



Town of Griswold

Board of Selectman
Regular Meeting
January 27, 2009
6:30pm
Town Hall Meeting Room



MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Roll Call: P. Anthony called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

Members Present:

Philip Anthony, First Selectman
Steve Mikutel, Second Selectman
Anne Hatfield, Third Selectwoman

Also Present:

Keleigh Baretincic, Recording Secretary
Todd Babbitt, Road Superintendent
Approximately Eleven Interested Townspeople

2. Approval of Minutes:

- a. January 13, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes:** A. Hatfield motioned and was seconded by S. Mikutel to approve the January 13, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes. The following correction was noted: Page 2, item 4.c., the statement by S. Mikutel should correctly be recorded as, "S. Mikutel noted that he wanted to be sure that the funding would be used to enhance the Town's chances of obtaining grant monies for building renovations. There was no further discussion. All in favor; **motion carried, minutes approved as amended.**

3. Correspondence: Sent/Received: None

4. New Business

- a. Discussion and Possible action on request from Geer Construction to release the \$13,269.00 road bond for Haley Meadow Road and Laura Jane Lane:** Road Superintendent Todd Babbitt was present and noted that he had inspected the road, which still has three areas of curbing being worked on. T. Babbitt recommended that the bond be reduced to \$1,000.00 until such time, that the curbing work is complete and a final inspection of that work is made. **MOTION:** A. Hatfield motioned and was seconded by S. Mikutel to reduce the road bond for Haley Meadow Road and Laura Jane Lane to \$1,000.00 as recommended by the Road Superintendent. There was no discussion. All in favor; **motion carried.**

5. Old Business

- a. Ethics Commission Code Revision: MOTION:** A. Hatfield motioned and was seconded by S. Mikutel to table item 5.a. until the revision was reviewed with the Board's comments by the Town's Attorney. There was discussion that the Board would turn in their comments to the First Selectman's office by the end of the week to be forwarded to the Town's Attorney. There was no further discussion. All in favor; **motion carried.**

b. Call a Special Town Meeting on February 10, 2009 at 6:15 pm, Griswold Town Hall Meeting Room to consider and take action on the following item:

i. Shall the Town adopt an ordinance authorizing a tax exemption for qualified farm buildings

c. MOTION: A. Hatfield motioned and was seconded by S. Mikutel to call a Special Town Meeting on February 10, 2009 at 6:15 pm, Griswold Town Hall Meeting Room to consider and take action on the following item:

i. Shall the Town adopt an ordinance authorizing a tax exemption for qualified farm buildings

There was a brief discussion that the Board supported avenues that support the farmers in Griswold. S. Mikutel noted that at the request from farmers in his district, similar legislation that he wrote was passed on a State level. That legislation mirrors State Statues. P. Anthony noted that the ordinance will be applicable strictly to working farms and that the assessor has estimated only a minimal loss of revenue from the tax rolls. There was no further discussion. All in favor; **motion carried.**

6. Any Other Business that may properly come before the Board: None

**P. Anthony stated that anyone wishing to speak during the Public Forum should come to the microphone and state their name clearly for the record. Anyone unable to get to the microphone could speak from their seat, but should speak loudly and clearly. He asked that any comments be kept to a reasonable time frame; a few minutes at most.*

7. Public Forum:

- A resident was concerned about the fate of the Health Haven nursing home in Griswold that may be closing its doors. P. Anthony responded that there is a Public Hearing on the matter on February 3, 2009, 10:00 am at the facility. He has requested intervener status and will speak on behalf of the Town at the hearing.
- A resident raised a concern about the lack of action on the Towns part regarding enforcing the junk car/yard ordinance. The resident felt that this is a violation of the law and also a loss of taxable revenue for the Town. The lack of a Town website was also raised and P. Anthony responded that he is currently working on getting the site restored.
- P. Anthony will forward a letter for a resident to the Veterans Park Committee, from the Town of Lisbon requesting use of the hill in the Veterans memorial Park for sledding purposes.

8. Adjournment: S. Mikutel motioned and was seconded by A. Hatfield to adjourn. There was no discussion. All in favor; motion carried. P. Anthony adjourned the meeting at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Keleigh Baretincic
Recording Secretary**