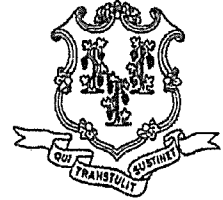




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Jaimie Orull-Cater, asst.

Town of Griswold
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
February 14, 2017
6:00 PM
Griswold Town Hall
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

Members Absent: Martin McKinney Jr., Third Selectman (with notification)

Others Present: Lisa M. Wood, Executive Assistant
Leona Sharkey, Revenue Collector
Erika Bevis, Recreation Assistant
16 interested citizens
1 member of the press

2. **Notification of Emergency Exits** - Done
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Pledge was cited.
4. **Approval of Minutes**

- a. **January 24, 2017 – Regular Meeting Minutes**

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by K. Skulczyck, to approve the January 24, 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**

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by K. Skulczyck, to approve the tax refunds as submitted for a total amount of \$9,667.87. **Motion carried unanimously.**

b. Discussion and possible action on reappointment of Richard Grabowski as a member of the Griswold Housing Authority for a term of 2/1/2017 to 1/31/2022

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by K. Skulczyck, to reappoint Richard Grabowski as a member of the Griswold Housing Authority for a term of 2/1/2017 to 1/31/2022. **Motion carried unanimously.**

c. Discussion and possible action on information provided by Erika Bevis regarding a search to house a Creative Arts Center – Erika Bevis spoke on behalf of the Griswold Creative Arts and Culture Commission. She presented the Board of Selectmen with a letter outlining the need for the Commission to be able secure a facility within the town where the many talented residents could go to practice and enhance their artistic ability. She also provided a letter of support from Ryan Aubin, Recreation Director. No action was taken.

d. Discussion and possible action on discussion with Jewett City Board of Warden and Burgesses regarding contract for tax collection – Leona Sharkey gave a brief presentation of the percentage of Borough tax bills in relation to the total number of tax bills anticipated to be collected for both the Town and the Borough. The percentage came out a little higher this year at 20%, thus proposing that the Borough pay 20% of the FY 2017/2018 budget for the revenue office. Everything else in the agreement would remain the same. The BOS was satisfied with the proposal but it was noted it is not definite yet as the Borough needs to see what happens with the state bill proposal of not being able to exceed a total of 32 mils combined for motor vehicles. The Borough may decide to not collect motor vehicle taxes is that happens and that would change the percentage used to figure the cost share of the agreement. No action was taken.

e. Executive Session – Discussion on proposed real estate transaction

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by K. Skulczyck, to move item 6e, after item 9 of Public Forum. **Motion carried unanimously.**

7. Old Business - None

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

9. Public Forum

Steve Douglas – Bitgood Rd. – S. Douglas asked what correspondence was on the agenda for and it was explained for him. He gave notice that he may have something for the next BOS meeting and was wondering. He also commented Kevin on his proposed house bill 58-13 and had a question on it that K. Skulczyck noted he would address as a state representative after the meeting. Regarding the proposed gun range, S. Douglas provided some information on training simulators and suggested that as an option for training of law enforcement officers.

Ryan Snide – Tatro Rd. – Wanted to know what the court mandated \$30,000 was for that was mentioned in the last meeting minutes. K. Skulczyck gave a brief history of the American Legion Ambulance and the building they occupy and noted it is basically for the Town to take ownership of that building after the first of five \$6,000 dollar payments is made.

Steve Douglas – Bitgood Rd. – Asked if there are any issues of separation of church and state as far as them using the school and buying town owned property. K. Skulczyck commented the BOE had looked into this and there are laws that protect and support churches.

6. e. **Executive Session** – Discussion on proposed real estate transaction (cont'd)

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by K. Skulczyck, to enter into executive session to discuss real estate at 6:28 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by K. Skulczyck, to come out of executive session at 6:41 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

There was no action taken.

10. **Adjournment**

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by K. Skulczyck, to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Lisa M. Wood,
Executive Assistant