

Chapter 72 Public Health and Safety Committee

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Special Town Meeting of the Town of Griswold 5-24-2006; amended in its entirety 3-22-2011. Subsequent amendments noted where applicable.]

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§ 72-1 Continuation of Committee.

The Town of Griswold shall continue to have a Public Health and Safety Committee.

§ 72-2 Appointment; membership; terms.

A. The Public Health and Safety Committee shall consist of seven members, each of whom shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen for a term of six years, with terms to commence on July 1. Appointments and terms shall be staggered as follows:

(1) Group A members. There shall be two Group A members. Group A members shall be members whose terms are scheduled to expire on June 30, 2012. Upon the expiration of the current terms of Group A members, successive appointments shall be made for terms beginning on July 1, 2012, and every six years thereafter. The current Group A

term that is unfilled shall not be filled and that membership position is hereby canceled.

(2) Group B members. There shall be two Group B members. Group B members shall be members whose terms are scheduled to expire on June 30, 2014. Upon the expiration of the current terms of Group B members, successive appointments shall be made for terms beginning on July 1, 2014, and every six years thereafter. The current Group B term that is unfilled shall not be filled and that membership position is hereby canceled.

(3) Group C members. There shall be three Group C members. Group C members shall be members whose terms are scheduled to expire on June 30, 2016. Upon the expiration of the current terms of Group C members, successive appointments shall be made for terms beginning on July 1, 2016, and every six years thereafter.

(4) Alternates. The committee shall consist of two alternate members. Terms should be for one year from date of appointment.

B. Vacancies in any position may be filled by appointment by the Board of Selectmen only for the balance of the term for which the member was or may have been appointed. The Board of Selectmen may, for good cause, terminate the membership of any person on the Committee and replace that person with another for the balance of the relevant term. Good cause shall include, but shall not be limited to, frequent absences from Committee meetings.

§ 72-3 Meetings.

The Committee shall meet monthly with the exception of July and August, but the Committee may otherwise meet as often as it deems necessary.

§ 72-4 Officers.

A. Chairperson and Vice Chairperson. The Committee shall elect a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for subsequent one-year terms (each to commence on July 1 and expire on June 30 of the following year) at the last regularly scheduled meeting of the Committee prior to the expiration of the

terms of the current Chairperson and Vice Chairperson. If the position of Chairperson or Vice Chairperson should become vacant for any reason, the Committee shall elect a replacement for the balance of the relevant term as soon as possible after the vacancy occurs. The Vice Chairperson shall act in place of the Chairperson whenever the Chairperson is absent or the Chairperson's position is vacant. If the Committee should fail to elect a Chairperson or Vice Chairperson in accordance with this section, the Board of Selectmen may appoint such officer for the relevant term.

B. Secretary.

(1) The Committee shall elect a Secretary for subsequent one-year terms (each to commence on July 1 and expire on June 30 of the following year) at the last regularly scheduled meeting of the Committee prior to the expiration of the term of the current Secretary. If the position of Secretary should become vacant for any reason, the Committee shall elect a replacement for the balance of the relevant term as soon as possible after the vacancy occurs.

(2) The duties of the Secretary shall include but not be limited to the taking of minutes of all meetings and the filing of same with the Town Clerk. The Secretary shall also file the agenda for all meetings with the Town Clerk.

§ 72-5 Powers and duties.

The duties of the Public Health and Safety Committee shall be as follows:

A. To receive complaints regarding potential and/or existing unsafe or hazardous conditions at places or facilities open to the public in the Town as well as Town-owned properties. The Committee may look into each complaint and, if appropriate, forward the complaint along with any Committee findings to the agency having jurisdiction in the particular matter. The Committee may request that the receiving agency advise the Committee of any action that it takes.

B. To recommend educational programs for the specific purpose of promoting public safety and accident prevention.

- C. To work with other Town agencies and/or commissions and with private, civic, business and other organizations and groups to accomplish this initiative.
- D. To execute projects and to study problems of public safety and accident prevention as may be specifically assigned to it by the Board of Selectmen.

§ 72-6 Liaison representatives.

The Board of Selectmen, the Superintendent of Schools, State Police, Fire Marshal, Planning and Zoning Commission, the Borough of Jewett City and the Chiefs of local fire departments may assign liaison representatives to interact with the Committee and, if requested by the Chairperson of the Committee, attend Committee meetings.

§ 72-7 Compensation and expenditures.

The members of the Committee shall serve without compensation. The Committee may expend such funds as are appropriated to it by the Town.
