

**TOWN OF GRISWOLD  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
August 12, 2014**

The Special Town Meeting held in the Griswold Senior Center, 22 Soule Street, Jewett City, CT on August 12, 2014 at 6:00pm was called to order by First Selectman Kevin Skulczyck.

Members present First Selectman, Kevin Skulczyck, Selectman Steven Mikutel and Philip Anthony. Also present James Barnie, Norman Higgins, Ed Berdick, Paul Brycki, Jason Jacaruso, Tina Falck, Alex Grezlak and Norman Sylvestre.

**NOMINATION FOR MODERATOR:**

Norman Higgins made motion for Jim Barnie, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Steve Mikutel. All in favor.

**VOTE UNANIMOUS**

**JAMES BARNIE DULY CHOSEN MODERATOR**

**WARNING:** was read by Town Clerk Valerie Pudvah.

**Item #1. To consider and act upon amendment to Chapter 56 “Meetings” of the Town of Griswold Code of Ordinances with insertion of section 56-6. Recusal.**

**Item #2. To consider and act upon the adoption of Chapter 24 “Contracts” of the Town of Griswold Code of Ordinances with insertion of section 24-4 Bid Preference for Town Based Businesses.**

Moderator reread item #1:

Motion made by Selectman Steven Mikutel to consider and act upon amendment to Chapter 56 “Meetings” of the Town of Griswold Code of Ordinances with insertion of section 56-6 Recusal, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Norman Higgins.

Moderator Barnie opened the meeting for discussion.

Mr. Ed Berdick was in support of item #1 with the exception that the word “**should**” in the first line be changed to “**shall**”.

Selectman Mikutel made motion to amend his motion, so that the word “**should**” be changed to “**shall**” as part of that amendment, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Anthony. All in favor, aye. Motion carries. Moderator Barnie asked for any further discussion, hearing none, all those in favor, aye. Any opposed, hearing none.

**VOTE UNANIMOUS**

Moderator Barnie reread item #2.

Selectman Mikutel made motion to approve item #2 to adopt Town of Griswold Code of Ordinances with insertion of section 24-4 Bid Preference for Town Base Businesses, Selectman Anthony 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Moderator Barnie opened the item #2 for discussion.

Mr. Norman Higgins supports the motion but he thinks it needs a little more tweaking maybe not now but in the future. Feels that we need something to offer the small businessman.

Mr. Berdick noted that he supports the motion but he noted that there is a typo that (F) should be (E).

Mr. Jason Jacaruso supported the motion but he thinks that a businessman would not benefit from the total contract price \$10,000 as noted under (A) 3. If that number were lower may attract more businesses for the Town. Mr. Higgins supported the amount of \$2,500 instead of the \$10,000 for the total contract price.

Mr. Berdick questioned the wording on 24-4 (**Proposed**) if that would be dropped off. Selectman Mikutel noted that it would be once it is adopted. Mr. Berdick noted that he would be in support of what Mr. Jacaruso was saying about reducing the \$10,000 to \$7,500 so it would be in line with the required amount going out to bid. More discussion followed. Selectman Mikutel made an amendment to his original motion to have the amount of \$10,000 be brought down to \$7,500.00 to make it consistent with the bid ordinance required amount to go out to bid at \$7,500. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ed Berdick. All in favor, aye. All those opposed, hearing none, Amendment carries. Moderator asked for a motion to pass the amendment as presented, all in favor, no oppose.

**VOTE UNANIMOUS**

Motion to adjourn by Ed Berdick, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Norman Higgins. Meeting duly adjourned at 6:30pm  
Valerie Pudvah, Town Clerk