



## **SELECTMEN'S MEETING**

### **October 18, 2011**

The Board of Selectmen held a Selectmen's Meeting on Tuesday, October 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; Robin Cassella – Norwich Bulletin; Reporter – WINY Radio; Meghan Couture – Villager Newspapers; Joseph Gaucher; Kevin Walsh; Craig Hanford; William Ritter; Sarah Trudell; Robyn Scannell; Norma O'Leary; Steve Benoit; 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 Minutes of October 4, 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.

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

Mr. Groh announced that we will hold a Household Hazardous Collection Day on Saturday November 12, 2011 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Highway Garage on Buckley Hill Road.

Mr. Groh reminded citizens that the debates for the Board of Education and Board of Finance will be held on October 19, 2011 at the TMHS Auditorium.

Mr. Beausoleil reminded citizens that awareness and neighborhood watches are the best methods of crime prevention.

Mr. Bell commented that there are still speeding and stop sign violations. He also expressed concern regarding geo-trackers coming onto private property.

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

Mr. Gaucher commented that there is a four-wheeler which often comes onto Riverside Drive in the Grosvenordale area.

Mrs. O'Leary showed the recent draft of the Thompson Barn Survey, with new photographs taken by Conservation Commission member Ron Tillen. She asked that anyone with information

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regarding barns contact her. Mrs. O'Leary reminded citizens that October is a good time to take a bag along on our daily walks to pick up roadside trash, and keep our town beautiful.

Mr. Hanford spoke on behalf of Staples-Killingly. His company participated in Thompson Community Day. He also stated that several Thompson businesses donated products for their Teacher Appreciation Day this past August. He stated that management wanted to give back to the local community, and donated approximately \$700.00 worth of office supplies to the Town. Mr. Groh thanked Mr. Hanford and stated that he greatly appreciated the donation. Mr. Beausoleil also thanked Mr. Hanford and Staples.

Mr. Walsh stated his concerns regarding the recent discussions of the resident State Trooper program. Mr. Groh stated that this would need to be addressed during the budget season, and it would be necessary to investigate statistics of crime and concerns for public safety.

*Motion made by Mr. Beausoleil, seconded by Mr. Bell, to add Girl Scout Troop #64007, Request for Use of Parking Lot, to tonight's Agenda as item 5 a.*

*Mr. Beausoleil            -Yes*

*Mr. Bell                    -Yes*

*Mr. Groh                  -Yes*

#### ***FIRE SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE***

Mr. Bell reported that Attorney St. Onge has reviewed mutual aid agreements and other documents. By early next year, it is anticipated that agreements with surrounding towns should be in place. Communications between the departments has been good. HG Segur performed a mock OSHA inspection and provided recommendations. They have also reviewed the liability insurances for each department and this resulted in added coverage. Mr. Bell agreed to remain as Chair of this committee after the upcoming elections. Mr. Groh and Mr. Beausoleil thanked Mr. Bell for his service.

#### ***GIRL SCOUT TROOP #64007 REQUEST FOR USE OF PARKING LOT***

A written request was received from Girl Scout Troop #64007. There are seven members and two leaders would supervise the proposed fundraiser. This group has done this before and would utilize the lawn area near the Post Office side of the Town Hall Parking Lot.

*Motion made by Mr. Beausoleil, seconded by Mr. Bell, to approve the usage of the Town Hall Parking Lot by Girl Scout Troop #64007 on Tuesday November 8, 2011, from 5 – 8 p.m. to hold a fundraiser.*

*Mr. Beausoleil            -Yes*

*Mr. Bell                    -Yes*

*Mr. Groh                  -Yes*

#### ***LIBRARY SECURITY CAMERAS***

Mr. Groh gave a brief history of the need for security cameras at the Thompson Public Library/Community Center. He has been approached by the Knights of Columbus as well as

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other organizations and individuals who would like to raise funds to help with this project. The Knights of Columbus will hold a Breakfast on October 30, 2011 from 8 to Noon to raise funds for this project.

Mr. Groh distributed information to the Board regarding the system at the Highway Garage and a quote from a local company. Ms. Scannell recommended researching the price of the optimum system. Mr. Landry spoke of the need to preserve and protect our resources and stated that security cameras for town buildings are long overdue.

The Board reviewed the information and reached the consensus that Mr. Groh will go to the Board of Finance, describe the fundraising efforts that will contribute to this project, state the plan of the Board of Selectmen to move forward in phases, and provide the written documents. Mr. Groh will report back to the Board of Selectmen on November 1, 2011.

*Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Mr. Bell to move Item 7 Executive Session –Possible Land Transfer to Item 9 a on this agenda.*

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

### **TAX REFUNDS**

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

Michael M. Hachey	\$57.57
Marianne Hulten	\$18.76
Edmund Mahon	\$58.82
Thomas P. Miller	\$26.16
Nancy Pedersen	\$ 4.24
Michael R. Spinner	\$13.14
Matthew Aaron Triplett	\$ 7.18
Matthew Aaron Triplett	\$19.39

<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 presented the proposed calendar for 2012 meetings. There was a discussion of the meetings to be scheduled at four Fire Departments and the Old Town Hall.

*Motion made by Mr. Beausoleil, seconded by Mr. Bell, to accept the schedule of Board of Selectmen Meetings for 2012, with five meeting sites to be determined.*

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

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Mr. Groh read the proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the Town and the Thompson Public Library/Community Center into the record. This written document will clarify responsibilities.

*Motion made by Mr. Beausoleil, seconded by Mr. Bell, to add Memorandum of Understanding – Town of Thompson and Thompson Public Library/Community Center to tonight’s agenda as Item 9 b.*

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

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING – TOWN OF THOMPSON AND THOMPSON PUBLIC LIBRARY/COMMUNITY CENTER**

There was a discussion of room use policies.

*Motion made by Mr. Beausoleil, seconded by Mr. Bell, to enter into the Memorandum of Understanding as read, with the exception of the ongoing issue of security cameras.*

<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. Groh stated that this Memorandum of Understanding can be reviewed in the future.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – POSSIBLE LAND TRANSFER**

*Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Mr. Beausoleil, to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a possible land transfer, at 9:00 p.m.*

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

The Board exited the Merrill Seney Community Room.  
The Board returned at 9:59 p.m. with no action taken.

**ADJOURN**

*Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Mr. Beausoleil, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:00 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

