



**Town of Griswold  
Board of Selectmen  
Regular Meeting  
May 13, 2014  
6:30 PM  
Griswold Senior Center  
22 Soule Street, Griswold**



**APPROVED MINUTES**

- 1. Call to Order/Roll Call** – Meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM by Kevin Skulczyck, First Selectman

**Members Present:** Kevin Skulczyck, First Selectman  
Steve Mikutel, Second Selectman  
Philip Anthony, Third Selectman

**Others Present:** Lisa M. Wood, Executive Assistant  
Mario Tristany Jr., Town Planner  
3 interested citizens  
1 member of the press

- 2. Approval of Minutes**

- a. April 22, 2014 – Regular Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** Motion was made by P. Anthony, seconded by S. Mikutel, to approve the April 22, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes with a correction to item 6 with the first motion being made by S. Mikutel and seconded by P. Anthony and an addition that S. Mikutel noted he would like to pursue charges against the person who stole the town property. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- b. May 1, 2014 – Special Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** Motion was made by P. Anthony, seconded by S. Mikutel, to approve the May 1, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- c. May 5, 2014 – Special Meeting Minutes**
- d. May 8, 2014 – Special Meeting Minutes**
- e. May 12, 2014 – Special Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** Motion was made by P. Anthony, seconded by K. Skulczyck, to approve the May 5, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes, May 8, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes and the May 12, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes. **Motion carried. P. Anthony and K. Skulczyck in favor. S. Mikutel abstained.**

### 3. Correspondence

- a. **Amendment to Planning & Zoning Commission by-laws** – It was noted for the record, that the new language is directly from the State Statutes and is the procedure that has been followed by the Planning & Zoning Commission, but was not in writing until this point and they just wanted to include it.

### 4. New Business

- a. **Discussion and possible action on tax refunds as presented by Rich Grabowski, Tax Collector** – None
- b. **Discussion and possible action on appointment of Eric Vickers as a member of the Space Needs Committee** - There was discussion as to whether the Space Needs Committee is meeting regularly and what their charge is at this time. It was decided to contact the chairman and find out what their charge is at this time.

**MOTION:** Motion was made by P. Anthony, seconded by S. Mikutel, to table action on this item at this time. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- c. **Discussion and possible action on appointment of Kenneth W. Large as a member of the School Building Committee to fill the unexpired portion of a term of 11/19/2013 to 11/17/2015** – It was confirmed this position has been advertised.

**MOTION:** Motion was made by S. Mikutel, seconded by P. Anthony, to appoint Kenneth W. Large as a member of the School Building Committee to fill the unexpired portion of a term of 11/19/2013 to 11/17/2015. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- d. **Discussion and possible action on resolution authorizing the submission of the funding application for the Main Street Projects and authorization for the First Selectman to sign the application and administer the grant and the project** – M. Tristany Jr. gave an explanation to the Board of the previous grants that have been received and what they have covered. The first STEAP grant was used to do the Main Street Study and street furniture consisting of benches, flowers, planters and waste receptacles and a few lights. The next grant was the Main Street Investment Fund and was \$264,000 to be used to start construction and installation of period lighting. On April 14, 2014 M. Tristany Jr. filed a STEAP grant request for \$497,000 for the remainder of the money to purchase all the lights and operational equipment originally planned for and completion of the installation of such. This grant is

pending and typically is announced in September. It was confirmed for S. Mikutel that the remainder of the money from the \$264,000 grant only provided for a portion of the lighting plan. It was noted that the town was not going to lay the conduit in the road because they would have had to repave the entire road, which would be costly. That plan has since changed and the plan is to now lay the conduit in the road as the State now plans to repave Main Street. The plan to lay the conduit has to be worked out with the State plan to repave. Laying the conduit has become a priority and the funds available from the \$264,000 grant will be used to do that so we are done before the state paves. The grant ready to be submitted is an MSIF grant for 2014. The intent of the grant is to have a visual impact on Main Street and has a historical overtone. M. Tristany noted the new grant shows the following improvements and are estimated at a total of \$476,000: Elieser's Alley, Main St. cameras, Façade 37 Main and Façade 31 Main. There is a lot of potential for alleys to become really nice pedestrian access ways in and out of the Main Street area. These areas may or may not include furniture or sitting areas. The Board agreed this would have to be thought through. S. Mikutel and P. Anthony noted this is the first time they see the planned improvements of this potential grant and don't feel comfortable agreeing to it before exploring other options. It was the consensus of the Board to have a site visit this week before approval of the grant application. M. Tristany noted the safety issues the cameras would bring to Main Street. They are being used currently in Norwich and have been very helpful. They would be strategically located by the experts. P. Anthony noted he was supposed to be overseeing the direction of the Main Street plan and feels the Board should look at other options. K. Skulczyck noted he had not seen the proposal before tonight and did acknowledge P. Anthony was to be involved in the process.

**MOTION**: Motion was made by S. Mikutel, seconded by P. Anthony, to table action on this item. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**MOTION**: Motion was made by S. Mikutel, seconded by P. Anthony, to hold a special meeting for Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 PM to do a site visit along Main St. to possibly discuss and act on the MSIF proposal grant. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**5. Old Business - None**

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

**7. Public Forum**

**Ransom Young** – R. Young noted restrictions and specific regulations regarding the placement of open area dining areas.

**Norm Higgins** – N. Higgins noted the School Building Committee has been in existence for some time and suggested people may be wondering when it will be dissolved. He also noted the need for a town building committee. He suggested ending the school building committee and forming a town building committee to work on the need for future town

projects and prepare them to come before the Board of Selectmen. It was noted that the projects for the School Building Committee are winding down and they will be noticed as that time approaches.

A moment of silence was taken before adjournment, to recognize the recently deceased Registrar of Voters, Carol Seaman

## **8. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Motion was made by P. Anthony, seconded by S. Mikutel, to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Lisa M. Wood,  
Executive Assistant**