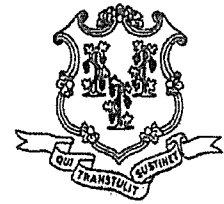


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Town of Griswold
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
November 14, 2017
6:00 PM
Downstairs Meeting Room
28 Main St., Jewett City, CT 06351



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
29 other interested citizens
2 members of the press

2. **Notification of Emergency Exits** – Exits were noted
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Pledge was cited
4. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. **October 23, 2017 – Special Meeting Minutes**
 - b. **October 24, 2017 – Regular Meeting Minutes**
 - c. **November 1, 2017 – Special Meeting Minutes**
 - d. **November 3, 2017 – Special Meeting Minutes**

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Merchant to approve the October 23, 2017 Special Meeting Minutes, October 24, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes, November 1, 2017 Special Meeting Minutes and the November 3, 2017 Special Meeting Minutes. M. McKinney, seconded the motion for all minutes except November 3, 2017 Special Meeting. K. Skulczyck seconded the motion for the November 3, 2017 Special Meeting Minutes. **Motion carried.** M. McKinney abstained from the November 3, 2017 Special Meeting Minutes.

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 S. Merchant, seconded by M. McKinney, to approve the eight tax refunds for a total amount of \$5815.45. **Motion carried unanimously.**

7. Old Business - None

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

M. McKinney thanked S. Merchant and K. Skulczyck for the opportunity and experience of working on the Board of Selectmen with them.

K. Skulczyck made comment that E. Christensen, Finance Director has been named as Town Administrator taking on more of the day to day operations of staff.

9. Public Forum

Joan Heffernan – Beach Dr. – Spoke in regards to her treatment at the last meeting and the issue of the easement that was given for the property at 4 Beach Drive.

Ryan Snide – Tatro Rd. - R. Snide mentioned a trailer that was parked on the side of the road on Rt. 12 and has been there for some time and poses a danger. It was noted it has been requested to DOT to be removed. R. Snide also complimented the BOS and thanked them for their service.

Norm Higgins – Pleasant View – Complimented the BOS as one of the finest Boards and leadership in the past fifteen years.

Sharon Viadella – Lester Rd. – Shared some humor with the BOS and thanked them for their service. She also wanted to know if there was any new information on the gun range. K. Skulczyck noted the town is considering eminent domain. S. Viadella also congratulated T. Babbitt.

Victor Jenschke – Hopeville Rd. – V. Jenschke noted the information that was out on channel 3 news and how it reflected that the Lee Rd. site was still a go and wanted to know about the status of that. K. Skulczyck noted he did not know anything more than what was on the news.

Dave Vieaux - Leha Ave. – D. Vieaux asked what would stop the state from taking the property as eminent domain. K. Skulczyck noted that is not the practice of the state, but if the Town started it and did not finish the process that is a possibility the state could exercise.

Sheryl Jenschke – Hopeville Rd. – S. Jenschke asked what stops the state, if they go through with the gun range, from taking parts of the state forest. It was noted that the Pachaug forest is mostly owned by the federal government but is leased to the DEEP on a 99 year lease.

Sharon Viadella – How long is the lease? It was noted it keeps getting renewed.

Thomas Gaudreau – Bitgood Rd. – T. Gaudreau asked for clarification on the buying of the land. K. Skulczyck explained it would be eminent domain, which is a little different and noted we do have some money put away in an Open Space fund. T. Gaudreau asked where the money would come from regarding the gas project at the school. K. Skulczyck noted it would be over a three year period and would come out of capital improvement money which is put aside each road.

Ransom Young – Rixtown Rd. – R. Young gave brief comment on the approved gas line expansion at the school facility and the obligations of the state as to the forest being leased from the federal government.

Thomas Gaudreau – Bitgood Road. – Asked when the fracking ordinance would be final. K. Skulczyck noted it would be 21 days.

K. Skulczyck gave closing comment regarding his time as First Selectman.

10. Adjournment

MOTION: Motion was made by K. Skulczyck, seconded by M. McKinney, to adjourn the meeting at 6:29 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,



**Lisa M. Wood,
Executive Assistant**