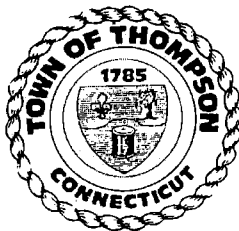


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SELECTMEN'S MEETING July 2, 2013

The Board of Selectmen held a Selectmen's Meeting on Tuesday, July 2, 2013, at 7:04 p.m. at the Quinebaug Volunteer Fire Department – 720 Quinebaug Road.

PRESENT: Larry Groh, First Selectman; Kenneth Beausoleil, Selectman; Kerstin Forrester, Selectman, William St. Onge – Town Attorney, Kevin Walsh, Joseph Gaucher, Sally White, Kathleen Herbert, Paul Baer and other concerned citizens.

1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Mrs. Forrester, seconded by Mr. Beausoleil, to accept the minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting of June 18, 2013, with one correction.

Mrs. Forrester stated that there was no motion made regarding item 6) Request for Proposal – Solar Advisory Committee. The item should have been written as "no action" taken.

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

2) CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from Mr. Dave Chaput, Director of TWPCA, stating that the Thompson Laundry, located at 915 Riverside Drive will be closing as of June 30, 2013.
2. Monthly Calls for Service Report from Connecticut State Police, Troop D Barracks for the month of June, 2013.
3. Memo from the Library Board of Trustees, dated June 24, 2013, regarding three building matters.

Motion made by Mrs. Forrester, seconded Mr. Beausoleil, to add the Library Board of Trustees discussion to item 12) Other Business.

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

3) SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS:

- Mr. Groh thanked the Quinebaug Volunteer Fire Department for the use of their facility for the Selectmen's Meeting. He also wished everyone a safe and happy Fourth of July.
- Mr. Beausoleil stated the same.
- Mrs. Forrester asked if they have received reports from CT Water regarding the status of the fire hydrants and water lines, and Mr. Groh stated that they do not get reports but they can request reports for the Fire Advisory Committee. Also, Mrs. Forrester asked about CT Water issuing a check to the Town of Thompson for \$70,000.00 to repair their roads and is this a regular budget item. Mr. Groh stated that they would have gone before the BOF and the BOS and they would have requested that the money be moved from their fund.

4) CITIZEN'S COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

- Sally White made a statement regarding the Conservation Committee appointment and she made clear that she had expressed an interest in this position and why was she not considered. Mr. Groh stated that he does request that citizens put their requests in writing which he did not receive from her until 3 weeks later. Mr. Groh also stated that he spoke with Carolyn Werge to see if she had received other inquiries, and she stated that Carol Smith was interested and had submitted her request and she was then appointed. He also stated that there is an ordinance which states that the First Selectmen can appoint a commissioner but he did not find out until recently that the ordinance had been updated as of 2010 which states that the Board is to appoint commissioners. He apologized for this over-site.
- Kevin Walsh asked if Mr. Groh attended the 2 recent NECCOG meetings and Mr. Groh stated that he did attend the meetings. He further requested that Mr. Groh please pass on any information that he has learned to the community at the BOS meetings. He also requested that the Board discuss sending a letter to the Renewable Energy Committee requesting that they participate with the Solar Advisory Committee and can they add this item back to the agenda. Mr. Groh stated that they have requested that the Committee be involved and that they are hopeful that they will become involved. Mr. Groh also stated that the NECCOG meeting discussion was regarding bringing the number of the regions down. They also had a general discussion on each region's particular involvement. No decisions were made.
- Paul Baer discussed Sally White's interest in the Conservation Committee appointment and why wasn't she considered for this position. Mr. Groh stated that when a Board or Commission position becomes open, if it is an elected position, they ask the Democratic or Republican Town Committee to see if they have a recommendation. If after 30 days they have not received a recommendation, than the BOS can suggest someone for appointment. He further reiterated that a mistake was made and it was not intentional.

