



SELECTMEN'S MEETING

August 2, 2011

The Board of Selectmen held a Selectmen's Meeting on Tuesday, August 2, 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; Clare Hopkins – Villager Newspaper; Kerensa Konesni – WINY Radio; Joseph Gaucher; Kevin Walsh; Sally White; Craig Hanford; Donna Lynch; Brian Lynch; Al Landry; other concerned citizens

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Beausoleil, to accept the minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting of July 19, 2011.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

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

Mr. Groh presented an article concerning the acquisition of another water company in Maine by CT Water Company.

Mr. Groh presented a letter from the Assessor concerning the resolution of an issue of out of state vehicle registrations; these vehicles will now be taxed in Thompson.

Mr. Groh invited anyone interested in serving on the ADA Commission to contact his office.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS

Mr. Groh announced that the next Selectmen's Meeting will be held on August 16, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at the Old Town Hall.

Mr. Beausoleil commented that the Buckley Hill Road Project was started this morning. Mr. Bell stated that it was good to see this project underway.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Mr. Gaucher asked for an update of the Trinity Foundation Sewer Project. Mr. Groh stated that a new proposal will be coming to the Planning & Zoning Commission. There was also a discussion

of their non-profit status and the recent acquisition of residences near the school. Mr. Groh stated that the Trinity Foundation will be making a payment in lieu of taxes to the Town.

Mr. Lynch urged the Board of Selectmen to use caution and to be sure that the Town gains the benefit of the sewer line going up Route 193. Mr. Lynch approves that the Town would act as a facilitator and reminds the Board that the DEP Consent Order is still in effect. Mr. Groh agreed that it is important to protect the community.

Mr. Walsh asked if the original application for funds was route specific. Mr. Groh replied that the project, not the route, was in the application.

Mr. Landry stated that Planning & Zoning approved the Route 193 plan.

Mr. Groh stated that Kevin Kennedy, Director of Planning & Development, is the contact person for this project and immediately informed Mr. Groh when the new proposal was brought to his attention.

Citizens were informed that the next meeting of the TWPCA will be held on September 13, 2011 at 7 p.m. at the TWPCA Facility.

CONNECTICUT WATER IMPROVEMENTS – SET BOND FOR ROAD WORK

There was a discussion of the planned improvements, the need for and preparation of a bond, as needed by Town Ordinance. The Director of Public Works has researched this issue and presented his recommendations to the First Selectman.

Motion made by Mr. Beausoleil, seconded by Mr. Bell, that, based on the experience and recommendation of the Director of Public Works, a bond be set for \$20,000.00 for two years, from the CT Water Company Project.

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

REQUEST TO USE TOWN HALL PARKING LOT

The TMHS World Language Club has requested the use of the Town Hall Parking Lot to hold a yard sale to help fund their trip to Costa Rico.

Motion made by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Beausoleil, to approve the use of the Town Hall Parking Lot by the TMHS World Language Club on September 17, 2011 and September 24, 2011, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on the subsequent Sundays from 8a.m. to 1 p.m., depending on weather and sales.

<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

Mr. Groh read the Notice of Town Meeting into the record. This meeting will address the proposed ordinances, which are available in the Selectman's Office, the Town Clerk's Office, and on-line.

Motion made by Mr. Beausoleil, seconded by Mr. Bell, to approve the Notice of Town Meeting to be held on August 17, 2011 at 7 p.m. at the Thompson Public Library/Community Center, 934 Riverside Drive.

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

LETTERS OF RECOGNITION – MICHAEL SANTERRE & DAVID SANTERRE

Mr. Beausoleil read into the record a letter of appreciation to Michael Santerre, who had served on the Recreation Commission for fifteen years. Mr. Bell read into the record a letter of appreciation to David Santerre, who had served the Recreation Commission as a student representative.

Motion made by Mr. Beausoleil, seconded by Mr. Bell, to send the letters to Michael Santerre and David Santerre 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>

CL&P – INTERSTATE RELIABILITY PROJECT

Mr. Groh gave a brief history of the proposed project. There will be public hearings, sponsored by CL&P, at QVCC on August 23, 2011 from 6p.m. to 8 p.m. and at Mansfield Community Center on September 14, 2011 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The State Siting Council will hold public hearings in the future.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING – NECONN SOCCER

Mr. Groh read the proposed Memorandum of Understanding into the record. There was a discussion of the use of the field, the benefits to our citizens, the present maintenance of the field and the history of its acquisition by the Town from the Army Corps of Engineers. Mr. Beausoleil requested to review the documents.

Motion made by Mr. Beausoleil, seconded by Mr. Bell, to table this topic until the next meeting.

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

QUADDICK LAKE WATER QUALITY DISTRICT

Mr. Groh read a letter from Attorney St. Onge, dated July 28, 2011, into the record, stating his counsel to a client regarding the proposed Quaddick Lake Tax District. There was a discussion of the potential for conflict of interest.

Motion made by Mr. Beausoleil, seconded by Mr. Bell, that Mr. Groh inform Mr. St Onge that the Board requires his professional allegiance to the Town of Thompson only.

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

Discussion on Motion: Mr. Walsh requested that the Town receive this agreement in writing.

TAX REFUNDS

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

Edward Esposito	\$21.01
John Papierski	\$22.48
Bruce Ream	\$ 7.86
Bruce Ream	\$31.58
Suzanne Ream	\$13.34
Bruce Ream	\$19.90
Laura Brewster	\$24.00
Joanna Anderson	\$124.32
Leonard W. Streich III	\$37.76
Laurie A. Rieser	\$26.44

<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. Beausoleil, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:15 p.m.

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

Recorded and transcribed by:
Lynn Landry

