



**Town of Griswold**  
**Town Hall, 28 Main Street, Griswold, CT**  
**Special Town Meeting**  
**March 11, 2014**  
**6:00 PM**



A Special Town Meeting was held at the Griswold Town Hall, 28 Main Street, Griswold, CT, in the Main Meeting Room on Tuesday March 11, 2014. Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by First Selectman, Kevin Skulczyck. Also present were Selectmen Steven Mikutel and Philip Anthony, Town Clerk Valerie Pudvah and approximately 40 interested townspeople.

Nomination for a Moderator:

Leona Sharkey was nominated as moderator by Selectman Mikutel and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Anthony.

**VOTE UNANIMOUS**  
**LEONA SHARKEY WAS DULY CHOSEN MODERATOR**

**WARNING** was read by Town Clerk, Valerie Pudvah

- 1. Shall the Town of Griswold appropriate the sum of \$48,000 from the General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance for the Bicentennial Committee for event planning**
- 2. Shall the Town of Griswold appropriate the sum of \$41,068 from the General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance, for liability, auto and property insurance**

Moderator Sharkey opened question #1 for discussion.

Patrice Spicer made motion to open the question for discussion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ed. Berdick.

Alan Geer noted that this is very important for the history of the Town. Many of the residents were concerned about how much money has been raised so far, and if there any fundraisers in the future that may help with some of the deposits that are needed to book items, such as fireworks, parade, boogie dance etc. Larry Laidley was present to answer any questions for the event. He said that for some of these events, you have to book them now for next year. He explained that he is doing his due diligence for the town. He noted that the Town does not have a 501(c)3, which allows for donations to be tax deductible, but donations are accepted. He added that the Town has \$10,000 allocated for this event but does not want to use this for deposits because this will allow for only one event. Currently he has gotten zero donations; he noted that the economy has not helped. There were questions about Police and Fire protection and what the cost of that would be. Also, it was questioned about clean-up, especially after fireworks, it was noted that students from the school should get involved with that.

Motion to end discussion and move to the question by Peter Dorff, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Norman Higgins. Motion carried unanimously. Vote taken NO – 5, ABSTENTIONS - 1, YES - 26

Moderator asked for a show of hands to cut off the discussion

**VOTE TAKEN**  
**YES 26**  
**NO 7**  
**MOTION PASSES**

Point of Information: Daniel Webster asked who is on the Bicentennial Committee and if they were named during the meeting. Larry Laidley noted who is on the committee, they are: Larry Laidley, Tina Falck, Mary Rose Deveau, Gail Rooke-Norman, Courtland Kinnie, Erika Bevis, Raina Spaziani, Betty Osga, and Philip Anthony. New members are Roger Geer and Lisa Legler.

**Moderator asked all in favor of question #1, please raise their right hand.**

**VOTE TAKEN BY A SHOW OF HANDS**

**YES 21**  
**NO 10**  
**MOTION PASSES**

Chair entertained a motion for question #2. Motion made by Ed Berdick to open up the discussion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Mikutel. Motion carried unanimously.

Moderator asked for any questions or discussion.

Ed Berdick questioned how much money that town has, and what else may be coming up for the town. He wanted to know what drove the increase up. Erik Christensen, Finance Director, explained that due to the Town's claim history and pending claims the premiums increased. No further discussion, moderator asked all those in favor to raise their right hand, to close for any further discussion. Dave Vieaux motioned to close the discussion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Peter Dorff.

**VOTE TAKEN TO CLOSE DISCUSSION**

**YES 28**  
**NO 0**  
**MOTION PASSES**

**Moderator asked all those in favor of Question # 2, please raise their right hand.**

**VOTE TAKEN BY A SHOW OF HANDS**

**YES 30**  
**NO 0**  
**MOTION PASSES**

Motion to adjourn, made by Philip Flowers, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Betty Knox. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting duly adjourned at 7:05pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Town Clerk