



SELECTMEN'S MEETING

May 3, 2011

The Board of Selectmen held a Selectmen's Meeting on Tuesday, May 3, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. at the West Thompson Independent Fire Station. Mr. Bell was unable to attend tonight's meeting for personal reasons.

PRESENT: Lawrence K. Groh, Jr., First Selectman; Kenneth Beausoleil, Selectman; Alison Shea – Norwich Bulletin; Karensa Konesni and Briana Lepore – WINY Radio; Joseph Gaucher; Kevin Walsh; Celeste Fifield; Dale Fifield; Paul Joyal; Robert A. Chamberlain; John Salkiewicz; Robert Jacobson; Ross Eddy; James Seney, Jr.; Rocco Navarro; Betsy Chamberlain; George Therrien; Steven Bodreau; Earl Norman; Norma O'Leary; Diana Couture; Randy Blackmore; Carolyn Werge; Al Landry; other concerned citizens

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Mr. Beausoleil, seconded by Mr. Groh, to accept the minutes of the Selectmen's of April 19, 2011.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS

Mr. Groh thanked the West Thompson Independent Fire Co. for hosting this evening's meeting. Mr. Groh stated that he had received a memo from Alison Boutough, Library Director, concerning the hire of a new Circulation Supervisor/Computer Support.

Mr. Groh thanked Thompson Together Environment Committee Chair Norma O'Leary for organizing the annual road-side and river clean-up during April. He described how he and his daughter, Ali Groh, found a submerged car in the French River near Mechanicsville and the efforts of the State Police, Woodstock Dive Team and Bungay Fire Dept. in recovering the car. Mr. Groh stated that the full Board had attended the installation of the Enduring Freedom monument on May 1, 2011 at the Oscar Swanson Park. This program was presented by the VFW and Ladies Auxiliary.

Mr. Groh commented that Town Attorney has been reviewing ordinances. The changes will be sent to the Secretary of the Ordinance Committee for distribution to the Committee, and then to Town Meeting.

It was the consensus of the Board to meet with the Fire Chiefs on May 26, 2011 at 7 p.m. at the East Thompson Fire Station. This will be a Special Selectmen's Meeting.

Mr. Beausoleil noted that State Statutes allows for these exemptions as long as the criteria is met. He believes we need to protect farms and need to bring these ordinances to the citizens at Town Meeting.

Mrs. Couture presented the history of these exemptions, stating that the first program allowed for a \$3,000.00 exemption in 1959, increasing to a \$10,000.00 exemption in 1980, and the present exemption of \$100,000.00 was installed in 1985. This is by local option.

It was the consensus to send these ordinances to the Ordinance Committee and to the Town Attorney, with a target date of Town Meeting in early September, 2011.

APPROVAL OF NOTICE OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Mr. Beausoleil read the Call to Town Meeting into the record. The Town meeting will be held on Monday May 16, 2011 at 8 p.m. in the Tourtellotte Memorial High School Auditorium. The Call has been reviewed by the Town Attorney.

Motion made by Mr. Beausoleil, seconded by Mr. Groh, to approve the Call to Town Meeting as read.

Mr. Beausoleil -Yes

Mr. Groh -Yes

TAX REFUNDS

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

GMAC \$100.62

Mr. Groh -Yes

Mr. Beausoleil -Yes

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Groh presented a copy of a Killingly Ordinance concerning Citation and Violation Enforcement. Mr. Groh would like to send this to the Ordinance Committee. There was a discussion of the process and enforcement options. Mr. Beausoleil wanted to be sure there is no conflict with any existing ordinances. It was the consensus to explore this ordinance.

Mr. Beausoleil suggested having the Assessor's Office and Selectman's Office issue One Day Transfer Station Permits when the Tax Collector's Office is not open. This idea will be presented to the Tax Collector.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Mr. Beausoleil, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:15 p.m.

Mr. Groh -Yes

Mr. Beausoleil -Yes

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