



Town of Griswold

Board of Selectman
Regular Meeting
March 23, 2010

6:30 pm

Town Hall Meeting Room



MINUTES

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

Members Present:

Philip Anthony, First Selectman
Steve Mikutel, Second Selectman
Theresa Madonna, Third Selectwoman

Also present:

Barbara Crouch, Finance Director
Keleigh Baretincic, Recording Secretary
Megan Bard, The Day
Ten (10) Interested Persons

2. **Approval of Minutes:**

- a. **March 8, 2010 Special Meeting Minutes:** **MOTION:** S. Mikutel motioned and was seconded by T. Madonna to approve the March 8, 2010 Special Meeting Minutes. The following corrections were noted for the record: The arrival time for S. Mikutel should be reflected in the record as 8:58 am. There were no additional corrections and no further discussion. All in favor; **motion carried.**
- b. **March 9, 2010 Regular Meeting Minutes:** **MOTION:** S. Mikutel motioned and was seconded by T. Madonna to approve the March 9, 2010 Special Meeting Minutes. The following corrections were noted for the record: Page 3, Item 5b, Third sentence should have the following phrase removed; *that they did not feel*. There were no additional corrections and no further discussion. All in favor; **motion carried.**
- c. **March 19, 2010 Special Meeting Minutes (1):** **MOTION:** S. Mikutel motioned and was seconded by T. Madonna to approve the March 19, 2010 Special Meeting Minutes (1). There was no discussion. All in favor; **motion carried.**
- d. **March 19, 2010 Special Meeting Minutes (2):** **MOTION:** S. Mikutel motioned and was seconded by T. Madonna to approve the March 19, 2010 Special Meeting Minutes (2). There was no discussion. All in favor; **motion carried.**

3. **Correspondence: Sent/Received:** None.

4. **New Business**

- a. **Action to call a Special Town Meeting on Tuesday, April 13th at 6:00 pm at the Griswold Town Hall to consider and act upon authorizing the Town to join the Uncas Health District:** **MOTION:** S. Mikutel motioned and was seconded by T. Madonna to call a Special Town Meeting on Tuesday, April 13th at 6:00 pm at the Griswold Town Hall to consider and act upon authorizing the Town to join the Uncas Health District. **DISCUSSION:** T. Madonna asked about the specifics of Ledge Light Health District fees and per capita fees. P. Anthony noted that the higher fees for Ledge Light as well as the significant distance from the Town are considerations he feels cannot be overlooked.

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P. Anthony will supply T. Madonna with the requested information on the Ledge Light Health District. There was no further discussion. All in favor; **motion carried**.

- b. Discussion and possible action on a request from Road Superintendent Todd Babbitt to transfer \$5,400.00 in revenue into the Town Aid Road Fund to be used towards the purchase of a new Public Works Truck and a separate request to transfer \$6,500.00 into the Capital Plan to fund equipment needed to complete the power gate at the Public Works Garage:** The Board of Selectmen (BOS) discussed the request for both the truck. The BOS felt that they need to speak to T. Babbitt about this request in light of the current budget challenges and the need to curb discretionary funding. Additionally, the BOS discussed the use of a larger truck and additional diesel costs associated with it vs. a smaller vehicle. **MOTION:** S. Mikutel motioned and was seconded by T. Madonna to table this item until they are able to speak with T. Babbitt. There was no discussion. All in favor; **motion carried**. The BOS discussed the request for \$6,500.00 for a power gate at the Public Works garage and agreed that the BOS needs to speak to T. Babbitt about this request in light of the current budget challenges and the need to curb discretionary funding. **MOTION:** P. Anthony motioned and was seconded by S. Mikutel to amend the previous motion to table both requests from T. Babbitt until the next regular meeting. There was no discussion. All in favor; **motion carried**.
- c. Discussion and possible action on a request from the Town Planner to approve a line item transfer in the amount of \$2,500.00 from line item Professional Services (5120- I) to the Zoning Board of Appeals Advertising line item (5204-E):** **MOTION:** S. Mikutel motioned and was seconded by T. Madonna to recommend to the Board of Finance the approval of the request from the Town Planner for a line item transfer in the amount of \$2,500.00 from line item Professional Services (5120- I) to the Zoning Board of Appeals Advertising line item (5204-E). There was no discussion. All in favor; **motion carried**.
- d. Discussion and possible action on transferring \$10,000.00 from the Summer Recreation Program (9202-5301-550) to the Transfer to Youth Fund line item (5426-5302-550) to cover a budgetary shortfall:** B. Crouch explained that the shortfall and transfer from the Summer Recreation program can be covered with funds from a Justice Assistant Grant (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) received by Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$9,100.00. **MOTION:** S. Mikutel motioned and was seconded by T. Madonna to recommend to the Board of Finance the approval of a transfer in the amount of \$10,000.00 from the Summer Recreation Program (9202-5301-550) to the Transfer (to) Youth Fund line item (5426-5302-550) to cover a budgetary shortfall. There was no discussion. All in favor; **motion carried**.

5. Old Business

- a. Discussion and possible action on drafting a Blighted Building Ordinance for the Town of Griswold:** P. Anthony noted that the Town Attorney is still reviewing this. **MOTION:** S. Mikutel motioned and was seconded by T. Madonna to table this item until the next regular meeting. There was no discussion. All in favor; **motion carried**.

- b. **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 to the possible extension of Kaestle Boos, Architectural Firm's School Construction Contract and to invite into executive session for the purpose of offering relevant testimony the following persons: School Building Committee Member Peter Dorff and Charles Boos of Kaestle Boos Construction. There was no discussion. All in favor; **motion carried.**

The BOS entered into executive session at 6:56 pm.

The BOS exited executive session at 7:00pm.

- c. **Discussion and possible action to authorize the First Selectmen to sign a contract extension with Kaestle Boos, Associates, Inc.:** **MOTION:** T. Madonna motioned and was seconded by S. Mikutel to authorize the First Selectmen to sign a contract extension with Kaestle Boos, Associates, Inc for amendment 2. 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 agreed with T. Madonna that purchasing the Public Works truck right now does not make sense do to the budget issues. He noted that the Health Department truck may be disposed of soon and those funds could be utilized. Additionally he felt that since it is spring the issue is not critical. He also felt that employees should have to keep track of their mileage.
- A resident was concerned about the discontinued portion of Red Barn Road and requested to be added to the next BOS agenda. The resident would like a gate installed on the discontinued portion to limit access. P. Anthony will look into the issue and asked that the resident put his request in writing.
- A resident expressed concern that the junk was not being removed from Rhea Ave and also Rte 164. He requested that the BOS look into the matter and respond on the progress.
- The BOS answered a residents question about the approval of the Kaestle Boos contract. The resident was pleased that the contract extension was approved.
- A resident spoke about the proposed Blight Ordinance and stated that not all residents are in favor of it. The resident expressed concern that it would encourage a "gated community" feel to the Town. The BOS responded that the proposed ordinance is in draft form and they would work to make it fit Griswold and that is will be subject to Town approval at a Town Meeting.

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 7:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Keleigh Baretincic
Recording Secretary