



# Town of Griswold

Board of Selectmen

Regular Meeting

May 26, 2015

6:30 PM

Griswold Town Hall, Downstairs Meeting Room  
28 Main St, Jewett City, CT 06351



## MINUTES

1. **Call to Order/Roll** – Meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM by Kevin Skulczyck, First Selectman

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

**Others Present:** Lisa M. Wood, Executive Assistant  
7 interested citizens

2. **Approval of Minutes**

- a. **May 12, 2015 – Regular Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** Motion was made by P. Anthony, seconded by S. Mikutel, to accept the May 12, 2015 meeting minutes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

3. **Correspondence** - None

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 authorizing the First Selectman to execute any documents necessary for completion of “Agreement between the State of Connecticut and the Town of Griswold for a cash grant toward the purchase of wheelchair-accessible motor vehicle(s) for elderly and/or disabled persons transportation programs and for a scholarship program related thereto”**

**MOTION:** Motion was made by S. Mikutel, seconded by P. Anthony, that the BOS authorize the First Selectman to execute any documents necessary for completion of “Agreement between the State of Connecticut and the Town of Griswold for a cash grant toward the purchase of wheelchair-accessible motor vehicle(s) for elderly and/or disabled persons transportation programs and for a scholarship program related thereto”. **Motion carried unanimously.**

## 5. Old Business

- a. **Discussion and possible action on setting a town meeting date on proposed ordinance submitted by the Recreation Commission** – S. Mikutel commented on the sample ordinance from Montville that was supplied by the town attorney. He would like to see our proposed ordinance encompassing some of the items in the Montville ordinance. S. Mikutel recommended the town attorney review the Montville ordinance and incorporate those things that fit to Griswold to include the Board of Selectmen endorsements, the reason why we are doing this and to include definitions, prohibited acts and those sort of things. P. Anthony agreed. K. Skulczyck agreed. Board members discussed whether or not to include chewing or spitting tobacco to be a prohibited act, as well as smoking. All Board members agreed to include.

**MOTION:** Motion was made by S. Mikutel, seconded by P. Anthony, to send the proposed ordinance back to the town attorney and ask him to incorporate those items within the Montville ordinance to make it more encompassing to include the BOS endorsing certain things, the rationale for the ordinance, as well as the definitions, prohibited acts, penalties and posting of signs as well. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- b. **Discussion and possible action on setting a town meeting date for the request by Philip and Sandra Belisle to purchase a parcel of land at 1559 Voluntown Road**  
c. **Discussion and possible action on setting a town meeting date regarding the sale of property located at 74 Richardson Hill Road**

K. Skulczyck commented that the town attorney has reviewed both potential sales and provided some draft language for the sale. Town meeting is required for the sale of the properties and a referral to the Planning & Zoning Commission for an 8-24 review, is required as well. All board members were in agreement.

**MOTION:** Motion was made by P. Anthony, seconded by S. Mikutel, that the town property sale to Philip and Sandra Belisle of 1559 Voluntown Rd., be tabled, as well as the property to be sold at 74 Richardson Hill Rd. to Daryl and Pamela Schlender, so that an 8-24 review can be done by the Planning and Zoning Commission, which is a requirement, and after such review the items will be come back before the Board of Selectmen for setting of a town meeting date. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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

- a. **MOTION:** Motion was made by S. Mikutel, seconded by P. Anthony, to add to the agenda the appointment to fill a vacancy on the EDC. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**MOTION:** Motion was made by S. Mikutel, seconded by P. Anthony, to appoint Kenneth D. Bousquet as a member of the Economic Development Commission to fill a vacancy which term will expire on 1/24/2016. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- b. **MOTION:** Motion was made by S. Mikutel, seconded by P. Anthony, to bring onto the agenda for discussion an update on the Bicentennial events. **Motion carried unanimously.**

P. Anthony noted calendars are on sale with the list of the upcoming events and the website lists the events as well. There will be re-enactments, lecturers, fireworks in August which Jewett City Savings Bank has made a generous donation to cover the cost of the fireworks. The date for the fireworks is 8/15/2015 and will be Ashland Lake with the viewing area being predominantly Veteran's Memorial Park. K. Skulczyck noted there is interest in arranging a combined meeting with the local fire departments, police and Borough and Town officials. P. Anthony noted events have been being coordinated but would act as a liaison to schedule the meeting. S. Mikutel also noted his support for the combined meeting to ensure safety of those attending and facilitate movement of people. There will also be an ice cream social at the Overlook and another Coast Guard Band concert and Hero's Day Celebration, Road Race, Kayak Day and Old Time Baseball.

## 7. Public Forum

**Dave Vieaux** – D. Vieaux wanted to know if legal notices were published for sale or bids of the two earlier discussed properties? K. Skulczyck replied no. D. Vieaux also commented on an ethical issue regarding PZC, EDC and the residents and the last PZC meeting and whether or not Charlotte Geer should abstain due to her family involvement on a topic. K. Skulczyck commented the town attorney did ask that night, three times, if anyone had an issue after C. Geer commented she felt she could make a decision with no bias. K. Skulczyck referred D. Vieaux to T. Giard, Chairman of the EDC. P. Anthony also noted that Atty. Branse, had in the past, pointed out that no one but yourself can determine if you are in conflict of interest.

**Ransom Young** – R. Young asked what was going on with the Schlenders? K. Skulczyck commented they are interested in buying a piece of town owned property. R. Young also inquired as to the status of the Rixtown Cemetery funds and Mr. Wolinski. K. Skulczyck commented Jewett City Savings Bank is currently working on ownership of those funds. R. Young also commented on the patio put in at Dean's Corner and the possibility of it being on a town road. K. Skulczyck commented it is not a town road and he should reference the Planning & Zoning minutes.

**Philip Anthony** – P. Anthony wanted to clarify for Mr. Vieaux he has known Charlotte Geer all his life and would not expect her to do anything wrong, but he has all right to ask those questions and to feel satisfied as a resident. D. Vieaux commented he was not questioning Charlotte Geer at all and thinks she is a wonderful person and hated to bring it up but thought it needed to be asked.

## **8. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Motion was made by S. Mikutel, seconded by P. Anthony, to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Lisa M. Wood,  
Executive Assistant**