



Town of Griswold
Board of Selectman
Regular Meeting
February 10, 2009
6:30pm
Town Hall Meeting Room



MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Roll Call: P. Anthony called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Members Present:

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

Also Present:

Keleigh Baretincic, Recording Secretary
Carol Seaman, Registrar of Voters
Approximately Twelve Interested Townspeople

2. Approval of Minutes:

- a. January 27, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes: MOTION:** S. Mikutel motioned and was seconded by A. Hatfield to approve the January 27, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes. There was no discussion. All in favor; **motion carried.**

3. Correspondence: Sent/Received:

- a. Letter dated January 24, 2009 and received January 26, 2009 from two Beverly Drive residents stating their objections to making Beverly Drive a one way street:** P. Anthony read the letter for the record. Superintendent of Public Works Todd Babbitt will get in touch with the residents about their concerns.
- b. Letter dated February 9, 2009 from Griswold Senior Center Director requesting that the \$1,000.00 received from TVCC to offset costs incurred with operating as an energy application site, be removed from the Senior Center Recreation line item. *Please see item 6a for a related motion.***
- c. Letter from Boundaries, LLC regarding Stone Hill Road Engineering Survey, Bid #09-01: MOTION:** S. Mikutel motioned and was seconded by A. Hatfield to add item 3c to the agenda under Any Other Business. There was no discussion. All in favor; **motion carried. *Please see below.***

4. New Business

- a. Discussion pursuant to the Triangle Wire Property:** P. Anthony gave an update on the property. A foreclosure sale was held and the highest bidder was the current owner of the property on the larger parcel. The smaller parcel was not sold and could revert to the Town. Should the Town garner ownership of the smaller parcel, P. Anthony stated that the current Town insurance policy covers up to 11 million dollars of liability. Estimates for additional coverage for the smaller parcel (including fire damage) have come in at \$5,175.00 a year, but are strictly estimates. A phase I and II environmental studies have been completed and a phase III is anticipated. **No action taken.**

b. Authorize the First Selectman to sign the agreement with Shipman & Goodwin to provide legal representation for the School Building on matters relative to energy project work:

School Building Committee (SBC) member Stuart Norman described the proposed agreement. Shipman & Goodwin would be hired to assist the SBC in assisting energy related grants to be applied towards the costs of the current school building project, including geothermal and photo voltaic energy solutions. **MOTION:** S. Mikutel motioned and was seconded by A. Hatfield to authorize the First Selectman to sign the agreement with Shipman & Goodwin to provide legal representation for the School Building on matters relative to energy project work not to exceed \$7,000.00 as stipulated in the agreement. There was no discussion. All in favor; **motion carried.**

c. Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Budget draft for review, presented by the First Selectman:

MOTION: S. Mikutel motioned and was seconded by A. Hatfield to call a Special Board of Selectman meeting on Thursday February 19, 2009 at 9:00 am at the Griswold Town Hall, Town Hall meeting room to discuss and possibly take action on the draft Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Budget. There was no discussion. All in favor; **motion carried.**

5. Old Business

- a. Ethics Commission Code Revision: MOTION:** S. Mikutel motioned and was seconded by A. Hatfield to forward the Ethics Commission Code Revision to the Town Attorney for review and comment. There was no discussion. All in favor; **motion carried.**

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

MOTION: S. Mikutel motioned and was seconded by A. Hatfield to add the letter dated February 9, 2009 from Griswold Senior Center Director requesting that the \$1,000.00 received from TVCC to offset costs incurred with operating as an energy application site, be removed from the Recreation line item to the agenda under Any Other Business. There was no discussion. All in favor; **motion carried.**

- a. Letter from Senior Center Director re: \$1,000.00 TVCCA donation: MOTION:** S. Mikutel motioned and was seconded by A. Hatfield to forward the letter to the Board of Finance (BOF) for review with the recommendation and approval for the BOF that they establish a non lapsing account for the monies. There was no discussion. All in favor; **motion carried.**
- b. Letter from Boundaries, LLC regarding Stone Hill Road Engineering Survey, Bid #09-01:** John Faulise from Boundaries explained that the former insurance amount carried on bid #09-01 was at 5 million dollars solely due to coverage the company was carrying to cover a project it was working on for the Mohegan Sun Casino. The standard coverage amount accepted by the Town has historically been 2 million dollars. Since the Stone Hill Survey had been delayed for multiple reasons and the Mohegan Sun project has since fallen through, Boundaries was requesting that the Town accept that Boundaries would be reverting to the standard 2 million dollar insurance coverage. **MOTION:** A. Hatfield motioned to accept the conditions of the letter from Boundaries, LLC dated February 4, 2009 and allow the insurance change. There was no discussion. All in favor; **motion carried.**

**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:

- Two separate residents were concerned about the upcoming budget and wanted to suggest that the Board find new ways to cut the budget to insure there is no mil increase. The Board is working towards that goal.
- A resident asked if the sale price of the triangle Wire property will satisfy all liens on the property. P. Anthony responded that they would with the exception of committee fees,, which is due to a miscommunication. The attorney representing the Town will supply the Town with \$3,000.00 in complimentary legal fees to offset this error.
- A resident asked about the following items, to which P. Anthony noted they are all under review: Disposal of Property, Blighted Buildings and Junkyards.

8. Adjournment: S. Mikutel motioned and was seconded by A. Hatfield to adjourn. There was no discussion. All in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Keleigh Baretincic
Recording Secretary**