



SELECTMEN'S MEETING

September 18, 2012

The Board of Selectmen held a Selectmen's Meeting on Tuesday, September 18, 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; Joseph Gaucher; Kevin Walsh; Paul Baer; Norma O'Leary; Director of Public Works Leo Adams; Lis Burton; Paul Horanzy; Ray Leonard; Cameron Robinson; Kevin M. Davis; Al Landry; other concerned citizens

Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Mrs. Forrester, to add Resolution to Endorse the Intertown Capital Equipment Purchase Incentive (ICE) Program, under Other Business as Item 10 a.

Mr. Groh	-Yes
Mrs. Forrester	-Yes
Mr. Beausoleil	-Yes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Mrs. Forrester, seconded by Mr. Beausoleil, to accept the minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting of September 4, 2012, with a correction to page 3 replacing "communicate" with "prepare", regarding voting issues.

Mrs. Forrester	-Yes
Mr. Beausoleil	-Yes
Mr. Groh	-Yes

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Groh presented a letter from the State of CT Department of Public Health continuing the designation of Thompson as a Heart Safe Community, which requires ongoing training.

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

Mr. Groh presented information from the State of CT stating that Thompson is no longer designated as a distressed municipality but is still eligible for distressed municipality benefits until 2017. This allows for the preferable treatment during the application of certain grants, such as those associated with Small Cities Programs.

Mr. Groh presented correspondence concerning the town web-site from Lis Burton. There was a discussion of the progress on the web-site and obtaining e-mail addresses for town officials.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS

Mr. Groh distributed copies of the minutes of the 65 Main Street Advisory Committee and gave a brief update on that committee's progress and plans.

Mr. Groh cautioned citizens to exercise caution with tonight's windy weather. He thanked Director of Public Works Leo Adams for his work in keeping the roadways clear.

Mr. Beausoleil stated that the Warrior Dash is planned for the upcoming weekend at the Thompson Speedway. He noted that there will be increased traffic and hoped for economic benefits for local businesses.

Mrs. Forrester researched the question of budgeting and paving at the public school. There is no notation in the Budget Book. Mr. Groh stated that Mr. Adams is researching and will report on the planned and actual costs.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Mr. Gaucher reported ATV and dirt-bike traffic on Route 12. Mr. Groh has informed the State Police of this concern and will do so again.

Mr. Walsh stated that there has been similar traffic on Blain Road, seemingly on route to the West Thompson Dam. He suggested contacting the Ranger for enforcement.

Mr. Baer expressed concerns about the town's website link to System Solutions. Mr. Groh replied that this is a common practice. Mr. Baer questioned the posting of minutes for the Fire Advisory Committee and the Board of Finance meetings. Mr. Groh stated that the EMS Plan is underway and the agreement only requires signing by one of the five Fire Departments.

Mr. Baer questioned several statements that were reported in the Thompson Villager regarding the West Thompson Fire Department Roof Project. He reviewed his concerns regarding this contract and project, and distributed an article of interest to the Board.

Mr. Walsh asked who was responsible for writing the contract. Mrs. Forrester replied that she believed that JD&D Construction provided a template. The specific information is available on the tape of the meeting.

There was a discussion of grant administration and project management, as well as attorney fees. Mr. Baer expressed concern regarding mutual aid from paramedic services in the area. Mr. Groh provided information about contracted prices and billing and stated that NECCOG will begin a study of the twelve town region.

Mr. Baer volunteered to e-mail a Community Fire Department newsletter to Mr. Groh regarding concerns at that department.

