

SELECTMAN'S MEETING
January 22, 2007

The Board of Selectmen held a Selectmen's Meeting on Monday, January 22, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. at the Library Community Center.

PRESENT: A. David Babbitt, First Selectman, Kathleen A. Hiatt, Selectman; Lawrence K. Groh, Jr. Selectman, Leo Adams, Lynn Landry, Elisa Myslivy, Molly Mopling, Kayelyn Seiden,

Mr. Babbitt opened the meeting explaining this is our second meeting in January 2007, it is a little out of schedule and the reason is that tomorrow we have a referendum.

Mr. Babbitt introduced the panel. On my far left is Ms. Vriga she is here as our Recording Secretary, the next person is Larry Groh, Selectman, Kathy Hiatt, Selectman, First Selectman David Babbitt. Mr. Babbitt was pleased to see the Scouts could be with us tonight and all our other guests.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Ms. Hiatt to accept the minutes of the Selectman's Meeting of January 9, 2007 as presented. Seconded by Larry Groh, no further discussion.

Ms. Hiatt	-yes
Mr Groh	-yes
Mr. Babbitt	-yes

Motion made by Ms. Hiatt to accept the minutes of the Special Selectman's Meeting of January 9, Special Selectman's Meeting of January 10th, and January 22, 2007, as presented. Seconded by Larry Groh, no further discussion.

Ms. Hiatt	-yes
Mr. Groh	-yes
Mr. Babbitt	-yes

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Babbitt presented correspondence from Attorney St. Onge concerning the Fire Fighters tax abatement. All chiefs have received a copy of this letter.

Mr. Babbitt presented correspondence from Barbara Pickett stating her resignation from Planning & Zoning, Zoning Board of Appeals, Small Cities Redevelopment, and Economic Development. A letter will be sent to Barbara thanking her for her time with the Town.

Mr. Babbitt presented correspondence from the Town of Dudley inviting us to a celebration of 275 years. All Selectmen were invited to attend. Mr. Babbitt extended the invitation to Joe Iamantino, who will attend. The celebration will be on February 3, 2007 at 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Babbitt presented correspondence from State of Connecticut. This office has recently received the estimated figure for the total cost of administration of the Delinquent Motor Vehicle Tax Collection service by the CT. Department of Motor Vehicles. Based on the 2005 Department of Public Health Population projects, the estimated charge to our town for its pro-rated cost of this service in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008 is \$1,649.58

Mr. Babbitt presented correspondence from the State of Connecticut DEP regarding Well-Water sample results at a residence on Thompson Hill Road. It looks like we are doing okay. Sodium and Chloride levels were tested. The DEP determined the water supply was potable with respect to the constituents tested.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS

Mr. Babbitt informed everyone and the Board that we have been involved in several Special Selectmen's Meetings and last week we had a Town Meeting.

Mr. Babbitt informed everyone that Winston Averill, Town Consultant and Leo Adams, DPW Director and he have been involved in a Wastewater Treatment study. More information will be forthcoming. The meeting was held last Friday.

Mr Babbitt also stated that he met with a particular business in the River Mill.

Mr. Babbitt met with representatives regarding Alternative Septic Systems, large and small. The Alternative system works well in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Maine. The State of Connecticut has not come up with any kind of standard. A meeting was held recently in Danielson. We urged the Department of Health, the Department of Environment Protection and our local Department of Health to come up with a standard so that when the study is completed, hopefully by March, we will be ready.

Mr. Babbitt also attended CT Organization of Small Towns town meeting. The meeting was held in Cromwell and it was very interesting. John Guskowski attended the meeting. Also in attendance were Senator Don Williams, a Representative from North Stonington, the Lt. Governor, State Controller, Representative Shawn Johnston, and the Speaker of the House.

Mr. Babbitt stated that the budget process has begun.

Mr. Babbitt stated that he met with the Board of Finance the other night.

Mr. Babbitt met with Carolyn Werge. They went to Quaddick to look at a parcel of land that a person wants to donate to the Town.

Mr. Babbitt met with Phil Law on Friday with the Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk and the Director of Planning and Development, asking Mr. Law to explain some of the things he is planning to do with the Grosvenordale Mill. Mr. Law, the person who owns the Grosvenordale mill, he also purchased the building where the King of Pools is located.

Mr. Babbitt stated that he went to the Chamber of Commerce awards night at Thompson Speedway. TEEG was the recipient of the Humanitarian Award.

Mr. Babbitt stated that all Selectmen were in session with all department heads doing training for labor negotiations.

Mr. Babbitt stated that he would be at the Rocky Hill Marriott at CIRMA.

