



Town of Griswold

Board of Selectman
Regular Meeting
May 26, 2009
6:30pm
Town Hall Meeting Room



MINUTES

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

Members Present:

Philip Anthony, First Selectman
Steve Mikutel, Second Selectman
Anne Hatfield, Third Selectwoman

Also Present:

Kathy Maxwell, Director of Finance
Keleigh Baretincic, Recording Secretary
Approximately Six (6) Interested Townspeople

2. Approval of Minutes:

- a. **May 12, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes:** **MOTION:** A. Hatfield motioned and was seconded by P. Anthony to approve the May 12, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. There was no discussion. A. Hatfield and P. Anthony voted in favor. S. Mikutel abstained; **motion carried.**
- b. **May 15, 2009 Special Meeting Minutes:** **MOTION:** S. Mikutel motioned and was seconded by A. Hatfield to approve the May 15, 2009 Special Meeting Minutes as presented. There was no discussion. All in favor; **motion carried**

3. Correspondence: Sent/Received: None

4. New Business:

- a. **Request from the Public Works Department regarding the dumping of catch basin sand on Town property:** P. Anthony read the letter from Public works for the record. The Board of Selectmen (BOS) discussed the previous disposal procedures. **MOTION:** S. Mikutel motioned and was seconded by A. Hatfield to authorize the Public Works department to dispose of the sand behind the Town garage facilities. There was no discussion. All in favor; **motion carried.**
- b. **Action on a request from the Board of Education to waive the bidding requirements under Town Ordinance 24-2 for a boiler replacement project:** P. Anthony read the letter from Danielle Batchelder, School Business Manager. Stuart Norman, member of the Board of Education was present and noted that the school had called four other companies for quotes and that TRANE was the lowest quote. The BOE has been using TRANE for quite some time and that the company is very familiar with the schools systems, lending to the cost effectiveness of the company. **MOTION:** S. Mikutel motioned and was seconded by A. Hatfield to table this item until the next meeting to allow the BOS the opportunity to speak with the business manager. There was no further discussion. All in favor; **motion carried.**

- c. **Authorize the First Selectman to sign a contract with George Knoecklein for services related to aquatic studies for all water bodies in the Town of Griswold:** The BOS discussed that the various water bodies in Town, in addition to Pachaug Pond, would also benefit from a draw down and that this funding would enable additional draw downs to happen. **MOTION:** S. Mikutel motioned and was seconded by A. Hatfield to authorize the First Selectman to sign the contract with Northeast Aquatic Research for services related to aquatic studies for all water bodies in the Town of Griswold. There was no discussion. All in favor; **motion carried.**

- d. **Action to fill vacancies on:** the BOS noted that both vacancies were advertised in the newspaper.
 - i. **School Building Committee:** **MOTION:** S. Mikutel motioned and was seconded by A. Hatfield to appoint Lou Rubino Jr., to the vacant seat on the School Building Committee (SBC). There was discussion that Mr. Rubino is an active resident at SBC meetings. There was no further discussion. All in favor; **motion carried.**
 - ii. **Wetlands Commission:** **MOTION:** A. Hatfield motioned and was seconded by S. Mikutel to appoint Gary Serdechny to the vacant seat on the Inland Wetlands Commission. There was discussion that the Wetlands Commission recommended the appointment of Mr. Serdechny to this seat. There was no further discussion. All in favor; **motion carried**

- e. **Call a Special Town Meeting on June 2, 2009 at 7:00pm at the Griswold Town Hall Meeting Room for the following purpose:**
 - i. **Discussion on the Fiscal Year 2010 Board of Education Budget:** **MOTION:** S. Mikutel motioned and was seconded by A. Hatfield to call Special Town Meeting on June 2, 2009 at 7:00pm at the Griswold Town Hall Meeting Room for the following purpose:
 - 1. Discussion on the Fiscal Year 2010 Board of Education Budget:
There was no discussion.
All in favor; **motion carried.** (*Please see additional action below, relative to this agenda item*)

5. Old Business

- a. **Discussion on creating Town Building Use Policy:** The BOS discussed that the Town will work on a draft which will then be forwarded to the Town Attorney for review. **MOTION:** S. Mikutel motioned and was seconded by A. Hatfield to table this item until the next regular meeting. There was no discussion. All in favor; **motion carried.**
- b. **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:** John Faulise Jr., was present from Boundaries, LLC., representing Mr. Campbell. J. Faulise had formulated an estimated cost per square foot based on previous similar land transfers. It came out to \$3,219.03. It was discussed that a separate parcel of land that Mr. Campbell was requesting to be transferred from the State could not move forward with the State until the Town acted. **MOTION:** S. Mikutel motioned and was seconded by A. Hatfield to call a Special Town Meeting on Tuesday, June 2, 2009 to discuss and take 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. There was no discussion. All in favor; **motion carried.**
- c. **Discussion on the draft Public Safety Committee Ordinance:** **MOTION:** S. Mikutel motioned and was seconded by A. Hatfield to send the draft ordinance back to the Safety Committee with the comments from the Town Attorney.

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There was discussion that the BOS expected the Safety Commission to incorporate the comments from the Town Attorney and return the draft with the revisions to the BOS to take action on. There was no further discussion. All in favor; **motion carried.**

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

a. Grant in the amount of \$174,000.00 to be used towards a Phase III environmental study at the former Triangle Wire site: P. Anthony noted that he had just received the paperwork on this grant from the State. He will have copies for the Board and will schedule a meeting next week for discussion and action on this item. **MOTION:** A. Hatfield motioned and was seconded by P. Anthony to table this item. There was no discussion. All in favor; **motion carried.**

S. Mikutel left at 7:15 pm.

b. Budget Special Town Meeting: MOTION: A. Hatfield motioned and was seconded by P. Anthony that in the event that the notice for the Special Town Meeting regarding the Griswold Board of Education Budget scheduled above for June 2, 2009 has not been noticed in a timely manner to reschedule the Special Town Meeting for Wednesday June 3, 2009 at 7:00 pm at the Griswold Town Hall Meeting Room. There was no discussion. All in favor; **motion carried.**

c. Campbell Road Special Town Meeting: MOTION: A. Hatfield motioned and was seconded by P. Anthony to rescind the motion made to call a Special Town Meeting on June 2, 2009 for discussion and action on the Transfer of Property on Campbell Road due to insufficient time to legally warn the meeting and to reschedule the Special Town Meeting for Tuesday June 9, 2009 at 6:15 pm at the Griswold Town Hall Meeting Room. There was no discussion. All in favor; **motion carried.**

**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 asked if there was sufficient time to legally post the Special Town Meeting for June 2, 2009. The BOS discussed the time frame. (*Please see above, under Any Other Business for action relative to this*)
- It was brought up by a resident that the site line on Williams Street is again becoming a safety issue due to the re-growth of vegetation obstructing views.
- It was noted by the BOS that the Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission was sent a letter regarding the junkyard issue discussed at previous meetings.
- The American Legion project tax waiver request was brought up. P. Anthony responded that it is currently with the Town Attorney for review. It will be added to Old Business on the next regular meetings agenda.

MOTION: A. Hatfield motioned and was seconded by P. Anthony to return to Any Other Business. There was no discussion. All in favor; **motion carried.**

- 8. Adjournment: MOTION:** A. Hatfield motioned and was seconded by P. Anthony to adjourn. There was no discussion. All in favor; **motion carried.** P. Anthony adjourned the meeting at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Keleigh Baretincic
Recording Secretary**