



SELECTMEN'S MEETING

October 4, 2011

The Board of Selectmen held a Selectmen's Meeting on Tuesday, October 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; Robin Cassella – Norwich Bulletin; Kerensa Konesni – WINY Radio; Joseph Gaucher; Kevin Walsh; Diane Chapin; Cliff Calkins; Paul Horanzy; William Ritter; Jean Beaupre; John Beaupre; Robert Hess; Joseph Hanrahan; Kerstin Forrester; Steve Benoit; Sean Monahan; 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 September 20, 2011, as presented.

<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 correspondence from Sara Laughlin, dated September 29, 2011, suggesting that Disabled citizens be allowed to purchase Transfer Station Permits at the Senior Citizen rate.

Mr. Groh will bring this suggestion to the next budget sessions.

Mr. Groh presented correspondence from the Conservation Commission regarding the difference between Conservation Easements and Deed Restrictions. He asked the Selectmen to review this information and provided copies for the other Selectmen candidates.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS

Mr. Groh stated the dates of the upcoming municipal debates: October 9, 2011 on WINY Radio and on October 12 and 19, 2011 at the Thompson Public Library.

Mr. Beausoleil stated the paving of Pompeo Road is nearing completion. There have been burglaries in town and he asked citizens to be cautious.

Mr. Bell stated that the top coat for Pompeo Road will soon be installed. He asked citizens to watch for unusual activities in their neighborhoods.

Mr. Groh requested citizens to report any suspicious activity to Troop D.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Mr. Walsh asked about the cost to replace the recently stolen storm drain covers. Mr. Groh stated that thirty-seven have been stolen. There was some stock on hand to utilize, but the replacement cost is approximately \$100.00 each.

Mr. Walsh inquired about the recent meeting between NECCOG and CL&P. Mr. Groh replied that CL&P presented information about increasing the quality of communication and changes slated to avoid future problems. They also described their five-year tree-trimming program and steps they are taking to allow local electricians to assist highway workers when trees are caught in wires.

Mr. Gaucher inquired about the status of street lights. Mr. Groh stated that he has met with CL&P to resolve this issue.

Mr. Landry stated that he was glad of the passage of the ordinance designating the First Selectman as the person to declare an emergency situation.

Mr. Calkins had reported a flooding problem at his home on Chase Road. The Department of Public Works has resolved the problem, and Mr. Calkins expressed his appreciation.

REDIRECTION OF TRAFFIC ON CHASE ROAD EXTENSION

Mr. Groh gave a brief history of this issue and of the suggestion to block the 30 degree turns onto Chase Road Extension, from both Route 193 and Route 200, and to utilize the 90 degree turns. He has surveyed some of the citizens in the area and presented a map of the proposal. Mr. Beausoleil has also spoken with several citizens and received a mostly favorable response to this suggestion.

Mr. Bell stated that this would help to control speeding.

Ms. Chapin stated that she has been a resident of the immediate area since 1968 and does not want to change the traffic pattern.

Mr. Walsh inquired if there were accident statistics to support a change. He further stated that speeding is a town-wide problem and that this change would set a precedent.

Mr. Groh reiterated that he is doing research and gathering information.

Mr. Hess approves of the suggestion and feels it would increase the safety of the 350 students who commute to Marianapolis.

Ms. Chapin raised the issue of causing traffic to be redirected by the Post Office, which is already hazardous.

Mr. Monahan stated that he has not seen any problems with Chase Road Extension, but also noted that there are problems with traffic around the Post Office. He is against this suggestion.

Mr. Beaupre noted that many people do not stop at the Stop sign and feels this redirection is a good idea.

Mrs. Beaupre expressed her concerns for safety, especially for children in the neighborhood.

Mr. Wagner expressed his concern with speeding and illegal exhaust systems. He suggested erecting barricades as a trial for a set period of time.

Mrs. Monahan noted that many roads have speeders. She feels there are more important issues to consider.

Mr. Wagner thanked the Board for notifying the citizens of this topic and meeting.

Mr. Beausoleil stated that they received good information and expression of concerns.

Mr. Groh expressed his appreciation for the feedback from citizens. He will notify residents of future discussions.

SCHEDULE INTERVIEWS FOR INLAND WETLANDS RECORDING SECRETARY

Mr. Groh noted that this position is still open for application.
It was the consensus of the board to hold these interviews on October 18, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

REQUEST TO USE TRANSFER STATION – CADET TROOP 65553

Mr. Groh received a written request for the use of the Transfer Station.

Motion made by Mr. Beausoleil, seconded by Mr. Bell, to allow Cadet Troop 65553 and Brownie Troop 65421, of Thompson, Connecticut, to use the Transfer Station on November 12, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to hold a cookie sale as a fundraiser, to be under the direction of Elmer Preston for safety.

<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 overpaymentst as recommended by the Tax Collector, Rene Morin.

Scott Antonson	\$8.83
Steven Baranow	\$9.48
Karen Christie	\$77.78
Diana & Richard Couture	\$23.53
Diana & Richard Couture	\$6.31
Steven Normandin	\$56.25
Sandra & Ronald Poitras	\$9.46
Sandra & Ronald Poitras	\$24.79
Martha B. Wetzal	\$36.03
Robert E. Yeagher, Jr.	\$45.55

<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 thanked the citizens for attending.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Mr. Beausoleil, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:20 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