



Town of Griswold
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
April 22, 2014
6:30 PM
Downstairs Meeting Room
Town Hall, 28 Main St., Griswold



UNAPPROVED MINUTES

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call** – Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Kevin Skulczyck.

Members Present:

Kevin Skulczyck, First Selectman
Steve Mikutel, Second selectman
Philip Anthony, Third Selectman (*arrived at 6:32 PM*)

Others Present:

Jaimee O'Neill, Recording Secretary
George Kennedy, Registrar of Voters
7 other interested citizens

2. **Approval of Minutes**

- a. **April 8, 2014 – Regular Meeting Minutes**

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Mikutel, seconded by K. Skulczyck, to approve the April 8, 2014 – Regular Meeting Minutes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

3. **Correspondence**

- a. **Resignation letter of Joyce Brewster from the Recycling Committee** – No Discussion
 - b. **Correspondence from Planning & Zoning Commission on filling vacant position, left by resignation of Ben Hull, with Charlotte Geer** – No Discussion

4. **New Business**

- a. **Discussion and possible action on tax refunds as presented by Rich Grabowski, Tax Collector**

MOTION: S. Mikutel made a motion, seconded by K. Skulczyck, to approve the tax refunds as presented by Rich Grabowski, Tax Collector. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- b. Discussion and possible action on information presented by the Registrars of Voters on procedures and upcoming election-day positions.** George Kennedy stated that the Registrars would like to increase the salary for certain poll worker, whose positions require specific training and certifications. The Board of Selectmen stated that this should go to the Board of Finance for their approval. G. Kennedy also stated that there are a number of safety issues at Pachaug Town Hall during referendums.

5. Old Business

- a. Discussion and possible action on appointment of Thomas Szafranski from an alternate position on the Recreation Commission to a regular member position to fill the unexpired portion of a term of 5/16/2010 – 5/15/2016**

MOTION: P. Anthony made a motion, seconded by S. Mikutel, to appoint Thomas Szafranski from an alternate position on the Recreation Commission to a regular member position to fill the unexpired portion of a term of 5/16/2010 – 5/15/2016. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- b. Discussion and possible action on review by town attorney on proposed amendment to the Ordinance regarding proper recusal procedures.** K. Skulczyck stated that he is waiting on correspondence from Town's attorney in regards to this matter and would like to table it until the next meeting.

MOTION: P. Anthony made a motion, seconded by S. Mikutel, to table agenda item 5(b) until the next meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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

MOTION: Motion was made by P. Anthony, seconded by K. Skulczyck, to bring the item of stolen municipal property onto the agenda. **Motion carried unanimously.**

S. Mikutel commented that he would like a monthly update from the Prosecutor's Office in regards to the stolen catch basins.

MOTION: Motion was made by P. Anthony, seconded by S. Mikutel, to bring the item of Assistant Assessor position onto the agenda. **Motion carried unanimously.**

P. Anthony was looking for the status of the Assistant Assessor position, has this position been posted internally yet. S. Mikutel stated that he would like something from the Board of Finance stating that if the budget doesn't pass that the position will still be funded at full time and that no cuts will be made to that position. It was agreed by the Board that they would wait until after the referendum in May to see if the budget passes or fails.

7. Public Forum

Bill Czymr (American Legion Ambulance) – Asked where the \$70,000 is that tax payers voted on, the ambulance service hasn't received it yet.

Dave Vieaux – Noticed that there is no “No Swimming” sign at the Edmond Road Bridge, as there was before it was replaced.

Ransom Young – Would like to ensure that the Town will be clearing cemeteries this year. Also, there is a catch basin on Rixtown Road that needs to be brought up to street level.

Ed Berdick – Mentioned that unsanitary items such as hypodermic needles and used condoms have been found at the Little League fields. He also requested that he be put on an upcoming agenda to discuss recording and televising Selectmen's meetings for a trial period.

J.R. Normand Sylvestre – Inquired on the status of blighted properties and mentioned that there is a tree on Taylor Hill that has fallen and is rotting. If it continues to rot, there is potential for the stump to fall into the road, causing accidents.

Norm Higgins – Stated that he appreciates that S. Mikutel respects the Board of Finance's authority. Also stated, that in all the meetings he attended in regards to the American Legion Ambulance it was mutually agreed upon by all parties that expenditures would be submitted by the ambulance company to the Town for payment. The Town was not going to be handing over \$70,000.

Joe Foy – Stated that it was never in the press, nor on the ballot, that if tax payers approved \$70,000 for American Legion Ambulance expenditures would be submitted to the Town for payment.

Dave Vieaux – Would like to see Town forms (i.e.: blight, complaint) made available on the website.

8. Adjournment

MOTION: S. Mikutel made a motion, seconded by P. Anthony, to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Jaimee O'Neill