



**SELECTMEN'S MEETING**  
**October 1, 2013**

The Board of Selectmen held a Selectmen's Meeting on Tuesday, October 1, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall – Merrill Seney Room.

**PRESENT:** Larry Groh, First Selectman; Kenneth Beausoleil, Selectman; Paul Lenky, Kevin Walsh, Alvan Hill, Joseph Gaucher, Charlie Paquette, Norma O'Leary, WINY Reporter and other concerned citizens.

**1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Mr. Beausoleil, to accept the minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting of September 17, 2013, with corrections made by Mr. Groh.

Mr. Groh - Yes  
Mr. Beausoleil - Yes

**Corrections shown in bold:**

#4 Citizen's Comments – Paul Baer comments – He also stated that there is an **Ordinance** Committee which has been reactivated. Paul Lenky comments – The BOS can propose a noise ordinance and then pass this on to the **Ordinance** Committee.

**2) CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Letter from CL&P dated September 20, 2013, regarding the Interstate Reliability Project Docket No. 424/Construction Commencement and Contractor Contacts/Interstate Reliability Project Development and Management Plan Substations.
2. Memo from the Town Planner, Mary Ann Chinatti, dated September 25, 2013, regarding Thompson bridges with the inventory ratings. – Mr. Groh pointed out 2 bridges in particular, the bridge on Blain Road over the French River at 53 tons and West Thompson Road over the French River at 59 tons.

**3) ORDINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE:**

Charles Paquette, Chairmen of the Ordinance Review Committee, was present to request that the BOS approve a change to Paragraph #6 Item #2 of the Inland Wetlands Ordinance. "The Committee suggested that the Board of Selectmen approve the activities of the Inland Wetlands Commission to retain and employ consultants and assistants for the purposes of rendering legal, financial, technical or other assistance and advice." The Board thanked Mr. Paquette for his input and suggested that he put something together in writing for their review. Mr. Paquette stated that he would discuss this with the Committee at their next meeting of October 3, 2013.

**4) SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS:**

- 1) Mr. Groh stated that Community Day, held on September 29, 2013, was a great success. He commented that it was the best turnout yet. He also stated that Rocky Navarro won Volunteer of the Year for 49 years of service with the Community Fire Department and Fort Hill Farms won Business of the Year.
- 2) Mr. Beausoleil agreed that it was a great day and there was a nice variety of services such as the local churches, Relay for Life, Boy Scouts and even the CT State Police were present and hopefully it will continue to grow and expand in the future. He also commented that the Recreation Department did a

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great job organizing everything; including the Highway Department with setting up. He said that it was a total town effort. He also stated that little kids and their parents loved the baled hay maize very much.

##### **5) CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:**

●Alvan Hill commented that as a member of P&Z, he was concerned about the weight limit of the bridges over the French River and he felt that dump trucks fully loaded could not go over these bridges safely. He also commented that as of October 1, 2013, that he read about a state statute which would allow disabled veterans to get a 100% exemption from paying property taxes. He also added that the statute indicated state reimbursement to the towns.

●Kevin Walsh inquired about the town ordinances and bylaws and is every ordinance and bylaw available, and Mr. Groh stated that he did not think so and that this is a task that the Ordinance Review Committee has been charged with completing. Mr. Groh also stated that the last time the ordinances were updated they were given numbers, and the ones that were not updated were put in an historical document which is still effective. They asked the Committee to make sure that both the numbered and the historical document have been updated and to make sure that they are given to the state. He also noted that they are not in compliance with the state and need to be as soon as possible. Mr. Walsh also stated that he read an article in the Norwich Bulletin about the drug discount cards and he asked if the contract had been signed. Mr. Groh stated that it has been completed and they are waiting for the discount cards. Mr. Walsh also inquired about the recent NECCOG meeting and what the status is on the Probate Court moving out of Thompson and the \$700.00 monthly rent for their area in the town hall from July 1, 2013, until they vacate the area. Mr. Groh stated that the Board at the NECCOG meeting made a verbal agreement regarding the funds but would not make a motion to relieve the funds to the town. He also stated that the Probate Court should be disclosing a site for relocation within a few weeks.

