



SELECTMEN'S MEETING

January 21, 2014

The Board of Selectmen held a Selectmen's Meeting on Tuesday, January 21, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall – Merrill Seney Room.

PRESENT: Paul Lenky, First Selectman; Kerstin Forrester, Selectman; Shaina Smith, Selectman; Linda Jarmolowicz, Kevin Walsh, Anna Czervovinska and Mike Blackmer – WINY Reporter.

1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Forrester, to accept the minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting of December 17, 2013, with corrections.

Mr. Lenky - Yes
Mrs. Forrester – Yes
Mrs. Smith – Yes

CORRECTIONS: Page 7, 14) Other Business: 2) Incident Analysis of Fatal Fire Report – She further stated that they made a list of the corrections needed to try to prevent this kind of thing from happening again. She also stated that the State Police does not yet have a report because when they do provide a report, their concern would be with the cause of the fire.

2) CORRESPONDENCE:

1) Mrs. Forrester had a list of emails to the BOS and directly to Mrs. Forrester. One email she read, for the record, from Sergeant Mark D. Grasso #131. - Lt. Vance forwarded your inquiry to me regarding the fire that resulted in a fatality on February 20, 2013, which is being investigated under case number CFS13-00106184. As I am sure that you are aware, investigations such as these are complex and require lengthy follow up work. The CT State Police Fire & Explosion Investigation unit prides itself in conducting thorough investigations in a loss of life, we make every effort to ensure that we do our due diligence to investigate and document all possible causes of the fire. I have spoken to the lead detective assigned to this investigation and he has informed me that he has completed all of his investigative reports. I anticipate having a draft of the completed file submitted for review sometime this week. (This email was not exact as some of it was cut off).

2) Mrs. Smith stated that she had some of the same emails as Mrs. Forrester.

3) Mr. Lenky stated that on January 9, 2014, the Selectmen's office received a phone call from a Susan Cohan; she works at Day Kimball with elderly patients. Susan had a lady in her office that needed fuel oil. She called TEEG and Access but did not get an answer and it went to voice mail after several times that she tried. Since she was not successful she called our office. I got as much information that I could and told her I would make some phone calls and get back to her. I was successful and got in touch with Access and they assured me that the woman was going to receive her fuel delivery but she had to call the oil company by noon and she would be receiving a delivery. I called Susan Cohen and gave her the information. They were very thankful. These are the type of things that the Selectmen's office deals with on a daily basis and are pleased to do so.

3) SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS:

1) Mrs. Forrester asked Mr. Lenky if he had been in contact with Leo Adams about the power not being disconnected at 65 Main Street. Mr. Lenky did contact Mr. Adams and he talked to Shawn Johnson and he stated that he will look into this to find out why it was not disconnected and he further stated that they

have a work order to make sure that the power is turned off. Mrs. Forrester also requested to add the appointment to Charter Communication Advisory Council to other business.

2) Mrs. Smith stated that the community bonfire was well attended. She wanted to thank the Recreation Department and Community Fire Department as well for putting on another safe and successful evening. Also, TEEG is hosting its 2nd Access Health Connecticut Enrollment Event to be held on January 27, 2014, from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm and if anyone is interested, you have to call and preregister and the phone number is 860-923-3458.

3) Mr. Lenky requested to add the Letter of Endorsement for the Brownfield State Grant to other business.

Motion made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Lenky to add under agenda #14) Other Business, appointment to Charter Communication Advisory Council, as requested by Mrs. Forrester.

Mr. Lenky - Yes
Mrs. Forrester – Yes
Mrs. Smith – Yes

Motion made by Mrs. Forrester, seconded by Mrs. Smith to add under agenda #14) Other Business, approval of a Letter of Endorsement from the BOS for the Brownfield State Grant, as requested by Mr. Lenky.

Mr. Lenky - Yes
Mrs. Forrester – Yes
Mrs. Smith – Yes

4) CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

- Kevin Walsh – He requested a correction to a statement from the December 17, 2013, minutes Page 4 item 8) Blasting Ordinance – Donat Charron, in the last paragraph. – Kevin Walsh asked what the process is for the Ordinance Review Committee to write an ordinance for approval. Mr. Lenky stated that they would receive an ordinance from the Ordinance Review Committee for approval or corrections, then send it back to the Ordinance Review Committee for final rewrite and then to the BOS again for final approval before going to a Town Meeting for a vote. Also, he stated that the last administration was working on a website policy which would require that all town employees utilizing their own personal email accounts would have to use the town appointed emails instead. Mrs. Forrester stated that they will talk about this later on down the agenda.

- Anna Czervinska asked if it was not too late to be considered for the Transfer Station Advisory Committee. Mrs. Forrester stated that it is not too late and they would need something in writing from her and they can make the appointment at the next BOS meeting.

