



SELECTMEN'S MEETING

October 2, 2012

The Board of Selectmen held a Selectmen's Meeting on Tuesday, October 2, 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; Joseph Gaucher; Kevin Walsh; Al Landry; Linda Sasur; Dan Sasur; MaryAnne Fontaine; Samuel Fontaine; Brian Fontaine; Steve Benoit; Paul Horanzy; 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 September 18, 2012.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS

Mr. Groh informed Mr. Walsh that he had the answer to Mr. Walsh's inquiry regarding the contract for the West Thompson Fire Department Roof Project. A generic contract template had been provided to the Town by the President of the West Thompson Fire Department; it had not originated with J D & D Construction.

Mr. Groh noted that Community Day was cancelled due to inclement weather and that there is no rain date.

Mr. Beausoleil stated that the Department of Public Works will soon begin paving on Brickyard Road. He also noted that Fire Prevention Week starts on October 7, 2012 and there will be activities at the local fire stations. There will be a Firefighter's Mass at St. Stephen's Church on October 7, 2012 at 8:30 a.m.

Mrs. Forrester asked if Mr. Adams, the Director of Public Works, has submitted information regarding the paving at the public school complex. Mr. Groh stated that Mr. Adams is compiling a preliminary report. Less material was used than originally estimated; this seems to be offset by the increase in material prices.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Samuel Fontaine, a member of Boy Scout Troop 30 based in Quinebaug, stated his request for the Board's support of his Eagle Scout Project. This project will be to install playground equipment at the Social Services Building on Thatcher Road. Mr. Fontaine has researched the requirements with Recreation Director Renee Waldron and TEEG Director Donna Grant. He noted the need for inspection by town safety officials and by the insurance carriers. He has done extensive research on the ground materials and the need to level the area in question and has sought assistance to accomplish this second goal from the Thompson Lions Club. There was a discussion of insurance liability, past inquiries for the proposed Skateboard Park show that there would be no increase. The Recreation Director would seek the advice of the Director of Public Works when appropriate.

Motion made by Mrs. Forrester, seconded by Mr. Beausoleil, to move forward with the Eagle Scout Project for a playground, designed by Samuel Fontaine, for the Social Services Building at 15 Thatcher Road, with the conditions of approval by the Recreation Commission, the Recreation Director, and the TEEG Director.

Mrs. Forrester -Yes

Mr. Beausoleil -Yes

Mr. Groh -Yes

Discussion on Motion: Brian Fontaine asked if the Director of Public Works should be contacted about state safety regulations. Mr. Groh stated that the Recreation Director would contact the Director of Public Works when needed. There was a discussion of the existing swing set at the former location of TEEG at 65 Main Street. That swing set will be left there for neighborhood usage. Mr. Groh thanked Mr. Fontaine for his research and wished him success in the project.

Mr. Walsh asked about the concerns with the West Thompson Fire Department Roof Project contract. Mr. Groh stated that the amendments have been written and approved by those signing the contract.

Mr. Landry asked for an update on the Quaddick Road Bridge. Mr. Groh stated that the Town is applying for STEAP Funds with the intent of the Town repairing the bridge. It will remain as a one lane bridge throughout the winter, as approved by DOT.

Mrs. Fontaine expressed her appreciation for the paving at the school complex.

Mrs. Forrester asked for an update on the West Thompson Fire Department Roof. Trusses are up as of today. Mr. Groh noted that work is continuing.

Mr. Gaucher asked for an update on the contractor's filing with the Secretary of State. Mr. Groh will bring this information to a future meeting. He has received a verbal confirmation, but is seeking written confirmation.

MARIANAPOLIS SEWER EXTENSION ALTERNATIVE OPTIONAL # 2

Mr. Groh distributed a map of the proposal to the Board and gave a brief history of the project. TWPCA has given their approval of this Option. There was a discussion of the other options, the consent order on the Marianapolis property and the consent order on the Thompson Hill area. This project would allow the Town to tie in for sewer coverage in the future. The process to proceed with this project would be to receive the approval of the TWPCA, the Planning and

Zoning Commission, the Board of Selectmen, and the Board of Finance, and then to go to Town Referendum. The cost of the referendum would be born by the Trinity Foundation. All associated costs have been paid by Trinity Foundation. Mr. Groh read a document into the record that would allow this process to take place.

