



Town of Griswold
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
November 22, 2016
6:30 PM
Griswold Town Hall
Downstairs Meeting Room
28 Main St, Jewett City, CT 06351



MINUTES

- 1. Call to Order/Roll – Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Kevin Skulczyck, First Selectman**

Members Present: Kevin Skulczyck, First Selectman
Steve Merchant Sr., Second Selectman
Martin McKinney Jr., Third Selectman

Others Present: Lisa M. Wood, Executive Assistant
Evelyn Spagnolo, Assessor
15 interested citizens

- 2. Pledge of Allegiance – Pledge was cited.**
- 3. Approval of Minutes**

- a. October 25, 2016 – Regular Meeting Minutes**
- b. October 27, 2016 – Special Meeting Minutes**

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by M. McKinney, to approve the October 25, 2016 regular meeting minutes and the October 27, 2016 special meeting minutes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- 4. Correspondence – None**
- 5. New Business**

- a. Discussion and possible action on tax refunds as presented by Leona Sharkey, Tax Collector**

MOTION: Motion was made by M. McKinney, seconded by S. Merchant, to approve the one tax refund in the amount of \$117.62 as submitted by the Tax Collector. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- b. Discussion and possible action on update by Vision Appraisal on status of on-going appraisal service** – E. Spagnolo, Assessor, introduced Steve and Monique from Vision Appraisal and noted that notices will be going out next week to all residents regarding the revaluation. Monique gave an overview of the statistical revaluation which is an update and how it pertains to the residential property in town. Steve gave an overview of the commercial properties in town. The overall grand list including the commercial property has a decrease of 1%. The values were based on qualified sales and foreclosures are not considered qualified sales.
- c. Discussion and possible action on purchase offer received from Pachaug Beach Drive Association LLC regarding property known as 4 Beach Drive** – K. Skulczyck noted Pachaug Beach Drive Association has submitted a purchase offer of \$10,000. Atty. Theresa Madonna spoke representing Pachaug Beach Drive Association and asked the board to consider the positive action and amount of money the Association has spent in forming the Association and reviewing the deeds of the properties that have easements on the property. T. Madonna noted for M. McKinney that the Association was willing to waive the ten day response time noted in the letter. She also noted for K. Skulczyck that membership in the Association is voluntary and not all residents in that community participate. T. Madonna noted there are 12 families in the Association. E. Spagnolo noted the property card has a value around \$50,000. The Town's appraisal came in at 12-15 thousand. T. Madonna noted that Sotheby's took into consideration the size of the lots, the existing easements and the fact that the property is not a buildable lot. The BOS suggested an offer of \$12,000. Atty. Madonna took a brief recess to consult with her clients. Atty. Madonna confirmed the Association would be agreeable to an offer of \$12,000.

MOTION: Motion was made by M. McKinney, seconded by S. Merchant to accept the offer of \$12,000 from Pachaug Beach Drive Association LLC regarding property known as 4 Beach Drive and send for town meeting approval. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- d. Discussion and possible action on re-appointment of Thomas Giard Jr. as a regular member of the Economic Development Commission for a term that began 1/25/2016 and ends 1/24/2021**

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by M. McKinney, to re-appoint Thomas Giard Jr. as a regular member of the Economic Development Commission for a term of 1/25/2016 to 1/24/2021. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- e. Discussion and possible action on appointment of Jay R. Rainier as an alternate member of the Senior Center Building Committee** – It was noted a particular member is no longer residing in town thus a vacancy has been created.

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by Martin McKinney to appoint Jay R. Rainier as an alternate member of the Senior Center Building Committee. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- f. **Discussion and possible action on approving authorizing resolution allowing the First Selectman to execute any documents necessary for participation in the FY 2016 State Homeland Security Grant Program** – K. Skulczyck commented this is a standard grant done on a yearly basis with the Council of Governments for sharing of equipment.

MOTION: Motion was made by M. McKinney, seconded by S. Merchant to authorize the resolution allowing the First Selectman to execute any documents necessary for participation in the FY 2016 State Homeland Security Grant Program. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- g. **Discussion and possible action on research regarding fracking waste** – Thomas Gaudreau, 366 Bitgood Road presented a brief history on the process and towns that have created an ordinance to ban fracking. K. Skulczyck noted he has put in about four or five hours this week into researching this and suggested an ad-hoc committee. M. McKinney also suggested they contact the IWWCC in regards to working with them to create the ordinance.

6. Old Business

7. Any Other Business that may properly come before the Board

MOTION: Motion was made by M. McKinney, seconded by S. Merchant, to bring onto the agenda for discussion an update on discussion with Governor Malloy regarding the proposed gun range. **Motion carried unanimously.**

K. Skulczyck commented briefly on the previous meeting with the Attorney General and then the meeting with the Governor. The Governor noted he has no hands on approach on the project and is not involved and has no knowledge. He did acknowledge we have valid concerns but also noted there needs to be a gun range. He did offer that we will have a written response from Commissioner Currey on our concerns including procedural issues. K. Skulczyck noted he has also reached out to fellow constituents and when he is sworn in they will be working on HB 3435.

8. Public Forum

Steve Douglas – S. Douglas asked if the gun range information could be shared on the website.

Sharon Viadella – S. Viadella wanted the public to be aware they have put in a new trail by the gun range property that bypasses the property. K. Skulczyck noted he will reach out to Scoot Dawley.

Ransom Young – R. Young asked if notices were being sent to all property owners. E. Spagnolo commented all property owners would receive a notice.

Steve Douglas – Wanted to acknowledge that he appreciated the DVD that was dropped off by Kevin at his house.

Ransom Young – R. Young asked if the poll workers were paid differently this time. P. Patalono worked the polls and commented they did sign paperwork for a flat rate but were paid an hourly rate.

9. Adjournment

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by M. McKinney, to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa M. Wood,
Executive Assistant