



SELECTMEN'S MEETING

February 19, 2008

The Board of Selectmen held a Selectmen's Meeting on Tuesday, February 19, 2008, at 7:30 p.m. in the Merrill Seney Community Room.

PRESENT: Lawrence K. Groh, Jr., First Selectman; Sarah F. White, Selectman; Kathleen A. Hiatt, Selectman; Michael Martin, Finance Director; Leo Adams, Director of Public Works; Alison Boutaugh; Theodore Smith; James Sali; Joseph Gaucher; Celeste Guimont; Karen Durlach; Al Landry; Gary Bissette; Joanne Curtis; Stephen Benoit; Elizabeth Vriga; Paul Horanzy; Joseph Donovan; Kevin Walsh; Ken Beausoleil; Joel Hiatt; Robert Werge; Celeste Fifield; Randy Fifield; Dale Fifield; Norma O'Leary; Ronald Tillen; Ida Ransom; Carolyn Werge; Bill Bainbridge; Mason Wood – Thompson Villager; WINY Radio; other concerned citizens

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Mr. Groh, to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2008 Special Selectmen's meeting as presented.

Discussion on Motion: Miss White stated that she has not made arrangements to meet with Tonya in regard to the minutes and that she did not want to approve them until this is done. Motion and second withdrawn. The Board agreed to add this item to the agenda for the next Selectmen's meeting but not to delay the approval of the minutes longer than that.

Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Mr. Groh, to accept the minutes of the January 28, 2008 Special Selectmen's Meeting, the January 29, 2008 Special Selectmen's meeting, the February 1, 2008 Special Selectmen's meeting, the February 4, 2008 Special Selectmen's meeting and the February 6, 2008 Special Selectmen's meeting as presented.

<i>Ms. Hiatt</i>	<i>-Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Groh</i>	<i>-Yes</i>
<i>Miss White</i>	<i>-Abstain</i>

Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Mr. Groh, to accept the minutes of the February 6, 2008 Selectmen's meeting as presented.

<i>Ms. Hiatt</i>	<i>-Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Groh</i>	<i>-Yes</i>
<i>Miss White</i>	<i>-Abstain</i>

CORRESPONDENCE

- Mr. Groh presented correspondence from the Director of Planning & Development in regard to a proposed Ordinance change for the budget resolution and state and federal grants.
- Mr. Groh presented a list of grants that are current and proposed from the Director of Planning & Development. Miss White stated that this is not the information that was requested. Ms. Hiatt stated that the Board agreed that a spreadsheet was needed but that the Board was supposed to provide the Director of Planning & Development with the titles for the spreadsheet.
- Mr. Groh presented correspondence from NECCOG in regard to a workshop on Freedom of Information. Ms. Hiatt requested that Betty provide copies of the workshop invitation to all Boards and Commissions.
- Mr. Groh presented information from the Connecticut State Police in regard to re-arrest warrants.
- Ms. Hiatt referred to a letter that is included in the budget presentation from Don Brown.
Note: Letter is hereby included as reference.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS

- Mr. Groh welcomed the audience in attendance and stated that this is the largest crowd he has ever seen at a Selectmen's meeting.
- Mr. Groh stated that he has received a couple of requests for street lights in town and that this will be added to the agenda for the next Selectmen's meeting.
- Mr. Groh stated that the Board has been working on the budget and that although the Board is not done, this is a great opportunity for the public to provide feedback.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

- Mr. Bisette, President of Quaddick Lake Association, asked for the status of the Ordinance change in regard to the grant for Quaddick Lake.
- Mr. Gaucher stated that there are many street lights out around town.
- Mr. Landry reminded the audience that Thompson Together Environment Committee is holding a sold-out fundraiser on Saturday, February 23, 2008 for the French River Buffer project.
- Ms. Curtis asked if there is any system in place with all the growth to re-evaluate the speed limit signs in town. Miss Hiatt explained that in the past, citizens have presented requests to the Board of Selectmen to review requests in regard to speed limits.

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- Ms. Curtis stated that there are plans to place a cell tower near her home on the border of Thompson and Putnam and that there has been no communication to Thompson residents in regard to this cell tower. Ms. Curtis asked that if there is any information in regard to this tower that she would like to know about it.

PRESENTATION OF BUDGET

Mr. Groh presented the proposed FY 2009 budget to the audience in attendance which included operating expenditures and capital expenditures. A lengthy question and answer session followed.

MUNICIPAL RESOLUTION – THOMPSON/PUTNAM LINKED TRAIL SYSTEM

Mr. Groh explained that this is a grant that was awarded to the Town to expand the trail system from Thompson to Putnam. Ms. Hiatt read the resolution to the audience.

Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Mr. Groh, that we sign the resolution of the municipal legislative body for the Thompson / Putnam Linked Trail System as presented by the Director of Planning and Development.

<i>Ms. Hiatt</i>	<i>-Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Groh</i>	<i>-Yes</i>
<i>Miss White</i>	<i>-No</i>

Discussion on Motion: Miss White stated that the resolution reads that the Town of Thompson becomes a contractor to the Department of Environmental Protection and that the Town becomes subject to federal project approval. Miss White stated that it is not clear to her what the terms and conditions of this contract are or the budget impact of the project. A lengthy discussion followed.

TAX REFUND (2)

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

-Ford Motor Credit Company	-\$195.13
-Haley Paul	-\$182.69

<i>Mr. Groh</i>	<i>-Yes</i>
<i>Ms. Hiatt</i>	<i>-Yes</i>
<i>Miss White</i>	<i>-Yes</i>

OTHER BUSINESS

- Ms. Hiatt commented that Mr. Groh did a good job on the budget presentation to the public.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Mr. Groh, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 11:26 p.m.

<i>Ms. Hiatt</i>	<i>-Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Groh</i>	<i>-Yes</i>
<i>Miss White</i>	<i>-Yes</i>

Recorded and transcribed by:
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