

**TOWN OF GRISWOLD  
SPECIAL TOWN BUDGET MEETING**

The Special Town Budget Meeting held at the Griswold Middle School Cafeteria, 267 Slater Avenue, Griswold, CT on Tuesday May 27, 2014 was called to order by First Selectman Kevin Skulczyck at 7:00pm. Present were Selectmen Steve Mikutel & Philip Anthony, Finance Director Erik Christensen, Superintendent of Schools Paul Smith, Registrar of Voters Cathlene Briody & George Kennedy and approximately 50 interested townspeople.

**Nomination for Moderator:**

Paul Brycki was nominated Moderator by Steve Merchant, seconded by Scott Davis.

**PAUL BRYCKI DULY CHOSEN MODERATOR**

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

**MODERATOR read Item #1.** To consider and take action on the General Government Budget for FY 2015 in the amount of **\$6,892,958** as recommended by the Board of Finance at their Regular Meeting held on May 20, 2014.

Normand Sylvestre made motion to accept # Item 1. Moderator asked for any discussion, hearing none, Steve Merchant, seconded the motion. Moderator asked for a show of hands for the vote.

**VOTE UNANIMOUS  
MOTION PASSED**

**MODERATOR read Item #2.** To consider and take action on the Board of Education Budget for FY 2015 in the amount of **\$25,502,300** as recommended by the Board of Finance at their Regular Meeting held on May 20, 2014.

Steve Merchant made motion to accept Item #2. Moderator asked for any discussion. Selectman Steve Mikutel asked how the Board of Education budget will be cut. Superintendent of Schools, Paul Smith gave a synopsis of his recommendation of items that may be cut, but it will be up to the Board of Education to do the final cut. He noted that the first cut was for \$85,000 and the second cut is for \$113,000 for a total of \$198,000. His recommendation includes, Math remediation teacher K-8 (new position), on-line learning software, reducing instructional supplies in each building for a total \$15,000. Eliminate an increase in the String teacher, reducing athletic offerings by 2 teams (1boy and 1girl), athletic trainer services by \$3,000, eliminating reading IA at the elementary school, and lastly 1 position at the high school. Moderator Brycki asked for any further discussion, hearing none, Normand Sylvestre made motion to close the discussion, seconded by Thomas Bruner. All in favor, motion carried. Moderator asked for a show of hands to approve Item #2.

**VOTE UNANIMOUS  
MOTION PASSED**

**MODERATOR read Item #3.** Resolved: That the Date and Hours of the Vote on the appropriation proposed by the Special Town Budget Meeting, shall be Wednesday June 4, 2014, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00p.m.

Steve Merchant made motion to accept, seconded by Normand Sylvestre, all in favor. No discussion.

**VOTE UNANIMOUS  
MOTION PASSED**

Normand Sylvestre made motion to adjourn, seconded by Phil Anthony, meeting duly adjourned at 7:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,