FISCAL YEAR 2012 YEAR-END TRANSFERS

Mr. Groh presented the Budget Transfer Fiscal Year 2012, as requested by Michael Martin, Finance Director, dated September 10, 2012. The specifics are:

Line Items to be Increased:

1102	Board of Selectmen	\$2,300
1303	Assessor	\$50
1701	Town Counsel	\$4,500
1702	Probate Court	\$50
2401	Canine Operations	\$1,200
3201	Town Garage	\$1,350
3202	Public Works	\$32,600

3203	Ground Supplies Parks	\$50
4101	General Services	\$50
5101	Library Administration	\$150
6202	Zoning Board of Appeals	\$250
Total of Lines to be Increased:		\$42,500

Line Items to be Decreased:

7301	Fringe Benefits	\$42,550
Total of Lines to be Decreased:		\$42,500

Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Mr. Beausoleil, to recommend the increases and decreases to the Board of Finance, as recommended by Finance Director Michael Martin.

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

Discussion: Mr. Groh stated that these transfers are normally presented at the end of the Fiscal Year. The Fringe Benefits decrease is primarily due to Mr. Groh not taking the health insurance benefits for the position of First Selectman. Mr. Baer thanked Mr. Groh for saving the town money in this manner. The increase in Town Counsel fees is primarily due to Union negotiations. There was also a change in the projected cost of diesel fuel. The changes of the actual and projected numbers are utilized in planning the next budget. There was also a discussion of the costs and future of the Probate Court. Mr. Groh will attend a meeting on this issue on September 24, 2012.

TRANSFER STATION CHANGES

There was a discussion of the upcoming renewal process for the Transfer Station. The fees are increasing per the Board of Selectmen, and will be effective as \$85.00 for a single household and \$45.00 for Seniors. Mr. Adams spoke of several changes that increase recycling. Mrs. O'Leary suggested having this information in the next Selectman's Update. There was also a discussion of security and illegal dumping at the gateway.

RECOGNITION LETTER FOR JUDITH RONDEAU

Mr. Groh read a letter into the record that commends Judith Rondeau for seven years of service to the Conservation Commission.

Motion made by Mr. Beausoleil, seconded by Mrs. Forrester, to approve the Letter of Recognition as read into the record.

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

Discussion on Motion: Mr. Groh thanked Mrs. Rondeau for her service to the Town of Thompson, both in this capacity and also as the former Wetlands Enforcement Officer.

REQUEST TO USE TOWN HALL PARKING LOT – THOMPSON TOGETHER

Mr. Groh had received an e-mail request from Thompson Together Inc. to hold a tag sale in the Town Hall Parking Lot on Saturday October 6, 2012 from 6:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., with a rain date of October 7, 2012 at the same times. Mrs. O’Leary stated that Thompson Together, Inc. will be contacting Project Graduation which is holding a can drive and bake sale at that time. If there is any conflict, Mrs. O’Leary will withdraw their request. The proceeds from the Tag Sale will benefit the proposed playground in River Mill village.

Motion made by Mrs. Forrester, seconded by Mr. Beausoleil, to approve the request of Thompson Together, Inc. to hold a tag sale in the Town Hall Parking Lot on October 6, 2012 from 6:30a.m to 4 p.m., with a rain date of October 7, 2012 with the same times.

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

David A. Akana	\$ 9.94
Carlos H. & Nelia M. Bastos	\$104.05
Roger W. Corriveau	\$ 4.40
Patricia Cunha	\$ 21.20
Donald H. or Virginia R. Johnson	\$ 14.37
Rita B. Larose	\$ 6.01
Dean R. Mantelli	\$ 0.91
Jeanne L. Zesut	\$ 21.58

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

OTHER BUSINESS

RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE THE INTERTOWN CAPITAL EQUIPMENT PURCHASE INCENTIVE (ICE) PROGRAM

Mr. Groh read the proposed Resolution into the record. This is a matching grant which will help us meet our goal of upgrading our computers at the Town Hall. This application is in conjunction with the communities of Putnam and Ashford.

Motion made by Mr. Beausoleil, seconded by Mrs. Forrester to approve the Resolution as read.

Mr. Beausoleil -Yes

Mrs. Forrester -Yes

Mr. Groh -Yes

ADJOURN

Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Mr. Beausoleil, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:12 p.m.

Mr. Groh -Yes

Mr. Beausoleil -Yes

Mrs. Forrester -Yes

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