



## SELECTMEN'S MEETING

### October 21, 2008

The Board of Selectmen held a Selectmen's Meeting on Tuesday, October 21, 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; Leo Adams, Director of Public Works; Stephen Benoit; Joseph Gaucher; Charles Seney; John Rice; Al Landry; Kevin Walsh; Dr. Joseph G. Adiletta; Matthew Adiletta; Joseph Adiletta; Norma O'Leary; Chris Owen; George Landry; Grace Landry; Dawn Adiletta; Robert Shippee; D.R. Hoenig; Joseph Iamartino; Delpha Very, Local Arts Program; Donna Grant, Executive Director of TEEG; James Esslinger – Worcester Telegram & Gazette; WINY Radio; other concerned citizens

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Mr. Groh, to accept the minutes of the Special Selectmen's meeting of September 19, 2008.*

*Amended motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Mr. Groh, to accept the minutes of the Special Selectmen's meeting of September 19, 2008 as amended.*

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

*Motion made by Ms. Hiatt to accept the minutes of the Selectmen's meeting of October 7, 2008 with corrections.*

A discussion was held in regard to the accuracy of the meeting minutes of the October 7, 2008 meeting.

*Motion withdrawn.*

*Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Ms. Hiatt, to table the minutes until the next Selectmen's meeting.*

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

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## **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Mr. Groh presented a response from the Conservation Officer in regard to previous correspondence about a proposed conservation consortium.
- Mr. Groh presented correspondence from Governor Rell in regard to new Freedom of Information rules.
- Mr. Groh presented correspondence from the Connecticut State Police in regard to re-arrest warrants.

## **PROCLAMATION FOR DR. JOSEPH G. ADILETTA**

Mr. Groh presented a proclamation for Dr. Joseph G. Adiletta. Ms. Hiatt read the proclamation to the audience. Samuel Stilwell, current Chair of the Thompson Water Pollution Control Authority, presented plaques to Dr. Joseph G. Adiletta in honor of his service to the Town of Thompson.

## **SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS**

- Mr. Groh commented that he did a presentation today at the School in regard to the process of voting, the responsibilities of the First Selectman and what it is like to run for office.
- Mr. Groh commented that revaluation has started and that Tyler Technologies, the company hired to perform the revaluation was in the Town Hall today. Mr. Groh stated the Tyler Technologies was not going to schedule appointments with residents during the holiday season.
- Mr. Groh commented that he asked the Board to hold a Special Selectmen's meeting on November 10<sup>th</sup> in order to discuss the Thompson Hill Sewer project. Mr. Groh stated that said meeting would be held at the Library/Community Center at 7:30 p.m.
- Miss White commented that there will be a Business Expo held for the first time this Saturday, October 25, 2008 between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at the Rivermill.
- Miss White commented on the financial report received from the Finance Director. Miss White asked that an item regarding the conveyance tax be added to the agenda for the next Selectmen's meeting.
- Ms. Hiatt commented that she is meeting with the Lieutenant from Troop D in regard to the statistics she has been working on.
- Ms. Hiatt commented that there is a change to the National Defense Authorization Act for 2008. Ms. Hiatt stated that it allows veterans and retirees who are present but not in uniform to render a military salute during a ceremonial hoisting or lowering of a flag or when the flag is in a parade.

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## **CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

- Mr. Shippee commented that he is concerned with the junk yard on Carol Avenue and that there are nine unregistered vehicles on a certain piece of property. A brief discussion followed.
- Mr. Walsh commented that the Town has been working on Blain Road and that it looks very good. Mr. Walsh thanked the Board and the Board of Finance for keeping the project going this year.
- Mr. Seney commented that the flags need to be taken down as they are torn. Mr. Seney commented that it is a disgrace.
- Mr. Rice commented that Community Fire Company has been working on taking the flags down and that they are hoping to have them all down by Saturday.

## **LOCAL ARTS PROGRAM – DELPHA VERY**

Ms. Very commented that she was very humbled by the ceremony held earlier for Dr. Joseph G. Adiletta. Ms. Very presented information to the Board in regard to the Local Arts Program. A lengthy discussion followed.