Mr. Babbitt stated that on Saturday morning there would be an EMS-legislative breakfast to be held at Quinebaug Fire Station.

Mr. Babbitt stated hopefully Saturday night there will be the Recreation Departments Bonfire.

Mr. Babbitt stated that West Thompson Fire Company received a \$237,000 FEMA grant to purchase a fire truck.

Mr. Babbitt stated that we have been working very hard to get the \$300,000 for the Quinebaug Fire Station. We just received the paperwork. and we need to add approval of the resolution to tonight's agenda. David Babbitt made motion to put this resolution on the agenda under Other Business as 11a, which will allow the First selectman to complete the necessary paperwork. Kathy Hiatt seconded the motion.

Kathy Hiatt	-yes
Larry Groh	-yes
David Babbitt	-yes

Mr. Babbitt stated he spoke with Arthur Stone – will be here February 13.

Kathy Hiatt stated that in her UCONN Division of Athletics Calendar for August 2007 there is a picture of AJ Siekierski, a resident of North Grosvenordale, who is on the golf team.

Ms. Hiatt stated the TVCC meeting on the senior lunch program is going to be February 14th. Heater was brought to them and they were happy.

Ms. Hiatt stated that last Friday in the Thompson Villager the Selectmen's Update was included.

Mr. Groh stated that as a reminder to everyone to be sure to vote tomorrow.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

A concerned citizen questioned if there has been any discussion regarding the hydroelectric Power. Mr. Babbitt responded very little discussion at this time.

REQUEST FOR TRANSFER STATION USAGE

Selling Girl Scout Cookies troop #5559 March 10th from 9 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Motion made by Larry Groh, seconded by Kathy Hiatt as presented

Kathy Hiatt	-yes
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Larry Groh -yes
David Babbitt -yes

Brownie Troop #5421 on March 17, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to set up a cookies sale booth for their fun raiser. Motion made by Kathy Hiatt, seconded by Larry Groh as presented.

Kathy Hiatt -yes
Larry Groh -yes
David Babbitt -yes

DPW REQUEST TO PURCHASE CAB AND CHASSE

Approximately \$8,000.00 expenditure to purchase a 1 ton dump. If the Board of Selectmen approve this expenditure it will then go to the Board of Finance. Mike Martin our Finance Director feels that the money is attainable. This will be explained in detail to the Board of Finance. Kathy Hiatt made a motion to approve up to \$8,000.00, coupled with the \$18,000.00 savings from the bid which comes up to \$26,000.00 to have Leo Adams go off the State bids to buy a cab and chase so that we will have a full truck 1 ton. Larry Groh seconded as presented.

Kathy Hiatt -yes
Larry Groh -yes
David Babbitt -yes

RE-APPOINTMENT TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

To appoint Sally White to the Economic Development Commission. Her appointment would be as of today January 22, 2007 through the December 31, 2011. Kathy Hiatt made a motion to reappoint Sally White Larry Groh seconded the motion.

Kathy Hiatt -yes
Larry Groh -yes
David Babbitt -yes

REQUEST TO CLOSE BATES AVENUE

Thompson Recreation requests that Bates Avenue be closed March 31, 2007 (the Rain date of April 7, 2007) 2:00 noon to 2:30 p.m. for the Easter Bunny to come. Larry Groh made motion to accept, Kathy Hiatt seconded.

Kathy Hiatt	-yes
Larry Groh	-yes
David Babbitt	-yes

TAX REFUNDS

Motion made by David Babbitt, seconded by Kathy Hiatt to refund the following overpayments as recommended by the Tax Collector, Rene Morin:

Rebecca Hanson	\$70.51
Jacqueline Miller	\$141.73
David & Jean Blomberg	\$428.71
Donald Schellhammer Jr.	\$ 60.45
Richard Majercik	\$169.36

Kathy Hiatt	-yes
Larry Groh	-yes
David Babbitt	-yes

OTHER BUSINESS

SIGNING RESOLUTION

We have received \$300,000 from the State for the Quinebaug Fire Department, however, in order to actually receive the funds, we still have to fill out the necessary paperwork. John Guskowski has been calling the State to move this along, but they never returned our calls. Mr. Babbitt received, at his home Friday night, the papers that we have been waiting for. This resolution gives the First Selectman the right to sign the papers. Kathy Hiatt made a motion to sign the resolution allowing the First Selectman to execute the document to get grant aid for the Quinebaug Fire Station, Larry Groh seconded the motion.

Kathy Hiatt	-yes
Larry Groh	-yes
David Babbitt	-yes

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 p.m.