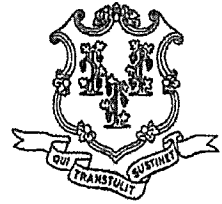


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**Town of Griswold**  
**Board of Selectmen**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**September 26, 2017**  
**6:00 PM**  
**Downstairs Meeting Room**  
**28 Main St., Jewett City, CT 06351**



**MINUTES**

- 1. Call to Order/Roll – Meeting was called to order at 6 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  
Mario Tristany Jr., Town Planer  
Thomas Giard, EDC Chairman  
11 other interested citizens

- 2. Notification of Emergency Exits – Exit locations were noted.**
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance – The pledge was cited.**
- 4. Approval of Minutes**

- a. September 12, 2017 – Regular Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** Motion was made by M. McKinney, seconded by S. Merchant, to approve the September 12, 2017 regular meeting minutes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- 5. Correspondence - None**

- 6. 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 seven tax refunds as submitted for a total of \$1052.44. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- b. **Presentation of Elsa by TFC Piper** – Elsa was not ready so the BOS moved forward with the next agenda item and will come back.
- c. **Presentation to Young Marines of Proclamation for Red Ribbon Week** – K. Skulczyck gave a brief history of the work done by the Young Marines and presented them with the proclamation. Staff Sergeant Barstow also spoke briefly in regards to their mission to fight illicit drugs

**MOTION:** Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by M. McKinney, to move on with the agenda and return to item New Business Item 6b when the presenter is ready. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**7. Old Business - None**

**8. Any Other Business that may properly come before the Board**

\*K. Skulczyck asked Miranda to provide a little information on Griswold Pride and the status of the coordinator position.

- 6b. **Presentation of Elsa by TFC Piper (cont'd)** – K. Skulczyck gave a brief presentation on securing ELSA and acknowledged the donors who helped make it possible. TFC Piper then gave a brief demonstration of ELSA and her abilities. There was also a brief question and answer opportunity.

**MOTION:** Motion was made by M. McKinney, seconded by S. Merchant, to return to Any Other Business on the Agenda. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**8. Any Other Business that may properly come before the Board (cont'd)**

**MOTION:** Motion was made by K. Skulczyck to bring onto the agenda for discussion and possible action a request by T. Giard to present the focus on Rt. 164 development and moving forward with an application for an Urban Action Grant. **Motion carried unanimously.**

T. Giard noted the EDC put forth support for an Urban Action Grant to run infrastructure out along the Rt. 164 development. He noted this would increase the ability for possible development of another 200 acres along 395. There is no guarantee on the grant but if received it would open up development along the whole 164 corridor which was the plan for the town many years ago. If the Heritage River Village project is completed it would increase the Grand list by about \$2 million. There were a few questions about other funding if the grant is not received and how

much is being applied for. Mario Tristany Jr., Town Planner, used estimates from other projects. It was also noted it does not prevent the Town from receiving any other grants applied for through the same fund. The application is about 90% ready to go.

**MOTION:** Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by M. McKinney, to support the request for application to the Urban Action Grant for infrastructure along Rt. 164. **Motion carried unanimously.**

## 9. Public Forum

**Steve Douglas - Bitgood Rd.** – S. Douglas asked about the previous minutes in regards to a statement made by K. Skulczyck and the order of a motion. K. Skulczyck noted the answer he gave was based on conversation only and that the minutes would be verified.

**Sharon Viadella – Lester Rd.** – S. Viadella asked if any individual member of the Board knew if the Button property was sold. S. Merchant and M. McKinney replied they did not, K. Skulczyck noted he did run into Mr. Button and asked and his reply was he can't discuss it. She also inquired about the cameras put up at intersection on Rt. 164 and it was noted they are there to cover the highway for direction of traffic.

**Ransom Young – Rixtown Rd.** – R. Young asked if the cemeteries were going to be maintained this fall.

**Thomas Gaudreau – Bitgood Rd.** – T. Gaudreau asked when a town meeting would be held to adopt the ordinance changes. S. Merchant commented they are ready to go. The Selectmen's office has not received anything and will check into it.

## 10. Adjournment

**MOTION:** Motion was made by M. McKinney, seconded by S. Merchant, to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Lisa M. Wood,  
Executive Assistant