



SELECTMEN'S MEETING

February 7, 2012

The Board of Selectmen held a Selectmen's Meeting on Tuesday, February 7, 2012, at 7:30 p.m. in the Merrill Seney Community Room. Mr. Groh noted at the onset of the meeting that the posted agenda had the incorrect date of February 6, 2012.

PRESENT: Lawrence K. Groh, Jr., First Selectman; Kenneth Beausoleil, Selectman; Kerstin Forrester, Selectman; Kevin Walsh; Sally White; Carolyn Werge; Steve Bodreau; Paul Dery; Al Landry; other concerned citizens

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Mrs. Forrester, seconded by Mr. Beausoleil, to accept the minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting of January 17, 2012, with typographical corrections.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Groh presented a copy of a letter of thanks regarding the Community Bonfire to the Community Fire Department; Mr. Adams, Director of Public Works and the Recreation Department.

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

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS

Mr. Groh informed citizens of the Town Meeting to be held at 7 p.m. on February 15, 2012 at the Thompson Public Library/Community Center. The agenda will include the proposed aerial truck for Community Fire Department, the proposed donation of land in the Fairway Drive subdivision, the proposed land swap near the hydroelectric facility in Wilsonville, and the proposed sale of town-owned land on Riverside Drive.

Mr. Groh also announced that there will be a informational presentation on February 22, 2012 at 7 p.m. at the Thompson Public Library/Community Center to discuss neighborhood watch and also emergency management during storms.

Mrs. Forrester asked if Dr. Jolin's report is available. Mr. Groh will ask Dr. Jolin for the report.

Mr. Beausoleil noted that the Chase Road Stop signs are having a positive effect on slowing traffic and increasing safety. The white lines will be painted as temperatures allow.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Mr. Walsh inquired about sharing a resident trooper with either Putnam or Woodstock. He also inquired about the proposed Tech Park in Putnam. Mr. Groh reviewed the background of this proposed project, the need to address the criteria of State Statutes and the goal of looking at the needs of the whole region.

Mr. Landry commented that the recent Putnam Canine drive netted substantial funds, as well as a vehicle to be used for this purpose, and the donation of the dog.

Miss White asked how the Town Meeting will be advertised. Mr. Groh replied that there will be a legal notice in the Thompson Villager, as required by law, as well as posting near the Town Clerk's Office and on the website, in addition to tonight's announcement. Miss White suggested that a modest ad in the Shopper's Guide could be effective.

Miss White asked for details on the Open Space land by the Fairway Drive subdivision, and Mr. Groh provided a brief description of these parcels.

APPOINTMENTS TO RECREATION COMMISSION – SELEN ACUN

The Board had received a letter from Selen Acun regarding her willingness to serve on the Recreation Commission. Mr. Beausoleil read the letter into the record.

Motion made by Mr. Beausoleil, seconded by Mrs. Forrester, to appoint Selen Acun to the Recreation Commission, as of February 7, 2012, to fill the unexpired term of Michael Santerre, term to expire April 15, 2013.

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

APPOINTMENT TO SMALL CITIES/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY – WILL RITTER

Mr. Groh presented correspondence from Thomas Poplawski, Chairman of the Republican Town Committee, stating that Will Ritter had been selected at their January 12, 2012 meeting to fill the vacancy on the Small Cities Advisory Board/Redevelopment Agency, created by the resignation of Joel Hiatt.

Motion made by Mr. Beausoleil, seconded by Mrs. Forrester, to approve the appointment of Will Ritter to the Small Cities Advisory Board/Redevelopment Agency, term to expire November 9, 2015.

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

Discussion of Motion: Mr. Groh explained how vacancies are filled, and reviewed the meeting dates of the Small Cities Advisory Board/Redevelopment Agency.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – POSSIBLE LAND TRANSFER

Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Mr. Beausoleil, to enter into Executive Session at 8:16 p.m..

Mr. Groh -Yes

Mr. Beausoleil -Yes

Mrs. Forrester -Yes

The Board of Selectmen and Conservation Officer Carolyn Werge exited the Merrill Seney Community Room.

The Board of Selectmen and Conservation Officer Carolyn Werge returned to the Merrill Seney Community Room at 8:44 p.m. with no action taken.

TAX REFUNDS

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

Kelly M. Winship	\$ 19.16
Toyota Motor Credit Corp.	\$276.07
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George N. or JudyA. Pedersen	\$ 47.49
Glenn A. Cotnoir	\$ 3.86
Donna Y. Kozakowski	\$ 11.95
Thomas J. Cleary	\$ 10.69
Anthony L. Gentili	\$102.11

Mr. Groh -Yes

Mr. Beausoleil -Yes

Mrs. Forrester -Yes

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Mrs. Forrester, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:46 p.m.

Mr. Groh -Yes

Mrs. Forrester -Yes

Mr. Beausoleil -Yes

Recorded and transcribed by:
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