No action taken.

## **SOCIAL SERVICES BUILDING COMMITTEE – DISCUSSION/ACTION**

Mr. Groh presented the advertisement for the three vacancies on the Social Services Building Committee. Mr. Groh presented correspondence from Town Counsel in regard to non-residents serving on committees. The Board discussed the Committee composition as well as items they would like the Committee to work on. A lengthy discussion followed.

No action taken.

## **BUCKLEY HILL ROAD STATE PROJECT – ACTION REQUIRED**

The Board discussed the cancellation of contract for the Buckley Hill Road State project including what fees would have to be paid if the project is not completed. A lengthy discussion followed.

*Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Mr. Groh, that we authorize the First Selectman, Lawrence K. Groh, Jr., to sign the cancellation of contract as presented before us so that we may re-bid the contract.*

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

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## COMMUNICATION TOWER LEASE AGREEMENT – ACTION REQUIRED

The Board discussed the communication tower lease agreement for the cell tower located on Rich Road and the recommendations from Town Counsel on said agreement. A brief discussion followed.

*Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Mr. Groh, that we authorize the First Selectman to sign the lease in accordance with the guidance provided by the Town Attorney.*

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

## WILSONVILLE HYDRO PLANT – DISCUSSION/ACTION

The Board discussed the Wilsonville Hydro Plant. A brief discussion followed. Mr. Iamartino provided information to the Board in regard to how towns relate to hydro sites within their town. The Board will discuss this item on the agenda for the next Selectmen's meeting on November 5, 2008.

No action taken.

*Motion made by Miss White, seconded by Ms. Hiatt, that we discuss item number c of new business first and make a, b and b, c.*

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

## REQUEST FOR 3-WAY STOP SIGN AT INTERSECTION OF INDIAN INN ROAD AND SAND DAM ROAD – DISCUSSION

The Board discussed a proposed installation of an additional stop sign at the intersection of Indian Inn Road and Sand Dam Road, making said intersection a three-way stop as opposed to a two-way stop. A lengthy discussion followed.

*Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Miss White, that we convert the current stop sign situation and Indian Inn and Sand Dam to a three-way stop sign and that the First Selectman notify the abutting homeowner via letter that it is going to happen and that the Highway Department put the appropriate new stop sign warning stop when they put up the stop sign.*

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

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## WEST THOMPSON LAKE PROJECT – ACTION REQUIRED

Mr. Groh presented correspondence from the Army Corps of Engineers in regard to the renewal of the license for another five years for the maintenance of a portion of West Thompson Road at the West Thompson Dam. A brief discussion followed.

*Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Miss White, that we authorize the First Selectman to sign the supplemental agreement extending the subject license through December 27, 2012.*

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

## REQUEST FROM CL&P FOR SIGNS – DISCUSSION/ACTION

The Board discussed a request from CL&P to post signs at the Town Hall in regard to a public forum to be held on November 5, 2008 for the proposed upgrades to the power lines in the Elmwood Hill Road and Quaddick Town Farm Road area. A brief discussion followed.

*Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Mr. Groh, that we allow CL&P setting up two signs, one sandwich board outside Town hall and one interior sign from the period of October 29<sup>th</sup> to November 5<sup>th</sup> with the following stipulations: a) the First Selectman can move the sandwich board sign if it interferes with the traffic on Election Day or line of sight. B) that they provide us with a public notice that we can publish in the Thompson Villager so that all people know about this meeting and we can also post it alongside the sign in the Town Hall and that they take their sign down on November 6, after the meeting.*

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

## TAX REFUNDS

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

-Gary Parks	-\$35.63
-Jacqueline S or Paul L Therrien	-\$254.02
-Alfred A Habercross	-\$4.02
-Kristin F Sevigny	-\$1.83

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

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**OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**ADJOURN**

*Motion made by Miss White, seconded by Ms. Hiatt, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:38 p.m.*

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

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