

**Board of Warden and Burgesses  
Regular Meeting  
November 2, 2015**

The Regular Meeting of Board of Warden and Burgesses held in the Griswold's Selectmen's Conference Room, 28 Main Street, Griswold CT on Monday November 2, 2015, at 6:15pm was called to order by Warden John Connelly.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**ROLL CALL:**

Clerk Valerie Pudvah read the roll call. Members present: Warden John Connelly, Burgesses Timothy Sharkey, Laurie Sorder, and James Krueger. Absent: Burgess Laura Laidley and Bailiff Donald Moretti. A quorum was determined.

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Leona Sharkey Tax Collector, James Barnie, Shea Cavacini Animal Control Officer, Louis Demicco III JCFD, Ken Comfort JCFD, Adam Bowles One Square Mile, Ken Sullivan JCDPU and Kevin Skulczyck First Selectman.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

Leona Sharkey mentioned that the notice for the blight and citation officer's was sent to the Bulletin, and it was too long to put in as a free notice so it has to be put in as a Legal Notice.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 5, 2015.**

Burgess Krueger made motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 5, 2015 with correction, ( Shea Cavacini, Animal Control Officer not **Assistant**), 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess Sharkey. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

**COMMISSIONER REPORT:**

Burgess Sorder noted to direct corrections to Louis Demicco III since Robert Hanson was unable to attend tonight's meeting. Bob Hanson would like a larger sign by the telephone poll. There was a discussion on the protocol on who to call for a problem within the borough. Example: who to call when there is hazardous waste (motor oil) from a motor that was laying on the road. Louis Demicco III noted that if you think it is a 911 call, call them. Burgess Sorder suggested that we get a clarification of everybody's role.

Burgess Sharkey wondered when the next inspection of the roof for the firehouse. Leona thinks it is in the fall.

**RESIDENT TROOPER REPORT:**

Resident Trooper McCarthy stated that things have been pretty good. They are getting ready for the Snowflake Parade on November 22<sup>nd</sup> and the Toy Drive 12/12/2015 at Target.

Resident Trooper Chittick noted that the radar sign on Brown Avenue is working fine. There is a concern about the drive coming out of Mary Brown Apts., not having a Stop sign. Since it is a private drive nobody knew for sure if it is the owners responsibility or the town. Burgess Sorder noted that we should follow up on whose is responsible for having a stop sign there or if a stop sign should be there. Burgess Sharkey suggested that we talk to Todd Babbitt or Kevin Skulczyck regarding this matter. A letter should be sent to the owner of the apartments regarding the situation with people not stopping.

Also, the trunk or treat was very successful this year.

Louis Demicco III noted that the JCFD is having a food drive on 11/14/2015 and the toy drive is 12/5/2015.

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The next area for the radar sign will be Hill Street.

#### **PUBLIC UTILITIES REPORT:**

Ken Sullivan noted that there no power outages during last week's winds. Leona Sharkey questioned when the lights will be converted to LED lights. Ken noted that it should be done by Christmas.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

**1. Snowflake Festival Committee letter invitation to board.**

Burgess Sorder was pleased that new people have volunteered because the snowflake parade was in jeopardy.

Burgess Laidley is going to partake in the Snowflake fesitival.

**2. Calls for Service Report for September 2015.**

Burgess Sharkey questioned Non reportable matters. Resident Trooper McCarthy stated that it is a patrol check.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Adam Bowles to speak regarding his project in Jewett City.**

Adam Bowles was present to speak about the project that he is working on called One Square Mile. He would like to feature the lives of 120 people who live, visit, and work here in Jewett City. The stories and profiles will be shared on the Facebook page. He noted that Jewett City Savings Bank is on board with the project. He is also looking at Uncas Health District. Mr. Bowles is looking for financial support. The goal is \$15,000.00. Would like to start with this, this calendar year.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Parking concern on Wilson Street.**

Warden Connelly will speak to Todd Babbitt regarding the concerns of the JCFD.

**2. Follow-up on 135-137 North Main Street**

There was discussion on a call that was made last week to this residence. It is clearly a health concern. It was noted that Uncas Health should be called regarding this ongoing problem. Burgess Sorder concern was who would be responsible if Uncas Health called the building uninhabitable what would happen to the residents? Kevin Skulczyck noted that the town would be responsible if there no children involved.

**3. Follow up on Radar Speed Sign.**

Resident Trooper Chittick will follow up with a report on speed this week.

#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD:**

Mr. Sullivan JCDPU, brought up the Main Street lights project that started over 5 years ago. He noted that First Selectman Skulczyck came to him about a month regarding an estimate to start putting the lights up. The estimate is \$7,200.00 which includes materials, and labor. It is for 12 lights only. This would be for one side of the street. Kevin noted that we have 14 lights purchased, there would be an additional 10 needed to finish the project. First Selectman noted that a local bank and a private donor came up with the money to begin this project. Burgess Sharkey wanted to know who would be responsible for the poles and who owns them? Kevin noted that they would be owned by us and be our responsibility. Ken would like to do a study on the lights for the intensity of them. Kevin said that flower boxes will be put over the remaining areas where the cones are. First Selectman Skulczyck noted that the same type of pole is still available. Burgess Sharkey questioned if the road will be fixed once the lights are installed. Kevin noted that here are a lot of moving pieces to this project, need to sit down with all the players involved!

Burgess Sharkey wanted to know what happened with the water line project. That is another debacle! The water company has not done what they were going to do. Kevin hopefully will sit down with someone from the water authority and get this project going.

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Discussion was held on other grants, Kevin suggested having a workshop meeting on the grants that are out there and what can be applied for and by whom.

Ken Sullivan noted that this light project is a decent size job, if it was just four or five hours he would have charged for materials only, also, they have secured a grade 4 technician for the waste water treatment plant.

Warden Connelly questioned if we can apply for more than one grant. Leona Sharkey explained the grants and how they work.

Burgess Krueger questioned when did we become a distressed municipality. Leona noted that the borough has been one for years but the town just became one in the last few months. It depends on the income of the residents.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

Ken Sullivan noted that we still need the retaining wall built at the treatment plant. Burgess Sharkey wondered if that could be bonded out. Burgess Sharkey noted that this is a top priority. Jim Barnie questioned the dollar amount for this wall, which is 1.5 million. Ken went thru Homeland Security and was rejected. Linda Cote Treasurer, would have to have a conversation with our financial advisor from Wells Fargo to find out about bonding.

**ADJOURMENT:**

Burgess Sharkey made motion to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess Sorder. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

Meeting duly adjourned at 7:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Pudvah, Clerk