Motion made by Mr. Beausoleil, seconded by Mrs. Forrester to authorize the First Selectmen to sign the document contingent on Planning and Zoning Commission's approval of Marianapolis Sewer Extension Alternative Option #2.

Mr. Beausoleil -Yes

Mrs. Forrester -Yes

Mr. Groh -Yes

APPOINTMENTS – AGRICULTURE COMMISSION

There was a discussion of the Agriculture Commission Ordinance that states reappointments will be for a five year term.

Motion made by Mr. Beausoleil, seconded by Mrs. Forrester, to clarify the reappointment of Ross Eddy to the Agriculture Commission, term to expire August 1, 2017.

Mr. Beausoleil -Yes

Mrs. Forrester -Yes

Mr. Groh -Yes

An e-mail had been received from Gary Durand, of Fabyan Sugar Shack, expressing his interest in serving on the Agriculture Commission.

Motion made by Mr. Forrester, seconded by Mr. Beausoleil, to appoint Gary Durand as an alternate on the Agriculture Commission, term to expire on August 1, 2017.

Mrs. Forrester -Yes

Mr. Beausoleil -Yes

Mr. Groh -Yes

TAX REFUNDS

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

Camille Benjamin	\$ 85.07
David J. Charbonneau	\$31.52
Roland F. or Lucille Hebert	\$ 65.93
Thomas P. and Mary L. Miller	\$ 15.23
Thomas P. Miller	\$ 25.97
Scott M. Page	\$ 56.83
Anthony V. and Katherine A. Pezzano	\$ 13.18
Denise M. Rondeau	\$ 9.88

Richard R. Samborski	\$ 15.87
Margaret L. Sellers or Patricia M. Devine	\$ 22.42
Christopher M. Smith	\$ 25.40
Sandra Stockwell	\$ 55.76
Madeleine R. Thibeault	\$ 27.19
Travis Alexander	\$ 39.96
Ruth V. Benoit	\$ 7.17
J.J. Bogolofski III and Paula A. Bogolofski	\$ 80.91
Jeffrey J. Lueth	\$133.20
Marie J. DeJesus	\$ 4.08

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

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - POSSIBLE LAND TRANSFER

Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Mr. Beausoleil, to enter into Executive Session to discuss a possible land transfer at 8:38 p.m.

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

The Board retired to the Selectman's chambers.

The Board returned to the Merrill Seney Community Room at 9:02 p.m.

Mr. Groh stated that the subject of the Executive Session was the Richardson Property off New Road. He gave a brief history of land acquisition in this area that is near the Tri-State Marker, and specific information on the history of this parcel. The Town Attorney had recorded a deed within the last thirty days from the Richardson Family to the Town of Thompson. This acquisition process had started approximately six years ago, but had not gone through the proper process of Town Meeting at that time. There was a discussion of the back taxes owed, and the Open Space Fund. The back taxes will be paid to the Town at the closing.

In order to move forward, this acquisition must be voted upon by the Board of Selectmen, the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Board of Finance and Town Meeting. If this process is not successful, the Town Attorney will record the deed back to the prior owners.

Motion made by Mr. Beausoleil, seconded by Mrs. Forrester, to approve the purchase of a certain tract or parcel of land consisting of three acres or more or less, adjacent to the Connecticut, Rhode Island land and more particularly described in a Quit Claim Deed as Tract 2 on a certain Quit Claim Deed from Barbara Kuzdzol to Rita C. Richardson et al. at Volume 271, Page 147 of the Thompson Land Records for a price of Four Thousand Eight Hundred and 00/100 (\$4,800.00) Dollars. This matter will now be sent to the Planning and Zoning

Commission, then to the Board of Finance, and to the Board of Selectmen for approval of a Town Meeting.

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

Discussion on Motion: As stated in the motion, this matter will go the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Board of Finance and then back to the Board of Selectmen for approval of the Town Meeting Notice.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Mr. Beausoleil, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:25 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:
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