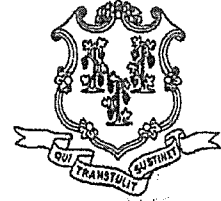


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Town of Griswold
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
July 11, 2017
6:00 PM
Griswold Senior Center
22 Soule St., Jewett City, CT 06351



MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Roll – Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Steve Merchant Sr.,
Second Selectman

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

Members Absent: Kevin Skulczyk, First Selectman (with notification)

Others Present: Lisa M. Wood, Executive Assistant
10 other interested citizens

2. Notification of Emergency Exits – Emergency exit locations were noted.

3. Pledge of Allegiance – Pledge was cited.

4. Approval of Minutes

a. June 27, 2017 – Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Motion was made by M. McKinney, seconded by S. Merchant, to
approve the June 27, 2017 regular meeting minutes as submitted. **Motion carried**
unanimously.

5. Correspondence - None

6. New Business

a. Discussion and possible action on tax refunds as presented by Leona Sharkey,
Tax Collector – None

b. Discussion and possible action on appointment of Christopher Chastang as a member of the Ordinance Committee

MOTION: Motion as made by M. McKinney, seconded by S. Merchant, to appoint Christopher Chastang as a member of the Ordinance Committee. **Motion carried unanimously.**

c. Discussion and possible action on proposal from American Ambulance

MOTION: Motion was made by M. McKinney, seconded by S. Merchant, to table this item. **Motion carried unanimously.**

d. Discussion and possible action on request by Ed Berdick for funding of Audio Visual equipment for the main meeting room – E. Berdick gave a brief explanation of what would be needed to broadcast town meeting on a public access channel. He noted the town hall is not currently tied into the cable line. When the line was put through town the town waived the right for the town hall to have the live feed. The school campus does have a live feed. Pros of broadcasting is another means to share information with the public and keep them informed. Cons were the cost. E. Berdick presented a cost of \$15,000-20,000. M. McKinney noted there was an ordinance that did not allow meetings to be broadcast. He also suggested to cut cost that we check with the school and see if this could be done with the help of students. E. Berdick noted there is a skill set to be learned that would benefit those students. E. Berdick suggested polling the community to see if this is something that would be wanted. James Barnie, EDC V. Chair, noted he felt it would be a great marketing tool for businesses that are looking to establish and/or buy property in Griswold. BOS members supported the idea, but suggested we find out what type of live feed we are looking for and what the cost to hook up for that line would be and then get a better determination of the cost of the equipment needed to match that line. There was no action taken on this item.

7. Old Business

a. Discussion and possible action on fracking waste ordinance

MOTION: Motion was made by M. McKinney, seconded by S. Merchant, to send the proposed “Ordinance Prohibiting the Storage, Disposal or Use of Waste from Oil and Gas Exploration or Extraction Activities, or any Derivative thereof, in the Town of Griswold, Connecticut” as edited by the Town Attorney, to a town meeting date to be set for a date when the Ordinance Committee has other ordinances to move forward. **Motion carried unanimously.**

b. Discussion and possible action on job descriptions for members of the Board of Selectmen

MOTION: Motion was made by M. McKinney, seconded by S. Merchant, to table this item. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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

- a. **MOTION:** Motion was made by M. McKinney, seconded by S. Merchant, to bring onto the agenda for discussion and possible action on Jacob Rhoades as a member of the Recreation Commission. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Jacob Rhoades was present and gave a summary of his current involvement with the recreation department/youth center.

MOTION: Motion was made by M. McKinney, seconded by S. Merchant, to appoint Jacob Rhoades as a regular member of the Recreation Commission to fill the unexpired portion of a term that runs from 5/16/15 to 5/16/18. **Motion carried unanimously.**

9. Public Forum

Thomas Gaudreau – (Bitgood Rd.) – Wanted to know if there was any new information on the gun range. M. McKinney noted that Kevin is still waiting for a response from the Attorney General.

Ed Berdick – (Voluntown Rd.) – Noted the flag status at the high school has not been correct for the past for days.

Thomas Gaudreau – (Bitgood Rd.) – T. Gaudreau asked about the process of passing the Fracking ordinance at town meeting. It was outlined for him. He noted he was going to try to hold an informative meeting for residents.

James Barnie – (Hopeville Rd.) – J. Barnie noted the groundbreaking for UCFS was held this morning.

Sharon Viadella – (Lester Rd.) – Who are we waiting on for a letter from the State. It was confirmed we are waiting to hear from the Attorney General. She also suggested T. Gaudreau get on facebook with the fracking information.

Ransom Young – (Rixtown Rd.) – R. Young spoke about spraying at Rixtown Road and the cemetery.

Thomas Gaudreau – (Bitgood Rd.) – T. Gaudreau wanted to know how to contact the ordinance committee. He was informed he could attend the meeting or request to be on the agenda.

10. Adjournment

MOTION: Motion was made by M. McKinney, seconded by S. Merchant, to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa M. Wood". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

**Lisa M. Wood,
Executive Assistant**