



# Town of Griswold

Board of Selectman  
Regular Meeting  
February 23, 2010

6:30 pm

Town Hall Meeting Room



## MINUTES

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call:** P. Anthony called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.  
Philip Anthony, First Selectman  
Steve Mikutel, Second Selectman  
Theresa Madonna, Third Selectwoman  
**Also present:**  
Keleigh Baretincic, Recording Secretary  
Twelve (12) interested persons
2. **Approval of Minutes:**
  - **February 9, 2010 Regular Meeting Minutes:** **MOTION:** T. Madonna motioned and was seconded by S. Mikutel to approve the February 9, 2010 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. There was no discussion. All in favor; **motion carried.**
  - **February 12, 2010 Special Meeting Minutes:** **MOTION:** S. Mikutel motioned and was seconded by T. Madonna to approve the February 12, 2010 Special Meeting Minutes as presented. There was no discussion. All in favor; **motion carried.**
  - **February 19, 2010 Special Meeting Minutes:** **MOTION:** S. Mikutel motioned and was seconded by T. Madonna to approve the February 19, 2010 Special Meeting Minutes as presented. There was no discussion. All in favor; **motion carried.**
3. **Correspondence: Sent/Received:** None.
4. **New Business**
  - **Discussion and possible action on a recommendation from Planning and Zoning for the consideration of the discontinuance of several unimproved Town roads:** P. Anthony read a correspondence relative to this matter from Attorney Mark Branse. The BOS reviewed the documentation on the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) on the discontinuance of several unimproved Town roads. The BOS discussed that they would like to get additional details and discuss the recommendation from the PZC with Town Planner Carl Fontneau as well as Road Superintendent Todd Babbitt. K. Baretincic will let both know that the BOS would like them at the next meeting for this purpose. **MOTION:** S. Mikutel motioned and was seconded by T. Madonna to table this item until the next Regular Board of Selectmen's Meeting. There was no discussion. All in favor; **motion carried.**
  - **Discussion with Patrick McCormick from Uncas Health District on services available to Griswold through the regional district:** P. Anthony stated that due to the impending retirement of Dr. Al Gosselin effective July 1, 2010 as the Director of Health in Griswold, the Uncas Health District was present to review options available to the Town for health services through the Uncas Health District.

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Uncas Health District (UHD) Health Director Patrick McCormick was present and reviewed the services provided by UHD available to the Town should the Town opt to join. The BOS discussed the possibility and its associated processes, benefits and negatives. The calculated per capita cost to join would be \$6.82 pp for a cost of \$77,734.00. There is no expectation from UHD that services would be interrupted. There would be a payment due at the signing of any agreement in the amount of \$11,000.00 to start the process of switching. The BOS discussed that the loss of revenue would also need to be taken into account. Population estimates for the UHD are generated by the Connecticut State Department of Public Health. T. Madonna expressed a desire to review the proposal line by line; including the loss of revenue. **No action taken.**

- **Discussion and possible action on the selection of a company to perform the 2011 Revaluation from the three Request for Proposals respondents: MOTION:** S. Mikutel motioned and was seconded by T. Madonna to table this item until the Special Board of Selectmen Meeting scheduled for Friday, February 26, 2010 at 8:30am. There was no discussion. All in favor; **motion carried.**

**5. Old Business**

- **Discussion and possible action on drafting a Blighted Building Ordinance for:** The BOS discussed that they have re-reviewed the Old Saybrook and Avon ordinances. S. Mikutel and P. Anthony favor the Old Saybrook and T. Madonna; Avon. T. Madonna would like to see the enforcement language of the Avon ordinance incorporated into the Old Saybrook language as well as language referencing fines, unsafe structures (safety hazards). **MOTION:** S. Mikutel motioned and was seconded by T. Madonna to refer the Old Saybrook and Avon Blighted Building Ordinances to the Town Attorney for review and to incorporate the enforcement provisions from the Avon ordinance into the Old Saybrook Ordinance. **Discussion:** T. Madonna will forward her comments to K. Baretincio to be forwarded along with the ordinances to the Town Attorney. There was no further discussion. All in favor; **motion carried.**
- **Executive Session to discuss matters relative the possible extension of Kaestle Boos, Architectural Firm's School Construction Contract: MOTION:** T. Madonna motioned and was seconded by S. Mikutel to enter into executive session to discuss matters relative the possible extension of Kaestle Boos, Architectural Firm's School Construction Contract and to invite in the executive session to offer relevant testimony the following persons: School Building Committee Members, Peter Dorff and Stuart Norman. There was no discussion. All in favor; **motion carried.**

**The BOS entered into executive session at 7:15 pm.**

**The BOS exited executive session at 7:25 pm.**

- **Discussion and possible action to authorize the First Selectmen to sign a contract extension with Kaestle Boos, Associates, Inc: MOTION:** S. Mikutel motioned and was seconded by T. Madonna to table item 5b. There was no discussion. All in favor; **motion carried.**

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

**7. Public Forum:** *P. Anthony asked that all persons come to the front microphone if able and speak their name clearly for the record and if unable for any reason to please speak loudly from their seat and everyone should limit their comments to a few minutes.*

- A resident asked the BOS to clarify the status of Red Barn Road and issues on his property. The road is currently on a road list of possible unimproved Town roads that may be discontinued.
- A resident thanked the BOS for their action on the blighted building ordinance. The resident also commented on school storage trailers that were ill equipped to store furniture and should be removed from the school grounds.
- A resident asked the BOS for clarification on the Uncas Health District possibility and issues related to staffing, vehicles, etc. The BOS noted that they are discussing all options at the moment.
- A resident noted that a reflector on Pleasant View was hit by a vehicle and needs to be replaced and that incorporating the Avon language seems prudent.

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

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Keleigh Baretincic**  
**Recording Secretary**