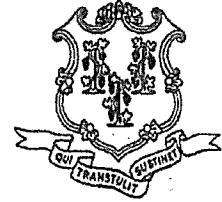


Maureen O'Neill-Catton,
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Town of Griswold
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
September 12, 2017
6:00 PM
Downstairs Meeting Room
28 Main St., Jewett City, CT 06351



MINUTES

1. **Call to Order/Roll** - Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Steve Merchant, Sr., Second Selectman

Members Present: Kevin Skulczyck, First Selectman (6:28 PM by phone-arrived at 6:55 PM)
Steve Merchant Sr., Second Selectman
Martin McKinney Jr., Third Selectman

Others Present: Lisa M. Wood, Executive Assistant
Peter Zvingilas, Building Official
52 interested citizens
2 members of the press

2. **Notification of Emergency Exits** – Exit locations were noted.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** – The pledge was cited.
4. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. **August 22, 2017 – Special Meeting Minutes**
 - b. **August 22, 2017 – Regular Meeting Minutes**
 - c. **September 6, 2017 – Special Meeting Minutes**

MOTION: Motion was made by M. McKinney, seconded by S. Merchant, to approve the August 22, 2017 special meeting minutes, August 22, 2017 regular meeting minutes and the September 6, 2017 Special Meeting Minutes. **Motion carried. S. Merchant and M. McKinney in favor.**

5. **Correspondence** – None

6. New Business

- a. Discussion and possible action on tax refunds as presented by Leona Sharkey, Tax Collector** – the majority of refunds were due to MV issues with DMV

MOTION: Motion was made by M. McKinney, seconded by S. Merchant, to approve the 22 tax refunds for a total of \$1428.48. **Motion carried. S. Merchant and M. McKinney in favor.**

- b. Discussion and possible action on approval of easement from Elizabeth A. Norman to the Griswold Housing Authority** – It was noted for the record that the PZC and the Town Attorney have both reviewed the easements and have no objection to them.

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by M. McKinney, to approve the easement from Elizabeth A. Norman to the Griswold Housing Authority and the Town of Griswold Department of Public Works. **Motion carried. S. Merchant and M. McKinney in favor.**

7. Old Business - None

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

9. Public Forum

Betty Knox – Alvina Ave. – Inquired about the status of the building across the street that has been reported as having an issue with raw sewage and drain traps. P. Zvingilas, Building Official, was present and noted that it is being investigated and inspected by the building department and UNCAS Health.

Claudia Manville – Culver Rd. – Wanted to give her two minutes of time to Janet Barbour and also spoke one other time in favor of allocating funds to oppose the gun range and the process to do so.

Thomas Gaudreau – Bitgood Rd. – Introduced Janet Barbour to give a six minute presentation of financial information in regards to allocating funds to oppose the gun range and spoke five other times on this subject and the process.

Janet Barbour – Roode Rd. – Gave a six minute presentation on financial information in regards to allocating funds to oppose the gun range and the process to do so. Spoke one other time on same subject.

David Vieaux – Leha Ave. – Spoke two times in regards to allocating funds to oppose the gun range and the process to do so and noted the generator parked in a handicap parking spot out front.

Katarzyna Bakhshalizadeh – Dawley Rd. – Spoke two times in regards to allocating funds to oppose the gun range and the process to do so.

Sharon Viadella – Lester Rd. – Spoke two times in regards to allocating funds to oppose the gun range and the process to do so and wanted to know if anyone has heard if the property has been sold.

Lynn Cassidy – Campbell Rd. – Noted she heard the property was sold.

***K. Skulczyck participated by phone at 6:28 PM.**

MOTION: Motion was made by M. McKinney, seconded by K. Skulczyck, to go back to Any Other Business that may properly come before the Board. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- 8. Any Other Business that may properly come before the Board (cont'd)** - K. Skulczyck commented the most recent budget proposal from the Democrats does not have the \$3 million in it for funding of the gun range.

MOTION: Motion was made by K. Skulczyck, seconded by M. McKinney, to approve going to the Board of Finance for \$75,000 and then to referendum to fight the gun range. **Motion carried unanimously.**

MOTION: Motion was made by M. McKinney, seconded by K. Skulczyck, to go back to Public Forum at this time. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- 9. Public Forum (cont'd)**

Allison Joslyn – Lester Rd. - Spoke three times in regards to allocating funds to oppose the gun range and the process for doing so.

James Barnie – Hopeville Rd. – Wanted to verify that a town meeting is needed before the referendum.

Lauren Churchill – Rodger Rd. – Wanted to know if absentee voting would be allowed for the referendum.

Darlene Zuraw – Lester Rd. – Spoke twice in regards to allocating funds to oppose the gun range and the process for doing so.

Renee Bergeron – Breakneck Hill Rd. – Spoke three times in regards to allocating funds to oppose the gun range and the process for doing so.

Steve Douglas – Bitgood Rd. – Asked about the status of a meeting with Senator Somers and Joe Courtney.

Charles Barbour – Roode Rd. – Spoke in regards to allocating funds to oppose the gun range and the process for doing so.

***K. Skulczyck arrived at 6:55 PM**

Roger Smith – Hopeville Rd. – Noted the state is at a deficit and criticized the Governor for spending money and wanting to spend more.

Joseph Wills – Roode Rd. - Spoke in regards to allocating funds to oppose the gun range and the process for doing so.

Pam Patalano – Hopeville Rd. – Asked about creating a petition in case the BOF does not move forward to town meeting.

Barbara Cornelius – Hopeville Rd. – Asked about notification to the residents.

Ransom Young – **Rixtown Rd.** – Questioned if there would be discrimination against the other clubs in the area.

LaDonnah Cardin – **Bitgood Rd.** – Expressed the residents have no problem with the existing clubs or ranges in the area.

Ryan Snide – **Tatro Rd.** – Expressed it is time for the BOS to stand up and get things done.

10. Adjournment

MOTION: Motion was made by M. McKinney, seconded by S. Merchant, to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Lisa M. Wood,
Executive Assistant