation.

### ***HAULING FEES***

Currently the annual fee per truck per company is \$400.00. Mr. Groh presented information to the Board stating that there are currently four companies with 6 trucks total that are authorized to collect refuse in Thompson. There was a discussion of the history of disposal fees and the economic situation.

*Motion made by Mr. Beausoleil, seconded by Mr. Bell, to keep the hauling fees the same, \$400.00 per truck per company.*

<i>Mr. Beausoleil</i>	<i>-Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Bell</i>	<i>-Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Groh</i>	<i>-Yes</i>

### ***DISCUSSION ON MOVING VOTING DISTRICT #2 FROM TOWN HALL TO THOMPSON PUBLIC LIBRARY/COMMUNITY CENTER***

Jay Kenney, Registrar of Voters was in attendance. There was a discussion of moving District #2 voting to the Thompson Public Library/Community Center. Factors to be considered are public safety, adequate space, adequate parking, and costs of any additional staff. Mr. Kenney stated that by State Statute, registrars are responsible for finding a suitable place to vote. Prior to a primary or election, a thirty-one day notice must be given if a change of venue is decided. Mr. Groh is meeting with Town Attorney to discuss this. It was the consensus to hold meetings with Mr. Groh, Mr. Kenney and Registrar of Voters Ada Temple on Friday January 14, 2011 and Tuesday January 18, 2011 at 4 p.m. to continue this discussion.

### ***RAGNAR RELAY NEW ENGLAND***

Mr. Groh had received an e-mail request regarding use of town roads for this annual event.

*Motion made by Mr. Beausoleil, seconded by Mr. Bell, to allow Ragnar Relay New England to use the requested Thompson roads on May 20-21, 2011 from 3 a.m. to 10 a.m., providing they exclude Thompson from any liability and provide proper insurance documentation.*

<i>Mr. Beausoleil</i>	<i>-Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Bell</i>	<i>-Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Groh</i>	<i>-Yes</i>

### ***DONATION OF LAND ON REARDON ROAD***

Mr. Groh read into the record the report from the Conservation Commission regarding the property on Reardon Road. The Conservation Commission found there was no conservation value for this parcel and does not advise Thompson to receive this parcel for conservation

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purposes and suggests an auction. It was noted that taxes are currently \$12,288.10. It would cost approximately \$2,000.00 to send this to foreclosure. Because the report raised the concerns regarding the cistern and also could not rule out contamination on this site, it was decided to ask for more research on these issues. Mr. Groh stated that he appreciated the advice from the Conservation Commission.

#### ***UPDATE ON NORTHEAST REGIONAL PROBATE COURT***

Mr. Groh stated that the 26<sup>th</sup> District Regional Probate Court will start on January 5, 2011, and include the towns of Thompson, Woodstock, Putnam, Brooklyn, Pomfret, Eastford and Ashford. The swearing in of Judge Leah Schad and the four clerks was held on January 3, 2011. He anticipates a very busy beginning for the court. He expressed his appreciation to the Highway Department and volunteers who worked on the renovations and to the Project Manager, Tonya Park, who coordinated with the workers and with State Officials.

Mr. Groh presented correspondence and a contract to the Board for their review.

#### ***RE-APPOINTMENTS TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION***

Mr. Groh stated that four current members of this commission had terms that expired on December 31, 2011.

*Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Mr. Beausoleil, to reappoint Brian Santos, Kathleen Herbert, Ryan Lajoie and JoAnn Hall to the Economic Development Commission, terms to expire 12/31/2012.*

<i>Mr. Groh</i>	<i>-Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Beausoleil</i>	<i>-Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Bell</i>	<i>-Yes</i>

#### ***EXECUTIVE SESSION – POSSIBLE LAND TRANSFER***

*Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Mr. Bell, to go into Executive Session at 8:47 p.m. for the purpose of discussing a possible land transfer.*

<i>Mr. Groh</i>	<i>-Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Bell</i>	<i>-Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Beausoleil</i>	<i>-Yes</i>

The Board left the Merrill Seney Community Room.  
The Board returned at 9:20 p.m. with no action taken.

#### ***TAX REFUNDS***

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

Barbara J. Belt	\$97.11
Roy J. Fullerton, Jr	\$143.08
Charlotte Ignasiak	\$37.50
Pamela A. Mirabella	\$24.26

<i>Mr. Groh</i>	<i>-Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Beausoleil</i>	<i>-Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Bell</i>	<i>-Yes</i>

***OTHER BUSINESS***

None.

***ADJOURN***

*Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Mr. Bell, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:21 p.m.*

<i>Mr. Groh</i>	<i>-Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Beausoleil</i>	<i>-Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Bell</i>	<i>-Yes</i>

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