
SELECTMEN'S MEETING



January 18, 2011

The Board of Selectmen held a Selectmen's Meeting on Tuesday, January 18, 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; Paul Provost; JoAnne Baker; Sally White; Burt Rhoades; Janet Blanchette; Jason Lavallee; Celeste Fifield; Joseph Iamartino; Al Landry; other concerned citizens

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Mr. Beausoleil, seconded by Mr. Bell, to accept the minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting of January 4, 2011, as presented.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Groh presented the monthly update on crime statistics from Troop D.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS

Mr. Groh thanked the citizens for attending this evening's meeting and cautioned everyone to drive slowly and safely.

Mr. Groh stated that the energy efficient boiler system was recently installed in the Town Hall and will result in cost savings.

Mr. Beausoleil stated that the Highway Department has been doing a good job through the winter storms. We will need to review the snow removal budgets due to the frequency of the storms.

Mr. Bell announced that the first meeting of the Fire Protection Advisory Committee will be held on January 19, 2011 at 7 p.m. at the Quinebaug Fire Dept.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

None.

REQUEST TO USE TOWN HALL PARKING LOT FOR SUSAN G. KOMEN 3-DAY WALK FUNDRAISER – CELESTE FIFIELD

Celeste Fifield is requesting to use the Town Hall Parking Lot on Saturday May 7, 2011 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. for a fundraiser to sell carnations. She is participating in the Susan B. Komen Walk for the Cure from July 22 through 24, 2011, when she will walk sixty miles in three days. She must raise \$2,300 to participate. The Town Hall parking lot is available on that date.

Motion made by Mr. Beausoleil, seconded by Mr. Bell, to allow Celeste Fifield to use the Town Hall on Saturday May 7, 2011 for a fundraiser in relation to the Susan G. Komen Walk for the Cure.

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

RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – WILSONVILLE HYDROELECTRIC SITE

The Thompson Renewable Energy Development Committee has sent its recommendations to the Board regarding the Wilsonville site. There was a discussion of the options of transferring town owned land in a three way transaction with one of the abutting landowners and a potential operator, and other aspects of this project. One potential operator, Rolland Zeleny, has expressed an interest in rehabbing the building as a part of a contract to develop the hydroelectric facility. Any contract would be negotiated by the Board of Selectmen with advice from the Town Attorney and recommendations from the Thompson Renewable Energy Development Committee. It would then go to Town Meeting.

It was the consensus to have more information available at the February 1, 2011 Board meeting.

MARIANAPOLIS SEWER PROJECT UPDATE

Mr. Groh gave an update on this project. The Town Attorney is reviewing the contract and this will be on the next agenda.

POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION – POSSIBLE LAND TRANSFER

Janet Blanchette of J & D Civil Engineers presented information concerning a possible land transfer in the Ballard Road/Azud Road/Riverside Drive area. Ms. Blanchette presented an overview of the proposal and possible future use of the lands in question. There is a sub-division application going to the Planning and Zoning Commission. The proposal would transfer a 40' x 40' town owned parcel to Lot #1, create a conservation easement, provide a driveway sufficient to access water for fire protection, and create a parking lot to provide access to the Airline Trail.

Motion made by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Beausoleil, to present this particular proposal to Town Meeting on February 3, 2011.

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

APPROVAL OF NOTICE OF TOWN MEETING DATE & AGENDA

Mr. Groh read into the record the Notice of Town Meeting for February 3, 2011, at 7 p.m., at the Thompson Public Library/Community Center. The items on the agenda concern choosing a Moderator; ordinance numbering and formatting; property tax exemption for a parcel purchased by Community Fire Company; and a resolution concerning the land on Ballard Road, Azud Road and Riverside Drive.

Motion made by Mr. Beausoleil, seconded by Mr. Bell, to approve the Notice of Town Meeting for February 3, 2011, as read into the record.

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

TAX REFUNDS

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

Nissan Infiniti \$54.03

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Groh gave the Board of Selectmen copies of an invoice concerning the voting machines, and read into the record costs associated with voting that are no longer paid by the State of Connecticut. This information is needed during the budget process.

Mr. Groh asked the Board to set Budget Workshop meeting dates. It was the consensus of the Board to meet at the following dates and times:

Wednesday, February 2, 2011, 3:30 – 5:00

Thursday, February 3, 2011, 3:30 – 5:00

Friday, February 4, 2011, 3:30 – 5:00

Thursday, February 10, 2011, 6:00 p.m.

Friday, February 11, 3:30 – 5:00
Wednesday, February 16, 2011, 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, February 17, 2011, 3:30 – 5:00
Friday, February 18, 2011, 3:30 – 5:00.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Mr. Bell, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:17 p.m.

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

Recorded and transcribed by:
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