

**BOARD OF WARDEN AND BURGESSES
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 7, 2016**

The Regular Meeting of Warden and Burgesses held in the Griswold Town Hall, Main Meeting Room, 28 Main Street, Griswold, CT on Monday March 7, 2016 was called to order at 6:15pm by Warden Connelly.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

Clerk Valerie Pudvah read the roll call. Present: Warden John Connelly, Burgesses Timothy Sharkey, Laurie Sorder, Jim Krueger and Laura Laidley. A quorum was determined.

ALSO PRESENT:

Linda Cote Treasurer, Leona Sharkey Tax Collector, Robert Hanson JCFD, Larry Laidley, James Barnie, Resident Trooper Adam Chittick, Shea Cavacin ACO, Theresa Madonna, Ken Sullivan JCDPU and Dominic Scavoni.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Larry Laidley mentioned that the charter unveiling ceremony will be April 12, 2016 but will let the board know if that date is incorrect.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 1, 2016 AND SPECIAL MEETING FEBRUARY 23, 2016.

Burgess Sharkey made motion to approve the meeting minutes of Regular meeting 2/1/2016, 2nd by Burgess Krueger. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

Burgess Sorder made motion to approve the meeting minutes of Special Meeting 2/23/2016, 2nd by Burgess Sharkey. All in favor, aye. Motion carries. Burgesses Krueger and Laidley abstained.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT:

NONE

RESIDENT TROOPER REPORT:

Resident Trooper Chittick noted that the speed (radar) sign was moved to Hill Street. The next location to be determined.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES:

Ken Sullivan noted that with the past 4 storms only one resident lost power.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Notice of Little League Parade details.

The parade will be held on the 10th of April 2016.

2. Letter regarding Certificate of Insurance for small business loan at 80 North Main Street.

Leona Sharkey noted that the gentleman brought in his new insurance policy, he needed the certificate of insurance showing that the borough as an additional insured. This information will be faxed over and he will be in compliance once done.

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NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and possible action of creating a Charter Revision Committee.

Warden Connelly noted that this is a process that will not happen overnight. He noted that we can have between 5 to 15 members on the committee to work on this. He would like to see no more than 9 members on the committee. Leona Sharkey noted that the borough attorney suggested rewriting the charter because of all of the amendments that will be done.

Burgess Sharkey questioned if the members on the committee have to be borough residents or can they be borough taxpayers? Warden Connelly will check with the attorney on that question.

Warden Connelly suggested calling a Special Meeting to go over any questions with the Borough attorney.

The special meeting was set for 3/21/2016 @7:00pm. Leona will check with Lisa to see if the Probate meeting room is free that night.

2. Discussion and possible action to set a date for a budget workshop.

Linda Cote, Treasurer is still waiting for the Resident Troopers budget. Discussion on when to hold the meeting. It was decided to meet on the 31st of March, 2016 @ 7:00pm. Leona will also check with Lisa in regard to having the meeting in the Probate meeting room.

3. Discussion and possible action of creating an ordinance banning outdoor wood furnaces.

Warden Connelly checked with the building office and there are strict regulations for the wood burning stoves.

He noted that there are no wood furnaces in the borough and only a few in the town. The environment is not conducive for these. Warden Connelly does not think it is feasible for us to pursue this matter because homes in the borough are located too close to each other. Warden Connelly felt that it is a mute issue.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and possible action on installation of NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER sign Wilson Street/East Main Street intersection.

Discussion was held on putting sign up for No Parking from here to corner. Mr. Hanson explained how there is no room for the fire apparatus to get through. Warden Connelly stated that there is a state law stating they are to park 25 feet from the corner. Burgess Sorder suggested that as a courtesy that the residents and homeowners be informed, that a sign will be put up regarding the parking. Burgess Sorder made motion to have the sign put up NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER and that the property owner be notified, 2nd by Burgess Krueger. All in favor, aye. Motion carries. Resident Trooper Chittick will notify the resident/homeowner of this.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD:

Burgess Sorder questioned if another speed sign was going to be put on Aspinook Street and Mathewson Street as requested by a resident of the area.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Town Resident Theresa Madonna (property owner/taxpayer in the borough) would like to volunteer for the charter revision committee if property owners that do not reside in the borough are able to.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Burgess Sharkey made motion to go into executive session at 7:05pm, 2nd by Burgess Krueger. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

1. Discussion on CHRO complaint
2. Resident Trooper contract

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Burgess Sharkey made motion to come out of Executive session at 7:34pm.

Motion to adjourn made by Burgess Sorder, 2nd by Burgess Sharkey. All in favor, aye. Motion passed.

Meeting duly adjourned at 7:35pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Valerie Pudvah, Clerk