

Lauren Prewal
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Town of Griswold
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
October 10, 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 6:00 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
Todd Babbitt, Road Superintendent
9 other interested citizens

2. **Notification of Emergency Exits – Emergency exits were noted.**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance – Pledge was cited.**
4. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. **September 26, 2017 – Regular Meeting Minutes**
 - b. **September 27, 2017 – Special Meeting Minutes**

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by M. McKinney, to approve the September 26, 2017 regular meeting minutes and the September 27, 2017 special meeting minutes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

5. **Correspondence – It was noted for the audience that the next town meeting for approval of changes to the Code of Ordinances would be October 24, 2017 at 5:30 PM, before the regular BOS meeting.**

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 nine tax refunds for a total of \$887.16. **Motion carried unanimously.**

b. Discussion and possible action on setting of 2018 meeting dates – There was brief discussion.

MOTION: Motion was made by M. McKinney, seconded by S. Merchant, to approve the 2018 meeting dates as submitted and as required by the Town Clerk. **Motion carried unanimously.**

c. Discussion and possible action on road updates with members of the Borough Board of Burgesses – Tim Sharkey, Borough Burgess, represented the Borough of Jewett City. It was noted the road signs that were previously discussed with the Borough members had been ordered. T. Sharkey noted that there was a concern among Borough members about being notified when events, such as parades, are taking place on the roads in the Borough. K. Skulczyck noted that Al Geer has been notified about the fact that anyone certified can do the traffic control during parades and informed T. Sharkey that they will be notified when a permit has been issued for a parade.

7. Old Business - None

8. Any Other Business that may properly come before the Board - None

9. Public Forum

David Vieaux – Leha Ave. – D. Vieaux asked if there is any new information on the gun range or the sale of the land. K. Skulczyck noted there is no confirmation that the land has been purchased by the state and also noted any request for funding, even by petition, by the opinion of the town attorney, does not need to be acted on because the BOF already heard the issue and took no action.

Tom Gaudreau – Bitgood Rd. – T. Gaudreau noted that over 400 people showed up months ago against the gun range and now there is nothing we can do? K. Skulczyck noted that was a town meeting forum and the vote was for opposition to the gun range only and not appropriation of money to fight the gun range.

Ryan Snide – Tatro Rd. – R. Snide noted he felt like the Selectman have not offered their help in the matter. K. Skulczyck commented he has discussed the issue and the opposition with many and the entire BOS voted to go to the BOF for appropriation of funds. He also noted it is likely the New Haven site is going to be shut down and there is no funding at the state level.

Dave Vieaux – Leha Ave. – D. Vieaux asked why they can't have a fundraising event like bike night did and raise private funds to fight the gun range. This was encouraged by K. Skulczyck and recommended getting a chairman to organize events and the town will work with them in any way they can. He also noted that \$49,999 or less, if appropriated by the BOF, only goes to town meeting and not referendum. D. Vieaux also noted the BOF had no notification of who the members of the Board were.

Janet Barber – Roode Rd. – J. Barber asked K. Skulczyck to explain the \$49,999 option. K. Skulczyck noted by ordinance that amount or less does not go to referendum. It was confirmed that three members of the BOF are up for reappointment.

Tim Sharkey – Lennox Ave. – T. Sharkey wanted to know why the property on Main Street that was recently damaged due to the fire is still standing. K. Skulczyck commented it will stay up until the ongoing investigation is completed.

James Barnie – Hopeville Rd. – J. Barnie noted he felt the money already spend to fight the gun range would have to be included in that amount under \$49,999. K. Skulczyck commented he was not certain but would look into it.

Tom Gaudreau – Bitgood Rd. – T. Gaudreau asked S. Merchant to confirm how many members of the BOF were up for reappointment. S. Merchant noted three.

Janet Barber – Roode Rd. – J. Barber asked if the \$49,999 was an annual amount and if so the previous amount would be from a different year. K. Skulczyck noted he would look into whether or not the \$ from previous year would need to be included.

Sharon Viadella – Lester Rd. – S. Viadella asked if anyone in the room knows if the land has been sold. All BOS members replied they did not know. S. Viadella also asked if the BOS could, with the \$49,999 in mind, approve any more money now as they did the \$5,000 before. K. Skulczyck noted the \$5,000 was approved from a line item within the BOS budget which is different than an appropriation. She also asked about the meeting with Heather Somers and the previous amount of \$3 million that was mentioned as being taken away from the state budget. K. Skulczyck noted Heather Somers has been away and he has not met with her and that the \$3 million pulled was a proposal from the democrats.

Steve Douglas – Bitgood Rd. – S. Douglas thanked Kevin for his broadcast on WICH and urged others to listen to it. He also apologized for his concern at the last meeting that the minutes were out of order. S. Douglas also wanted to know what information was available on the "Take Back Avon Mountain" group and asked about the State Historical Review Board.

Thomas Gaudreau – Bitgood Rd. – T. Gaudreau asked if there was anyway the BOS could help them with funding to establish a 501(3)c. K. Skulczyck noted the town would facilitate a meeting with Courtney's office to help establish the 501(3)c.

Ryan Snide – Tatro Rd. – R. Snide wanted to know why this sort of help wasn't offered before. K. Skulczyck noted a lot of good efforts were made.

10. Adjournment

MOTION: Motion was made by M. McKinney, seconded by S. Merchant, to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa M. Wood".

**Lisa M. Wood,
Executive Assistant**