5) MARIANAPOLIS SEWER PROJECT:

The Marianapolis sewer project agreement was reviewed in detail by Town Attorney, William St. Onge. Mrs. Forrester asked if the town would write the grant and who would pay for this. Mr. Groh stated that the Town Planner and Finance Director would be writing the grant and they would not be reimbursed for this. It was stated that all costs associated, outside of any attorney fees and the grant writing, would be reimbursed to the town by Marianapolis. They agreed to include a bond to ensure that any reimbursements take place even if the project has been stopped. Mrs. Forrester asked what the impact on the town's bond rating would be for taking on this kind of project. Mr. Groh stated that he did not know but this would probably be discussed at the BOF meeting. Mrs. Forrester also asked if the land is considered taxable. Mr. Groh stated that it is not taxable. The BOS reviewed the map indicating the 2 easements in the consent order. Mr. Groh explained that the town applying for the grant to pay for the project for the school, including paying for the cost of the grant writing, will save the town substantially. Mrs. Forrester asked if they are only paying for this with the grant, and the town attorney stated that they are paying for this with a grant and a loan from the town. If they decide to not pay the loan, the town will have the lien.

Motion made by Mrs. Forrester, seconded by Mr. Beausoleil, to sign the agreement of the parties, executed by the full Board of Selectmen subject to 1) The town attorney's request be incorporated into the final draft 2) All proposed attachments be provided to the town prior to signature.

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

6) NOTICE OF RECONVENED MEETING FOR QUADDICK LAKE ASSOCIATION:

Town Attorney William St. Onge suggested that the town file a new legal notice for the reconvening of the adjourned meeting with the appropriate time and place. A citizen asked the question regarding voting

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rights of citizens on Quaddick Lake. Mr. Groh stated that you have to be a full-time resident to vote. The Board of Registry will be printing out a list of full-time residents to be used on the day of voting. He further stated that the residents should bring identification to show proof of their residency. The citizens were reminded that this is a meeting of the proposed district and not a town meeting. Mr. Groh stated that he has chosen a paper ballot for voting and will also be present as a mediator. He stated that the meeting will be held on July 13, 2013, at noon at the Quinebaug Volunteer Fire Department.

Motion made by Mr. Beausoleil, seconded by Mrs. Forrester, to post a new legal notice for the reconvening of the adjourned meeting on July 13, 2013, at 12:00 pm at the Quinebaug Volunteer Fire Department.

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

Amended motion to review previous minutes (and the previous notice) to see if the previous meeting started at 12:00 pm or 10:00 am and to post the notice with the same time.

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

7) REQUEST FROM TRANSFER STATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Mr. Groh received a request from the transfer station to have the BOS review their brochure and make a recommendation regarding their permit and disposal fees. Mr. Groh spoke with Leo Adams and he stated that he does not see a problem with the fees. Mr. Groh also stated that he feels that the fees are fine as they are. Mr. Groh further stated that Karen Durlach put together an offense form to track some of the violators. Mrs. Forrester stated that they should keep track of the violators so they can at least have a way to determine who the true violators are. They also included an ordinance so that they can hand them out at the transfer station. One citizen complained that most vehicles are open and the trash blows out all over the road. Mr. Groh stated that the ordinance does state that all trash must be covered or secured. Sally White asked how are they going to monitor the area and Mr. Groh stated that they can ask the State Police to monitor the area which they have done in the past. Mr. Groh stated that if there is a significant violation or number of violations from a permittee, then they would have to go before the BOS. Mr. Beausoleil stated that he would prefer to educate the permittees then just revoke their permit and have the trash dumped all over the roadside. Mrs. Forrester stated that they should campaign that all dump loads have to be covered or secured and that they will be tracking all loads. Mr. Groh stated that the enforcement has to happen at the transfer station. He agreed that education is the key initially over several months before they begin any real enforcement.

Motion made by Mrs. Forrester, seconded by Mr. Beausoleil, to begin an education campaign, specifically referring to the Garbage, Rubbish, Refuse and Recycling Ordinance NO. 10-021 Section 9 – Collection and Transport, which states “that all garbage, rubbish or other refuse collected and transported within the Town of Thompson shall be covered or secured in such a manner as to prevent scattering of these materials upon the streets and highways” and to use the transfer station’s recommended violation form for tracking purposes only for 2 months beginning on August 1, 2013, through September 30, 2013.

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

8) APPOINTMENT TO CONSERVATION COMMISSION:

No action taken.

9) APPOINTMENT TO PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION:

Motion made by Mr. Beausoleil, seconded by Mrs. Forrester, to appoint Charlene Langlois to the Commission.

