



## **SELECTMEN'S MEETING**

**February 21, 2012**

The Board of Selectmen held a Selectmen's Meeting on Tuesday, February 21, 2012, at 7:30 p.m. in the Merrill Seney Community Room.

**PRESENT:** Lawrence K. Groh, Jr., First Selectman; Kenneth Beausoleil, Selectman; Kerstin Forrester, Selectman; Alyssa Moody and Jason Bleau – WINY Radio; Joseph Gaucher; Kevin Walsh; Al Landry; Leon Blain; Norma O'Leary; other concerned citizens

### ***APPROVAL OF MINUTES***

*Motion made by Mr. Beausoleil, seconded by Mrs. Forrester, to accept the minutes of the Special Selectmen's Meetings of January 31, 2012 and February 1, 2012, and the Regular Selectmen's Meeting of February 7, 2012.*

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

### ***CORRESPONDENCE***

Mr. Groh announced that there will be a Neighborhood Watch and Emergency Management meeting on February 22, 2012, at 7 p.m., at the Thompson Public Library/Community Center.

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

Mr. Groh reported that the Town Meeting on February 15, 2012 was attended by over one hundred people. The appropriation for the ladder truck was approved, as well as the Wilsonville Hydroelectric plan and the availability for sale of the Riverside Stove Shop property. The Town Meeting also approved the acceptance of five unbuildable lots near the Fairway Drive sub-division in Wilsonville.

Mr. Beausoleil and Mrs. Forrester were both pleased with the good support for the ladder truck and hydropower.

Mr. Groh also announced that a joint meeting will be held for the Board of Selectmen, the Board of Finance and the Board of Education on February 23, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. at the Ryscavage Room at Tourtellotte Memorial High School, to discuss the overall budget, not specific line items. He encouraged all citizens to attend.

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

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Mr. Gaucher expressed concern about the trash near Market Lane. He also expressed concern about four wheelers and dirt bikes on Riverside Drive. Other citizens spoke of similar activity at Heritage Way Park, Fabyan Road, Quaddick Town Farm Road and Wagher road. Mr. Groh will inform the State Police of this activity.

### ***DONATION OF LAND – REARDON ROAD***

Mr. Groh reviewed the history of this parcel of land. It was reviewed by the Conservation Commission and the Inland Wetlands Commission and their concerns are on record. Mr. Blain gave a family history of this parcel, which is an unbuildable lot. This is listed as belonging to the Estate of Wilfred Blain, and approximately twenty-two heirs are now involved. No taxes have been paid on this parcel since the Estate was closed in 1996. It contained a hydrant used by the Fire Dept. in the 1960's; this has now been capped off and is no longer used. There is a metal fence around this cistern.

The Board discussed options of resolving this situation. There would be a cost to foreclose on this property and there would also be attorney fees to accept the parcel as a donation.

*Motion made by Mr. Beausoleil, seconded by Mrs. Forrester, to accept the Reardon Road Property of the Estate of Wilfred Blain as a donation to the Town of Thompson, with the advice of Town Attorney.*

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

Discussion on Motion: After the advice of Town Attorney is received, this would need to be presented to the Planning & Zoning Commission and then to Town Meeting. The Board thanked Mr. Blain for his input.

### ***DONATION OF LAND – GUILLE PROPERTY***

Mr. Groh presented a map of 2 parcels on Bull Hill. These are landlocked parcels of 15.5 acres and 4 acres, and abut Town Property. The current owner is unable to continue the tax payments on this land which was received in the settling of an estate.

Mr. Beausoleil stated that this would be valuable for recreation, and Mrs. Forrester agreed.

Mr. Walsh expressed concern of the loss of tax revenue and setting a precedent of the Town acquiring lands.

It was the consensus to bring this issue to the Conservation Commission for their review and recommendation.

### ***COMMERCIAL HAULERS TRANSFER STATION FEES***

There was a discussion of the Transfer Station fees and expenses. The increase in recycling and doing our own hauling has significantly changed the financial status to the positive. Documents from Finance Director Michael Martin and Tax Collector Rene Morin were reviewed by the

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Board. There was also a discussion of the public school's waste and recycling, and the current contract will not be automatically renewed.

Mrs. O'Leary stated that she and Conservation Officer Carolyn Werge attended a recent area meeting of Conservation Commissions. She will give the Board copies of the presentation concerning recycling and waste management from the DEEP.

It was the consensus of the Board to revive the Transfer Station Advisory Committee and ask them to meet within the next two weeks. The purpose of the meeting will be to research the fee schedule, to increase recycling and education, and to revisit the school situation. Commercial Hauling fees will also be discussed.

### ***RESOLUTION OF ENDORSEMENT FOR REGIONAL PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PROGRAM***

Mr. Groh read the resolution into the record. This will be to support applying for three grants as a regional initiative from NECCOG, to include a bucket truck, training and increasing the paramedic service, and tree trimming.

*Motion made by Mr. Forrester, seconded by Mr. Beausoleil, to support the Resolution to endorse the Regional Performance Incentive Program.*

*Mrs. Forrester* -Yes

*Mr. Beausoleil* -Yes

*Mr. Groh* -Yes

### ***2012 CDBG SMALL CITIES APPLICATION RFP FOR CONSULTANTS***

Mr. Groh read a letter from Kevin Kennedy, Town Planner, regarding the Community Development Block Grant Program. The proposal is for administering the grant for needed improvements at 500 Riverside Drive for the Thompson Housing Authority.

Mr. Groh opened the following RFPs and distributed copies to the Board:

1. L. Wagner and Associates, 51 Lakeside Ave. East, Waterbury CT, \$3,000.00 Fee.
2. Access Community Action Agency, 1315 Main Street, Willimantic, CT, \$3,000.00 Fee for a successful grant application and \$1,000.00 for a non-successful application.
3. Macguire Group, 280 Silas Deane Highway, Rocky Hill, CT, presented hourly rates at \$120.00 for a Senior Grant Advisor, \$100.00 for a Grant Advisor, and \$120.00 for a Scientist, with no application fee.

*Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Mr. Beausoleil, to present the three RFPs to the Town Planner to review the qualifications and make recommendations for the Board of Selectmen's Meeting on March 6, 2012.*

*Mr. Groh* -Yes

*Mr. Beausoleil* -Yes

*Mrs. Forrester* -Yes

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## ***SUBORDINATION AGREEMENT – 192 RAVENELLE ROAD***

This property is owned by Michael J. Germain and Lauri J. Groh-Germain. Mr. Groh recused himself from the decision, as Mrs. Germain is his sister.

Mr. Beausoleil and Mrs. Forrester read the letters from Town Attorney St. Onge and Attorney Longo concerning the standard subordination agreement, moving the Town to second place in the land records. This Small Cities Grant was given for home improvements. When the property is sold, a portion will be returned to the Town.

*Motion made by Mr. Beausoleil, seconded by Mrs. Forrester, to accept the subordination agreement as written.*

<i>Mr. Beausoleil</i>	<i>-Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Forrester</i>	<i>-Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Groh</i>	<i>-Abstaining, as this concerns family members.</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.*

Travis Delay	\$22.42
Gary Lindell	\$ 4.24
Anthony Pezzano	\$15.15
Kathryn Wilding	\$35.71
<i>Mr. Groh</i>	<i>-Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Beausoleil</i>	<i>-Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Forrester</i>	<i>-Yes</i>

## ***OTHER BUSINESS***

None.

## ***ADJOURN***

*Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Mrs. Forrester, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:37 p.m.*

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

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