



## SELECTMEN'S MEETING

### June 5, 2012

The Board of Selectmen held a Selectmen's Meeting on Tuesday, June 5, 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; Reporter – WINY Radio; Kerensa Konesni – Villager Newspapers; Joseph Gaucher; Kevin Walsh; Celeste Fifield; Dale Fifield; Thomas Poplawski; Parmi Leo; Norma O'Leary; Sally White; Al Landry; other concerned citizens

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

*Motion made by Mr. Beausoleil, seconded by Mrs. Forrester, to accept the minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting of May 15, 2012.*

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

### ***CORRESPONDENCE***

Mr. Groh presented an e-mail received expressing thanks to the Department of Public Works for their work on the beaver problems at Schoolhouse Pond.

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

Mr. Groh announced that the Ribbon Cutting at the Social Service Building at 15 Thatcher Road will be held on June 6, 2012, at 4 p.m.

Mr. Groh stated that the Memorial Day Parade went well with good attendance. Mrs. Forrester agreed and thanked the Village Newspaper for their good coverage.

Mr. Beausoleil noted that the Highway Department is applying chip seal in the Quinebaug area. He asked citizens to exercise caution while travelling.

Mr. Beausoleil thanked citizens for participating in voting in referendum and supporting the budget.

Mr. Groh stated that the Board of Finance met on May 30, 2012 to approve the Mill Rate.

*Motion made by Mr. Beausoleil, seconded by Mrs. Forrester, to add approval of Tax Warrant/Rate Bill added to this agenda as Item 10.a).*

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

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Mr. Groh -Yes

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

Mr. Poplawski expressed concern about illegal dumping at TilConn, on Wilsonville Road, and near Longbranch Brook. Mr. Groh stated that he had met with a TilConn representative concerning this situation and that TilConn will be installing a gate to prevent unauthorized entrance to their facility.

Mr. Gaucher noted that there are potholes in Route 12 near the Belding property.

Mrs. O'Leary noted that the unsightly trailer has been removed from the corner of Thatcher Road and Route 12; she has thanked Dick Loomis for his efforts. Mr. Gaucher expressed concern regarding the sewer pipe at this location.

### ***BID AWARD – WEST THOMPSON FIRE DEPARTMENT ROOF***

Mr. Groh presented correspondence from Kevin Kennedy, Director of Planning & Development regarding the West Thompson Fire Department Roof Project. Mrs. Fifield and members of the Roof Committee noted that there has been a great deal of research and they are excited to move forward with this project.

*Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Mr. Beausoleil, to reject the bid submitted by Shoreline Restoration, as the bid did not meet specifications.*

Mr. Groh -Yes

Mr. Beausoleil -Yes

Mrs. Forrester -Yes

Discussion on Motion: The Shoreline Restoration bid was for \$88,500.00. It did not include the required bond documents and was for installing a flat roof, not a truss roof as specified in the bid.

*Motion made by Mrs. Forrester, seconded by Mr. Beausoleil, to award the bid for the West Thompson Fire Department Roof to JD&D Contractors, of Webster Massachusetts, in the amount of \$120,900.00.*

Mrs. Forrester -Yes

Mr. Beausoleil -Yes

Mr. Groh -Yes

### ***TRANSFER STATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE***

Mr. Groh stated that the Board of Selectmen had requested that the Transfer Station Advisory Committee research several systems, including the current system, the Pay as You Throw (both bag and sticker), weight system, closing the Transfer Station, as well as town-wide pickup. The Transfer Station Advisory Committee has met and unanimously voted to recommend that Thompson retain the current system.

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Mr. Beausoleil asked for further information on recycling. Mr. Landry stated that the Committee will meet again at the end of this month to review information.

Mr. Poplowski asked if 6 month permits were investigated and Mr. Landry replied that this will be discussed also at the next meeting. Any changes in fees would be researched and presented to the Board, who would act upon any changes to the fee structure.

### ***APPROVAL OF RECREATION SUMMER TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES***

The Recreation Department annually hires temporary employees for their summer camp and programs. Mr. Groh read the list of recommended employees into the record. Mrs. Forrester asked if all of these individuals would work at the Summer Camp, and Mr. Groh confirmed this.

*Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Mr. Beausoleil, to hire as summer employees for the Recreation Department, the following individuals:*

*Lauren Biernacki, Andrea Gity, Colyn Petre, Gunjan Sali, Scott Coderre, Ryan King, Miranda Skaradowski, Christopher Alves, John Darcy, Andrew Faucher, Daniel Petre, Jr., Mitchell Prescott, Alyson Santerre, Rick Torres, Patrycja Chmielewska, Nicole Beno, Serena Germain, Jess Dion, Cassandra Raszka, Cindy Consiglio, Miranda Baublitz.*

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

### ***VOTING DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE***

Mr. Groh asked Mrs. Forrester to chair this committee. He suggested that Registrars Ada Temple and Jay Kenney be included. Other members were suggested and will be contacted. Mrs. Forrester would like to have a total of seven members.

The charge of the committee was discussed and will be further determined at the next meeting. The proposed charge would include consolidation of voting districts to one, or no consolidation, looking into having only referendums at one location, the state laws and mandates that apply, the workforce needed, how same day registration would be handled, the budget and expenses of that department, the effect on voter turn-out, comparisons with other municipalities, the history of decreasing voting places, the percentage of registered voters who vote, and historical records.

*Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Mr. Beausoleil, to table this matter until the next meeting.*

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

### ***TAX REFUNDS***

None.

### ***OTHER BUSINESS***

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### ***APPROVAL OF TAX WARRANT/RATE BILL***

Mr. Groh read the Tax Warrant and Rate Bill into the record. The Board of Finance met on May 30, 2012 and set the mill rate at 22.20.

*Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Mrs. Forrester, to sign the Rate Bill as presented on June 5, 2012.*

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

No other business.

### ***ADJOURN***

*Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Mr. Beausoleil, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:19 p.m.*

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

Recorded and transcribed by:  
Lynn Landry