



Town of Griswold

28 Main Street
Griswold, CT 06351



Board of Selectman Special Meeting Selectmen's Meeting Room Wednesday, February 4, 2015 9:00 AM

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call** – Meeting was called to order at 9:04 AM by Kevin Skulczyck, First Selectman

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

Others Present: Lisa M. Wood, Executive Assistant
Valerie Pudvah, Town Clerk
Cathlene Briody, Registrar of Voters

2. **Discussion and possible action on petition received by Town Clerk calling for increasing the Board of Selectmen from three to five members** – S. Mikutel commented he has done some background work on this important matter and would like to schedule an informational meeting as well as a referendum for the vote, to give everyone an opportunity to vote on the matter. The legal opinion noted a town meeting needs to be held within 21 days of receiving the petition. S. Mikutel noted he would like to schedule the initial special town meeting within the 21 days, then have two regular BOS meetings where residents can speak on the issue at public forum and then hold an additional town meeting.

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Mikutel, seconded by P. Anthony, that he Board of Selectmen call a special town meeting for Tuesday, February 10th, 2015 at 7 PM at Griswold Town Hall for public discussion regarding possible expansion of the Town of Griswold Board of Selectmen from a three member board to a five member board. **Motion carried unanimously.**

S. Mikutel commented that allows for additional discussion during public forum of the next two regular BOS meetings of 2/24 and 3/10. S. Mikutel commented he would like to then hold another special town meeting during the week of March 16th. K. Skulczyck noted his concern that should this change pass, that enough time is allowed to enact it into the next election. It was noted nominations are in July, so there should be plenty of time to get it through the election process.

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Mikutel, seconded by P. Anthony, that the Griswold Board of Selectman call for a special town meeting on Monday, March 16th at 6:30 PM to discuss and/or act on whether to expand the Town of Griswold Board of Selectmen from a three member board to a five member board, with the intent of the Board of Selectmen to lift this item from the call of the meeting and send it to a referendum vote.

K. Skulczyck noted he likes the way the BOS is handling this matter but is not comfortable with sending it to a referendum vote. He feels the town meeting process is the piece that has been there for our town and has been utilized and cannot endorse this as he feels it would go against the wishes of the town's people who put the petition in.

V. Pudvah questioned if another petition was needed to force a referendum. S. Mikutel noted since the BOS is facilitating the process, that is not necessary.

K. Skulczyck suggested asking at the second town meeting if the town supports going to referendum and if so, moving forward at that point.

P. Anthony noted that this is a huge matter and felt that all the town's people should vote on such a matter and as stated by the legal opinion it is the right of the BOS to move forward to referendum if it chooses to go that route.

Motion on the floor carried 2 to 1. S. Mikutel and P. Anthony in favor, K. Skulczyck opposed.

3. Adjournment

MOTION: Motion was made by P. Anthony, seconded by S. Mikutel, to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 AM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa M. Wood,
Executive Assistant