●Norma O'Leary asked if the NECCOG meeting, regarding the Probate Court verbal agreement, had been recorded. Mr. Groh stated that he was not sure. She also added that there were suggestions made, regarding the Community Day Event, to have some tables and chairs in the area where food was served. She further commented that October 26, 2013, will be "Make a Difference Day" where citizens in the community can do things like clean up roadside areas or whatever they would like to do to make a difference in their community. Mr. Groh commented that Mrs. O'Leary should speak with WINY about this and it was mentioned that this is a national event.

●Joseph Gaucher stated that there was a problem in one of the parking areas during the Community Day Event where cars were hitting bottom. The Board commented that they would have Leo Adams look into this.

●Kevin Walsh inquired into the needed repair work at the playground on Wilsonville Road. Mr. Groh stated that they do not have any more of the posts for the railing and that they would need to put in metal railing and Leo Adams will need to find a piece of equipment that can bend metal to complete the repair work.

##### **6) APPOINTMENTS TO RECREATION COMMISSION:**

Motion made by Mr. Beausoleil, seconded by Mr. Groh, to appoint Sylvie Hanshaw to the Recreation Commission.

Mr. Groh - Yes  
Mr. Beausoleil - Yes

##### **7) CDBG CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY:**

Mr. Groh stated that one of the requirements for HUD in applying for CDBG grants is that there must be a Conflict of Interest Policy in place for the town. Mr. Groh reviewed a recommended policy.

Motion made by Mr. Beausoleil, seconded by Mr. Groh, to allow the First Selectmen to sign the Conflict of Interest Policy.

Mr. Groh - Yes  
Mr. Beausoleil - Yes

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## 8) REQUEST TO USE TRANSFER STATION – CADET TROOP 65553:

Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Mr. Beausoleil, to approve Saturday, November 2, 2013, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for Cadet Troop 65553 to set up a cookie sale booth. **Comment: The Troop will have to coordinate with the transfer station personnel where to set up their booth.**

Mr. Groh - Yes  
Mr. Beausoleil - Yes

## 9) CERTIFICATION FOR MUNICIPAL GRANTS-IN-AID:

Mr. Groh read the Certification for Municipal Grants-in-Aid.

Motion made by Mr. Beausoleil, seconded by Mr. Groh, to authorize the First Selectmen to approve and execute the certification.

Mr. Groh - Yes  
Mr. Beausoleil -Yes

## 10) TAX REFUNDS:

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

Mr. Groh - Yes  
Mr. Beausoleil -Yes

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| STEPHEN A. BIBEK               | \$23.43               |
| DANIEL BOYDEN                  | \$26.91               |
| HEATHER BOYDEN                 | \$46.97               |
| LESLIE J. BOSTWICK, JR.        | \$5.32                |
| LYNN C. DAWES                  | \$35.99               |
| MARK R. SR. OR DIANNA J. HEATH | \$45.27               |
| HONDA LEASE TRUST              | \$165.10              |
| DAVID B. MILLER                | \$2.51, \$5.43, \$.92 |
| MARY L. OR THOMAS P. MILLER    | \$38.28               |
| THOMAS P. MILLER               | \$42.15, \$36.99      |
| THOMAS P. OR JORDAN T. MILLER  | \$16.81               |
| KEITH MURRAY                   | \$38.34               |
| WAYNE G. STEWART               | \$3.88                |
| DAVID W. TREMBLAY              | \$56.95               |

## 11) OTHER BUSINESS:

No other business.

## 12) ADJOURN:

Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Mr. Beausoleil, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:50 p.m.

Mr. Groh - Yes  
Mr. Beausoleil -Yes

Recorded and transcribed by Patricia Lacasse.