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

10) FIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP:

Mrs. Forrester reviewed the membership list; the chief of each fire department, the chairperson, one citizen and there is a vacancy for another citizen. Each chief is allowed to have an alternate which needs approval.

Motion made by Mr. Beausoleil, seconded by Mrs. Forrester, to appoint all four alternates, as named during the meeting, to the Fire Advisory Committee.

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

11) TAX REFUNDS:

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

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

Diane L. Delay \$34.19

12) OTHER BUSINESS:

•It was restated by Kevin Walsh that the BOS need to request the Renewable Energy Committee to work with the Solar Advisory Committee on the Solar Panel project. Kathleen Herbert felt that a letter needs to go out to all of the members to ask them to work together. Mr. Walsh stated that he feels that the Renewable Energy Committee does not want to work with them for a reason and he doesn't feel that this is proper. They both work for the town and they are not entitled to be able to pick what project that they want to work on. Mr. Groh stated that he is making serious accusations. Mr. Walsh stated that he has spoken with them and he requested that Mr. Groh talk to them. Paul Baer stated that he has spoken with them and he stated that they worked on the solar energy project for the town and they got "screwed", to quote Mr. Baer, and they were pushed aside and now they don't want to get involved. Mr. Groh further stated that they did spend numerous hours on research to put solar panels on the school. He stated that the proposal did not get brought to the town. It was difficult to get measurements for the roof. He stated that the roof may have had to be replaced so it did not go any further. He also indicated that the priorities did change during the process and he can see why they would be a bit reluctant. He further stated that it is still appropriate to ask them because of the knowledge that they have acquired. Mr. Groh will send out a letter to the whole committee.

•Mr. Groh reviewed the Library Board of Trustees 3 building matters:
Sprinkler System – Replacement of all sprinkler mains \$40,753.00
Community Center HVAC – Replacement of pump #3 in Room #2 \$19,830.00
Sidewalk Curbing – Requesting an update from the town.

Mrs. Forrester stated that Leo Adams has received quotes from different companies to do the work on the sidewalk curbing and he will be getting quotes on used granite to see if it would be cheaper for the town

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to do the work. She also recommended that when they do go out to bid on the sprinkler system that they get more detail.

Mr. Groh stated, and the Board agreed, that he would like a formal proposal on the heat pump, give an update on the sidewalk curbing when that becomes available and postpone any replacement of the sprinkler system. Mr. Groh will speak to the Library Director on these matters.

13) CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

Paul Baer comments: •CCM? Subscription card contracts – Mr. Groh has contract ready to sign. •Fire Advisory Committee EMS Agreement status – Mrs. Forrester stated that she will look into this. Mr. Groh also stated that they need to give Mrs. Forrester some time to work on some of these items. •Mr. Baer stated that he has made attempts to educate everyone on the FOI Act and he stated that the BOE tried to hold another illegal Executive Session. •Vetting on Contractors. The Town Hall hired a contractor to clean the vents and they were not authorized to work in CT. He passed out a list of vetted contractors. •Kevin Walsh suggested that if they are going to hold the citizens accountable, then they have to follow the rules as well. •Joseph Gauthier spoke about the trash along his road. •Paul Baer asked if the Belding-Corticelli Committee put anything in motion. Mr. Groh stated that nothing is going to be done. •Kevin Walsh asked if the town has had any testing done on the site. Mr. Groh stated that there have been funds available to do a Phase 1 study from the DEEP. The town did not have the funds, but the DEEP had the funds. In order for the town to move forward they needed the property owner do a sign off. The Town Planner tried to have the property owner do the sign off, and 18 months later they did sign off authorizing the DEEP to do the study. The DEEP then stated that the funds were gone. He further stated that to his knowledge no Phase 1 study has been done on the site. •Paul Baer stated that since there are wells in the area that there should be water testing. Also, the sewer vent pipe on the library still appears to be broken. Mr. Beausoleil stated that he did speak with the maintenance person at the library and he is waiting until it is a little bit cooler to go up in the attic area to check for any leakage.

14) ADJOURN:

Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Mr. Beausoleil, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 11:02 p.m.

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

Recorded and transcribed by Patricia Lacasse