



Town of Griswold

Board of Selectman
Regular Meeting
May 12, 2009
6:30pm
Town Hall Meeting Room



AGENDA

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call:** P. Anthony called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
Members Present:
Philip Anthony, First Selectman
Anne Hatfield, Third Selectwoman
Also Present:
Kathy Maxwell, Director of Finance
Keleigh Baretincic, Recording Secretary
Members Absent:
Steve Mikutel, Second Selectman
Approximately Eight (8) Interested Townspeople
2. **Approval of Minutes:**
 - a. **April 28, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes:** **MOTION:** A. Hatfield motioned and was seconded by P. Anthony to approve the April 28, 2009 regular meeting minutes as presented. There was no discussion. All in favor; **motion carried.**
3. **Correspondence: Sent/Received:** None
4. **New Business**
 - a. **Discussion on creating Town Building Use Policy:** The Board of Selectmen (BOS) discussed the possibility of creating a Building Use Policy. They will continue to review other Town's policies for reference. No action taken.
 - b. **Resolution to authorize the First Selectman to sign an memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Griswold and the Connecticut Department of Public Safety Office of Statewide Emergency Telecommunications to receive geographic information data from Tele Atlas North America, inc:** **MOTION:** A. Hatfield motioned and was seconded by P. Anthony to authorize the First Selectman to sign an memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Griswold and the Connecticut Department of Public Safety Office of Statewide Emergency Telecommunications to receive geographic information data from Tele Atlas North America, inc. There was no discussion. All in favor; **motion carried.**

5. Old Business

- a. Discussion and possible action on transferring a portion of Town property on Campbell Road to abutting property owner Richard Campbell with conditions in place at the time of transfer:** P. Anthony will share the Town Attorney's opinion with the Board. **MOTION:** A. Hatfield motioned and was seconded by P. Anthony to table this item. There was no further discussion. All in favor; **motion carried.**
- b. Discussion and possible action on Catch Basin Bids:** **MOTION:** A. Hatfield motioned and was seconded by P. Anthony to table this item. P. Anthony noted that this would probably be brought up at a special meeting due to time constraints. There was no further discussion. All in favor; **motion carried.**
- c. Discussion and review of the Griswold Economic Commission's Draft Griswold Business Incentive Policy:** **MOTION:** A. Hatfield motioned and was seconded by P. Anthony to approve the Griswold Economic Commission's Draft Griswold Business Incentive Policy as presented. There was no discussion. All in favor; **motion carried.**

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

- a. Discussion on American Legion Tax Waiver request:** P. Anthony described the history of the project. Mr. Ed Burke represented the American Legion and detailed the request from the American Legion for a tax waiver. He noted that the project would revitalize the neighborhood that the project is located in. HUD vouchers would provide the revenue source to fund the home once it is established. The project will be supported by community resources and support, offering job opportunities as well. P. Anthony supports this endeavor. A Hatfield noted that she would like to contact the Town Attorney on this matter to verify the criteria for establishing the requested tax waiver as well as notifying the Board of Finance and the Town Assessor. **No action taken.**
- b. Connecticut State Library Historic Documents Preservation Grant:** **MOTION:** A. Hatfield motioned and was seconded by P. Anthony to authorize the First Selectman to sign the grant documents for the Connecticut State Library Historic Documents Preservation Grant. There was no discussion. All in favor; **motion carried.**
- c. J. R. Norman Sylvestre:** Mr. Sylvestre had a few issues to be discussed:
 - i. Blighted Building Policy:** N. Sylvestre asked about the Town creating a blighted building ordinance. P. Anthony responded that the borough has a blighted building ordinance and he would recommend that N. Sylvestre speak with the borough and the Town Attorney to review and update the policy for Town use.
 - ii. Williams Street Site Line Issue:** P. Anthony noted that the property is currently going through probate and the brush is being sprayed to deter further foliage growing.
 - iii. Cease and Desist Request:** The BOS reviewed and discussed the information provided by N. Sylvestre with regards to this matter. **MOTION:** P. Anthony motioned and was seconded by A. Hatfield to forward the State Statue to the Planning and Zoning Commission with a request that the Planning and Zoning Commission review the situation and take any appropriate action be taken within thirty (30) days from receipt of the request. There was no further discussion. All in favor; **motion carried.**
 - iv.** P. Anthony noted that the safety commission draft is being reviewed by the Town Attorney. A. Hatfield would like a copy of the changes and the Attorney's opinion.

**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

- A resident suggested that any building use policy include terms that age be considered as part of facility uses, i.e.: Senior Activities use the senior center, etc.
- A resident noted that the cemeteries look good freshly mowed.
- A resident asked if the building fees would be waived for the American Legion project. Also he was concerned that the waiver of building fees section of the new Griswold Business Incentive Policy be carefully weighed before implementing. P. Anthony responded that the fees would not be waived for the American Legion Project; the project is only looking for a tax waiver.

8. Adjournment: MOTION: P. Anthony motioned and was seconded by A. Hatfield to adjourn. There was no discussion. All in favor; **motion carried.** P. Anthony adjourned the meeting at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Keleigh Baretincic
Recording Secretary**