



Town of Griswold

Board of Selectmen

Regular Meeting

June 9, 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 6:30 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
Todd Babbitt, Road Superintendent
9 other interested citizens

2. **Approval of Minutes**

- a. **May 26, 2015 – Special Meeting Minutes**
- b. **May 26, 2015 – Regular Meeting Minutes**
- c. **June 2, 2015 – Special Meeting Minutes**

MOTION: Motion was made by P. Anthony, seconded by S. Mikutel, to approve the May 26, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes, May 26, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes with a correction to the bottom of page 3 under Ransom Young's comments it should reference Uncle Kranky's and not Dean's Corner. **Motion carried unanimously.**

MOTION: Motion was made by P. Anthony, seconded by S. Mikutel, to approve the June 2, 2015 Special 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. Executive Session – pending litigation regarding ongoing road issue as presented by Todd Babbitt, Road Superintendent

MOTION: Motion was made by P. Anthony, seconded by S. Mikutel, to enter into executive session at 6:35 PM and to invite in Todd Babbitt, Road Superintendent. **Motion carried unanimously.**

MOTION: Motion was made by P. Anthony, seconded by S. Mikutel, to come out of executive session at 7:01 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Mikutel, seconded by P. Anthony, to move on to Old Business on the agenda as Mr. Filchak is not yet present. **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 that he felt that the Griswold Board of Selectmen should be listed as the one endorsing the policy as the Board of Selectmen are the ones who propose the ordinances.

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Mikutel, seconded by P. Anthony, that the Board of Selectmen approve the proposed ordinance regarding a Tobacco Free Community Recreation as proposed by the Town Attorney with the exception that it reads the Griswold Board of Selectmen endorse the policy. **Motion carried unanimously.**

K. Skulczyk suggested tabling setting a town meeting date as there are other items that will be coming forward for town meeting.

MOTION: Motion was made by P. Anthony, seconded by S. Mikutel, to table setting a town meeting date for adoption of the proposed ordinance for Tobacco-Free Community Recreation. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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

7. Public Forum

Ransom Young – R. Young commented about phone calls he places to a local radio show.

David Vieaux – D. Vieaux commented he feels that the town is losing touch with the delicate balance between nature, residential and business and his frustration with the way the P&Z Commission and EDC are handling this. D. Vieaux replied for P. Anthony that there was no public comment at the particular P&Z meeting that East Coast Sales was decided and he has not attended an EDC meeting.

Betty Knox – B. Knox asked if the gentleman previously speaking was referring to East Coast Sales and if the blue apartment building on the corner was part of it. K. Skulczyck commented a decision of approval was made last night at the P&Z meeting and there will be other formalities that need to be addressed, but the blue house is not included and is a separate property.

Thomas Bruner – T. Bruner asked about the status of the ambulance. K. Skulczyck noted he received an email last Thursday indicating all the paperwork would be forwarded to the Commissioner's office by last Friday to set up a hearing and was told that hearing would be relatively quick. Our drop dead date is July 1st and hope to have that decision before that. T. Bruner also noted this has been going on since January. K. Skulczyck commented in all fairness all parties involved came together in April and started the process.

Norm Higgins – N. Higgins made a request to have the BOS request Todd Babbitt to take a ride out and analyze the sight line at Pleasant View and prepare an oral report as he did a few years ago. K. Skulczyck noted the request would be looked into.

Betty Knox – B. Knox commented on her belief that American Ambulance has committed Medicare fraud in the past and how the town can feel comfortable moving forward with it. K. Skulczyck commented he has reviewed this with the town attorney and feels comfortable with the findings and moving forward.

Ransom Young – R. Young commented about the Rt. 138 intersection and the tree on Rt. 201 that was part of a motor vehicle accident a few years ago.

MOTION: Motion was made by P. Anthony, seconded by S. Mikutel, to take a 3 minute recess at 7:20 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

MOTION: Motion was made by P. Anthony, seconded by S. Mikutel to reconvene the meeting at 7:23 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

4. New Business (continued)

- a. New Business Discussion and presentation by NECCOG Executive Director, John Filchak, on Animal Control Officer services**
- b. Discussion and presentation by NECCOG Executive Director, John Filchak on revaluation services**

Mr. Filchak was still not present, so K. Skulczyck gave a brief synopsis. He stated our Animal Control Officer is retiring effective July 1st. The Assistant Animal Control Officer is present and does work for NECCOG part-time in an ACO capacity. Mr. Filchak may have some opportunities we may be able to take advantage of in moving forward with Animal Control duties in the town. K. Skulczyck noted we are coming upon the time of our partial

reevaluation. A complete reevaluation was done by Tyler Technologies, in 2011 for \$207,400 and the partial in 2006 was \$107,000. Mr. Filchak would like to go over the services for reevaluation that are offered by NECCOG before we move forward with making a decision. K. Skulczyck commented NECCOG currently provides reevaluation services for several area towns and he has received good reviews of the services offered by NECCOG.

8. Adjournment

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Mikutel, seconded by P. Anthony, to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa M. Wood,
Executive Assistant