



SELECTMEN'S MEETING

July 17, 2012

The Board of Selectmen held a Selectmen's Meeting on Tuesday, July 17, 2012, at 7:30 p.m. at the Quinebaug Fire Department. Mr. Groh thanked the Quinebaug Fire Dept. for hosting this meeting.

PRESENT: Lawrence K. Groh, Jr., First Selectman; Kenneth Beausoleil, Selectman; Kerstin Forrester, Selectman; Kerensa Kerensi – Villager Newspapers; Jason Bleu and Lizabeth Mancini – WINY Radio; Joseph H. Gaucher; Steve Bodreau; Kevin Walsh; Lis Burton; Steve Benoit; Paul Baer; Paul Horanzy; Tanya Holmes; Aimee Powolski; other concerned citizens

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Mrs. Forrester, seconded by Mr. Groh, to accept the minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting of July 3, 2012 as presented.

<i>Mrs. Forrester</i>	<i>-Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Groh</i>	<i>-Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Beausoleil</i>	<i>-Abstain, not here for meeting</i>

CORRESPONDENCE

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

Mr. Groh presented an informational flyer for the Thompson Community Day, to be held on Sunday, September 30, 2012 at Riverside Park from Noon to 4:00 p.m. More information can be found on the Recreation Website.

Mrs. Forrester asked if the Crime Statistic Report could be given to the Neighborhood Watch Project. Mr. Groh replied that the statistics and general information can be given, but not specific sights of crimes. In this report, there were one hundred roadchecks, one burglary, and eighty-four infractions of motor vehicles. We could get a yearly report. Mrs. Forrester stated that it is good to be aware of these facts and that she supports the Neighborhood Watch Project.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS

Mr. Groh expressed his appreciation to the Quinebaug Fire Department for hosting this meeting. Mr. Groh stated that the Quaddick Road Bridge is now a one lane bridge. The NECCOG engineer worked with the State of Connecticut on this bridge and stated that the center of the bridge is safe. It will need to be repaired and funding sources are being explored. The State of

Connecticut wanted to close Quaddick Road until the bridge was repaired. Mr. Groh stated that this will be avoided if possible.

Mr. Groh stated that there will be a state-wide Emergency Management Drill on July 28 and 29, 2012. Mr. Benoit, Emergency Management Director, stated that plans are being scheduled to include all the fire departments in Thompson.

Mr. Groh reported that he had attended a regional economic marketing meeting this morning at NECCOG. Other attendees included representatives from the Chamber of Commerce, Quinebaug Valley Community/Manufacturing College, and the CERC (Connecticut Economic Resource Center) marketing firm. There was a report of efforts in the northwestern part of Connecticut, local unemployment, and opportunities to promote this region. Additional discussions have been scheduled.

Mr. Beausoleil stated that the Fire Departments of Thompson have submitted grants as one entity for personal protective gear and breathing apparatus to FEMA. There is a SAFER Grant application in progress. He is glad to see the Fire Departments applying for these grants.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Mr. Benoit stated that the Quaddick Road Bridge may be appropriate for a Hazardous Mitigation Grant. Mr. Groh has spoken with John Filchak, NECCOG, concerning this.

Mr. Baer expressed concerns regarding proper filings for organizations in Thompson. He submitted documents from the Secretary of State web-site that show the Community Fire Department and Quinebaug Fire Department have no current certificates of legal existence.

Mr. Bodreau, Chief of Quinebaug Fire Department, stated that the State had sent them a packet of documents, which they filled out and submitted. They assumed it was the most current document.

Mr. Groh will research this issue with Town Attorney and/or the insurance carrier.

Mrs. Forrester stated, that for corporations, these documents are filed annually and include the names and addresses of officers and agents.

Mr. Gaucher expressed concern regarding blasting on Reardon Road yesterday. Mr. Groh stated that this is an approved industrial park with permits to blast and extract gravel. The Zoning Enforcement Officer has asked the company to cease blasting and to come in front of the Planning & Zoning Commission at their July meeting due to this substantial blast that occurred on July 16, 2012. Mr. Gaucher expressed concern regarding the sewer lines in the area.

Mr. Gaucher reported that CT State Police responded to a break-in at the liquor store in Grosvenordale last night.

Mr. Bodreau stated that tree trimming on Fabyan Road has resulted in piles of wood by the roadside, which may affect future mowing. Mr. Groh will research this.

Mr. Baer expressed concern regarding JD&D Construction's legal status in Connecticut and noted several points of concern in the contract for the West Thompson Fire Department Roof. There was a discussion of the specifics of debris removal and Mr. Groh read a memo outlining the expectations. He requested that Mr. Baer submit a written list to him of these questions so that he may examine these questions.

EAGLE SCOUT PROCLAMATION – JORDAN PHILLIP MAHON

The Board is pleased to acknowledge the achievement of the highest honor for Boy Scouts by Jordan Phillip Mahon. Mr. Groh read the Proclamation into the record.

Motion made by Mr. Beausoleil, seconded by Mrs. Forrester, to sign the Proclamation as read, stating the achievement of Eagle Scout by Jordan Phillip Mahon.

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

65 MAIN STREET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

This topic was tabled at the last meeting. There was a brief discussion of the town-owned building at 65 Main Street, which was most recently used by TEEG. Mr. Groh distributed copies of the deed and will to the Board. The Board has reviewed the proposed charge and six of the proposed committee members. Lis Burton volunteered to serve on the committee.

Motion made by Mr. Beausoleil, seconded by Mrs. Forrester, to create the 65 Main Street Advisory Committee, with the charge to review the property deed, review the will, determine the intent of the deeding of the building to the Town, determine the value of the building, recommend building use or disposition, research other uses of the property, research appropriate grants for repairs necessary for renovating the building, and submit meeting minutes to the Board. This Committee will consist of Lawrence K. Groh, Jr., First Selectman; Joseph Iamartino, Thompson Historical Society; Joseph Lindley, TMHS Alumni Association; Michael Martin, Finance Director; William Witkowski, Chair of Board of Education; Raymond Faucher, Jr., Chair of Board of Finance; and Elisabeth Burton.

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

REQUEST FOR STREET LIGHTS

Mr. Groh had received requests to add street lights to two areas in Thompson. There was a discussion of safety and road identification during emergencies.

Motion made by Mr. Beausoleil, seconded by Mrs. Forrester, to add two street lights, one at the intersection of Highland Road and Thompson Road and the second on Sand Dam Road between the intersections of Oak Wood Road and Long Pond Road.

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

Discussion on Motion: Mrs. Forrester requested information on the cost. Mr. Groh stated that the town pays approximately \$8.00 per month for each light, and that there is no installation fee.

TAX REFUNDS

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

John M. and Joyce A. Hoyer	\$ 38.05
John F. McDermott	\$162.93

<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 Mr. Beausoleil, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:30 p.m.

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

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