



# Town of Griswold

Board of Selectmen

Regular Meeting

January 13, 2015

6:30 PM

Griswold Town Hall, Downstairs Meeting Room  
28 Main St, Jewett City, CT 06351



## APPROVED MINUTES

1. **Call to Order/Roll** – Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Kevin Skulczyck, First Selectman

**Members Present:** Kevin Skulczyck, First Selectman  
Steve Mikutel, Second Selectman  
Philip E. Anthony, Third Selectman

**Others Present:** Ryan Aubin, Director of Parks & Recreation/Youth Services  
1 member of the press  
15 interested citizens

2. **Approval of Minutes**

- a. **November 25, 2014 – Regular Meeting Minutes as corrected 12/10/2014**
- b. **December 4, 2014 – Special Meeting Minutes**
- c. **December 9, 2014 – Regular Meeting Minutes**
- d. **December 15, 2014 – Special Meeting Minutes**
- e. **December 31, 2014 – Special Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** Motion was made by S. Mikutel, seconded by P. Anthony, to approve the minutes of November 25, 2014, December 4, 2014, December 9, 2014, December 15, 2014 and December 31, 2014. **Motion carried unanimously.**

3. **Correspondence - None**

4. **New Business**

- a. **Discussion and possible action on tax refunds as presented by Rich Grabowski, Tax Collector**

**MOTION:** Motion was made by S. Mikutel, seconded by P. Anthony, to approve the tax refunds as presented by the Tax Collector. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- b. Discussion and possible action on re-appointment of John Robella and Phil Belisle to the Griswold Water Pollution Control Authority for a six year term of 1/1/2015 to 12/31/2020**

**MOTION:** Motion was made by P. Anthony, seconded by S. Mikutel, to reappoint John Robella and Phil Belisle to the Griswold Water Pollution Control Authority for a six year term of 1/1/2015 to 12/31/2020. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- c. Discussion and possible action on re-appointment of Leona Minski and Donald Walsh Jr. to the Griswold Housing Authority Commission for a five year term of 2/1/2015 to 1/31/2020**

**MOTION:** Motion was made by S. Mikutel, seconded by P. Anthony, to reappoint Leona Minski and Donald Walsh Jr., to the Griswold Housing Authority Commission for a five year term of 2/1/2015 to 1/31/2020. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- d. Discussion and possible action on appointment of Kevin D. Franklin as an alternate member of the Inland Wetlands Watercourses & Conservation Commission for a two year term of 1/13/2015 – 1/12/2017 – Mr. Franklin was not able to be present but a letter of endorsement was received from Courtland Kinnie, Chairman of the IWWCC.**

**MOTION:** Motion was made by P. Anthony, seconded by S. Mikutel, to appoint Kevin D. Franklin as an alternate member of the Inland Wetlands Watercourses & Conservation Commission for a two year term of 1/13/2015 to 1/12/2017. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- e. Discussion and possible action on setting dates to begin review of the 2015/2016 proposed budget – Dates and times were briefly discussed.**

**MOTION:** Motion was made by S. Mikutel, seconded by P. Anthony, to schedule budget meeting dates with the Finance Director present for Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM, Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM, Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:30 PM and Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- f. Discussion and possible action on selection of candidates and dates for interviewing for the position of Assessor – Dates and candidates were briefly discussed.**

**MOTION:** Motion was made by S. Mikutel, seconded by P. Anthony, to hold interviews for the Assessor position on Thursday, January 22, 2015 at 5 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

## 5. Old Business

a. **Discussion and possible action on request proposal by Ryan Aubin, Director of Parks & Recreation/Youth Services to move programs to school facilities – R.**

Aubin noted that there was concern with moving the programs to the school in regards to removing the “drop in” portion of the Youth Center. R. Aubin noted his goal is to be able to be on the school campus as a whole and be able to offer programs on campus to all residents. R. Aubin went over the decrease in the number of youths using dropping into the Youth Center since its move from Main St. to Slater Mill, including the second location at Slater Mill and also noted the change in culture of the normal teen. His proposal is to go forward with moving the programs to the school campus and maintaining a youth center at the Slater Mill but in a different, smaller suite. The new space would provide sufficiently for around 40 youth to be present in the room at one time as approved by the fire marshal. The new space would be less expensive and would not provide storage or office space. Because of the expenses not previously planned on, it would cut the 143 days of after school programming to 103 at the school campus. R. Aubin went over the staffing needed and the programming offered. S. Mikutel noted there has been some concern with not having the youth center off campus of losing at risk youth and R. Aubin noted with plan B he believes that will not be an issue. P. Anthony noted that Plan B is an option he could support since it does provide a service for the drop in Youth Center and addresses the at risk youth. R. Aubin noted there lease expires in June at the Slater Mill and he would be available to come back to the next BOS meeting. R. Aubin provided numbers for funding from the state, as asked for by Mr. Skulczyck. R. Skulczyck is concerned about state funding money possibly being cut and affecting the proposed budget plan.

b. **Discussion and possible action on applying along with the Borough for a Small Cities Block Grant for the senior center**

**MOTION:** Motion was made by S. Mikutel, seconded by P. Anthony, to table this item. **Motion carried unanimously.**

## 6. Any Other Business that may properly come before the Board

a. **MOTION:** Motion was made by S. Mikutel, seconded by P. Anthony, to bring onto the agenda the issue of BeFree Solar workshop. **Motion carried unanimously.**

K. Skulczyck noted there is another workshop scheduled on January 15<sup>th</sup> and many homeowners are signed up. They are estimating 150 homes to participate in this program before it ends.

## **7. Public Forum**

**Ransom Young** – R. Young wanted to know if the contract for the proposed ambulance service was available and had other concerns about procedural issues. K. Skulczyck commented copies of the contract are available and the state would be monitoring the contract and licensing. R. Young wanted to know if the expenses of the ambulance were increased such as unionization, would they be able to pass those expenses onto the Town. P. Anthony commented the contract, as any, would be binding until the term of the contract expired.

**Theresa Madonna** – T. Madonna commented that R. Aubin's plan consists of a drop in center in the Borough which has no cost and is aimed at servicing the at risk youth and the wellness and activity programs are offered at the school with a fee. Her concern is we are creating a two class system which would be a step backwards. She would recommend a more inclusive program. R. Aubin commented any programs offered through the Youth Services Bureau are free. Parks & Recreation programs may have a fee. R. Aubin responded to P. Anthony that all programs are open to all youth as long as they have not been expelled from school or been restricted from the youth center.

## **8. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Motion was made by S. Mikutel, seconded by P. Anthony, to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Lisa M. Wood,  
Executive Assistant**