



Town of Griswold

Board of Selectmen

Regular Meeting

March 10, 2015

6:30 PM

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



MINUTES

1. **Call to Order/Roll** – Meeting was called to order at 6:31 by Kevin Skulczyck, First Selectman

Members Present: Kevin Skulczyck, First Selectman
Steve Mikutel, Second Selectman

Members Absent: Philip Anthony, Third Selectman (unexpected injury)

Others Present: Lisa M. Wood, Executive Assistant
Todd Babbitt, Road Superintendent
Ryan Aubin, Director of Parks & Recreation/YSB
11 others
2 members of the press

2. **Approval of Minutes**

- a. February 24, 2015 – Regular Meeting Minutes
- b. February 27, 2015 – Special Meeting Minutes
- c. March 4, 2015 - Special Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Mikutel, seconded by K. Skulczyck, to approve the minutes of February 24, 2015, February 27, 2015 and March 4, 2015 as submitted.

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 K. Skulczyck, to approve the tax refunds as presented by the Tax Collector. **Motion carried unanimously.**

b. Discussion and possible action on appointment of Rob Parrette as a member of the Senior Center Building Committee – Rob Parrette was present and gave a brief description of his background in building materials and supplies and his current position as a Sr. Estimator with an international construction company for the US Government. He also noted his service as a member of the Wetlands Commission and ZBA.

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Mikutel, seconded by K. Skulczyck, to appoint Rob Parrette as a member of the Sr. Center Building Committee. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- * **MOTION:** Motion was made by S. Mikutel, seconded by K. Skulczyck, to skip to Any Other Business that may properly come before the Board, for the purpose of adding to the agenda, the item of Todd Babbitt and the Sr. Center Building Committee. **Motion carried unanimously.**

T. Babbitt spoke in favor of Douglas Joslyn, who could not be present tonight, and his request to also be appointed as a member of the Sr. Center Building Committee. T. Babbitt stated he went to school with D. Joslyn and was the general supervisor in charge of building Foxwoods and is currently doing some government building outside the country. T. Babbitt also spoke in favor of Mr. Parrette's appointment. K. Skulczyck noted the money for the building of the Sr. Center has officially been released.

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Mikutel, seconded by K. Skulczyck, to appoint to the Sr. Center Building Committee, Douglas Joslyn, as per the recommendation of the Road Superintendent and building committee member Todd Babbitt. **Motion carried unanimously.**

c. Discussion and possible action on hiring for positions of Summer Camp Counselor and Summer Camp Counselor Supervisor – R. Aubin noted this is the same job descriptions as used last year for hiring of the same positions. K. Skulczyck noted these are budgeted items and are subject to change. R. Aubin noted he is looking for permission to move forward in hiring for the positions. S. Mikutel commented this is a rare exception that allows the Recreation Director to move forward with hiring himself as they are temporary positions and he knows them better.

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Mikutel, seconded by K. Skulczyck, to authorize the Youth Services Bureau Director, Ryan Aubin, to hire for Summer Camp Counselor and Summer Camp Counselor Supervisor. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- d. **Discussion and possible action on authorizing the First Selectman to execute any documents necessary for completion of “Agreement between the State of Connecticut and the Town of Griswold for a cash grant toward the purchase of wheelchair-accessible motor vehicle(s) for elderly and/or disabled persons transportation programs and for a scholarship program related thereto” and adoption of enclosed resolution** – K. Skulczyck, noted this grant was just received last year for a van, so it has been decided not to apply for this grant this year.

5. Old Business - None

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

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Mikutel, seconded by K. Skulczyck, to bring onto the agenda, discussion and possible action on the relocation of the Youth Services Bureau. **Motion carried unanimously.**

S. Mikutel noted that relocation of the Youth Services Bureau has been addressed over the past couple of months. Choices discussed have been relocating them to the school campus, keeping them in the Slater Mill, or more recently, moving them to the vacated nurses building on Ashland Street. The Ashland Street preferred site of staff of the Youth Services Bureau. S. Mikutel also commented he did not feel the school is the best site for the services because once you are placed within the school system the program loses its identity. It would also save the town money from rent costs. S. Mikutel noted at least on a temporary basis, moving to Ashland Street nurses’ building, would be his preference. Once the Sr. Center is built and the existing Sr. Center building becomes vacant, we may want to visit locating the YSB in that location. K. Skulczyck commented that he agrees with S. Mikutel and likes the idea that accessibility to the park will be so convenient for town activities, especially with the Bicentennial events this year. His only concern is that the 2nd floor of the building be used for some social or rec related social program. S. Mikutel noted at this point he thinks we should temporarily release the first floor only for YSB/Recreation.

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Mikutel, seconded by K. Skulczyck, to relocate the Griswold Youth Services Bureau to the defunct Griswold Visiting Nurse’s Building on Ashland St. and that they have jurisdiction of the first floor on a temporary basis, to be revisited at a future date. **Motion carried unanimously.**

7. Public Forum

(Discussion on proposal to increase the BOS from a three member body to a five member body)

Ransom Young – R. Young asked if there would be a town meeting regarding the number of members of the BOS. K. Skulczyck noted there would be a town meeting and a referendum. R. Young also commented people are always willing to expand and he doesn't feel it is necessary.

David Vieaux – D. Vieaux noted he has seen nothing else about what else might apply to possibly increasing the number of members of the BOS, such as if they would be paid. S. Mikutel and K. Skulczyck both noted we can only act on the question listed in the petition received, which made reference only to the number of board members. Everything else would have to be acted on after the initial question is answered.

8. Adjournment

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Mikutel, seconded by K. Skulczyck, to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,

**Lisa M. Wood,
Executive Assistant**