5) COMMERCIAL HAULERS:

Mr. Lenky stated that there are 4 different commercial haulers using the transfer station and they currently are charged \$400.00 and they would like to raise the fee to \$450.00. This was recommended by the Transfer Station Advisory Committee.

Motion made by Mrs. Forrester, seconded by Mrs. Smith to raise the fee for commercial haulers from \$400.00 to \$450.00. Discussion on the motion - Mrs. Smith inquired as to the last time that the fee was raised and Mr. Lenky stated between 3 and 4 years and she also asked if they have always raised the fee in \$50.00 increments. No one knew this answer and Mrs. Forrester stated that they need to get information on what other neighboring towns are currently charging. Mrs. Forrester made a recommendation to withdraw the motion and to defer the motion until next meeting, seconded by Mrs. Smith.

Mr. Lenky - Yes
Mrs. Forrester – Yes
Mrs. Smith – Yes

6): BUDGET WORKSHOP SCHEDULE:

The BOS agreed to set up a schedule for budget workshops for the individual departments in the town to be scheduled from February 3 through 21, 2014, Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays am and pm. When complete they will publish this information on the website.

7) WEBSITE POLICY:

Mrs. Forrester read the important points of the draft of the website policy.

Draft of Website Policy – The Town of Thompson has a primary website, www.thompsonct.org. The Town of Thompson's central website is to be used by all town Boards/ Committees/Commissions to post agendas, minutes of all meetings, membership lists and all other information regarding the Boards/Committees/Commissions. This will make access to all town information quick and easy. Several Boards/Committees/Commissions currently have developed their own website. Since each of these websites carries with it at least an annual hosting cost, the Board of Selectmen unanimously voted to have these individual websites eliminated; see minutes of September 3, 2013. As of February 1, 2014, there are to be no new websites developed for any Boards/Committees/Commissions. All websites existing before February 1, 2014, are to be discontinued when the existing website needs to be renewed. No further renewals. As of February 1, 2014, all Boards/Committees/Commissions must integrate any existing websites with the town's primary website. At least one member of each Boards/Committees/Commissions has been provided access to the website that enables the posting and updating of information. All employees and Boards/Committees/Commissions members have been issued an email address to the Town of Thompson. These emails should be used for all town related correspondence. Prepared November 19, 2013.

Motion made by Mr. Lenky to approve the website policy, seconded by Mrs. Smith. Discussion was held regarding moving or integrating the individual website information into the town's central website without losing any information and that they should have a blueprint plan in place before moving any information. Also, they need to change the policy to read that all employees and Boards/Committees/Commissions members "must" use their email address issued by the Town of Thompson.

Mr. Lenky - Yes
Mrs. Forrester – Yes
Mrs. Smith – Yes

8) APPOINTMENTS FOR BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS AND TRANSFER STATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Motion made by Mrs. Forrester, seconded by Mrs. Smith, to appoint Linda Jarmolowicz to the Board of Assessment Appeals. Term Expiration of November 21, 2017.

Mr. Lenky - Yes
Mrs. Forrester – Yes
Mrs. Smith – Yes

Motion made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Forrester to appoint Lynn Landry, Al Landry, Paul Horanzy, Karen Durlach and David Ostrowski to the Transfer Station Advisory Committee. Term Expiration of November 17, 2015. Discussion regarding the term expiration date. Motion rescinded by Mrs. Forrester.

Motion made by Mrs. Forrester, seconded by Mrs. Smith to extend the Term Expiration to November 17, 2019, for the Transfer Station Advisory Committee.

Mr. Lenky - Yes
Mrs. Forrester – Yes
Mrs. Smith – Yes

9) TAX REFUNDS:

Motion made by Mrs. Forrester, seconded by Mrs. Smith, to refund the following overpayments as recommended by the Tax Collector, Rene Morin.

Mr. Lenky - Yes
Mrs. Forrester –Yes
Mrs. Smith – Yes

Richard A. Burke	\$138.47
Robert E. Lemieux, Jr.	\$41.36
Eric M. Roy	\$2.77

10) OTHER BUSINESS:

Motion made by Mrs. Forrester, seconded by Mrs. Smith to endorse the Letter of Application for a State Brownfield Grant, no match required, no payback, to the Department of Economic and Community Development.

Mr. Lenky - Yes
Mrs. Forrester –Yes
Mrs. Smith - Yes

Motion made by Mrs. Forrester, seconded by Mrs. Smith to appoint Dick Trudeau to the Charter Communication Advisory Council. Term expiration November 17, 2015.

Mr. Lenky - Yes
Mrs. Forrester –Yes
Mrs. Smith - Yes

11) ADJOURN:

Motion made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Forrester, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:54 p.m.

Mr. Lenky - Yes
Mrs. Forrester –Yes
Mrs. Smith - Yes

Recorded and Transcribed by Patricia Lacasse.