



Town of Griswold
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
June 14, 2016
6:30 PM
Griswold Senior Center
22 Soule St, Jewett City, CT 06351



AGENDA

1. **Call to Order/Roll** – Meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Kevin Skulczyck, First Selectman

Members Present: Kevin Skulczyck, First Selectman
Steve Merchant Sr., Second Selectman
Martin McKinney Jr., Third Selectman

Others Present: Lisa M. Wood, Executive Assistant
110 interested citizens (approx.)

2. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Pledge of Allegiance was cited
3. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. **May 24, 2016 – Regular Meeting Minutes**
 - b. **May 31, 2016 – Special Meeting Minutes**
 - c. **June 7, 2016 – Special Meeting Minutes**

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by M. McKinney to approve the May 24, 2016 regular meeting minutes, May 31, 2016 special meeting minutes and the June 7, 2016 special meeting minutes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

4. **Correspondence – Letter to the Borough regarding vendor permits** – It was noted that the Recreation Director made recommendations to the borough regarding issues with a particular vendor and the town agreed with supporting those recommendations.

It was also noted for the public that notice was received from Commissioner Currey that they are planning an informational meeting on July 14, 2016 in regards to the state shooting facility.

MOTION: Motion was made by M. McKinney, seconded by S. Merchant, to support the letter of the Recreation Director. **Motion carried unanimously.**

5. New Business

a. Discussion and possible action on tax refunds as presented by Rich Grabowski, Tax Collector

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by M. McKinney, to approve the tax refunds as presented for a total amount of \$229.72. **Motion carried unanimously.**

b. Discussion and possible action on approval of Lessee Resolution for previously approved Master Lease Purchase Agreement with Tax-Exempt Leasing Corp. –

It was noted the lease purchase agreement was previously approved and is for only one piece of equipment. The resolution gives the First Selectman the authority to sign the lease.

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by M. McKinney to approve the resolution authorizing the First Selectman to sign the Lease Purchase Agreement with Tax-Exempt Leasing Corp. **Motion carried unanimously.**

6. Old Business

a. Discussion and possible action on request to waive permit fees on the demo project for the TALVHI group -

There was brief discussion that TALVHI is a non-profit group requesting waiver of the Town permit fees for demolition. It was noted the Board does not typically agree to waive fees, however, since this would help to resolve a blight issue, it was suggested waiving half of the fee.

MOTION: Motion was made by M. McKinney, seconded by S. Merchant, to waive half the cost of fees associated with the Town demolition permit. **Motion carried unanimously.**

7. Any Other Business that may properly come before the Board

MOTION: Motion was made by M. McKinney, seconded by S. Merchant, to add to the agenda for discussion and possible action, the setting of a town meeting date to address the proposed State of CT Shooting Facility. **Motion carried unanimously.**

It was discussed among the Board to hold a meeting which would allow public comment and answers and then a vote to tally opposition and support of the proposed shooting facility. There will be no approval of putting forward a monetary amount. It was decided that June 22nd was the best date.

MOTION: Motion was made by M. McKinney, seconded by S. Merchant, to hold a special town meeting on June 22, 2016 at 5:30 at a school location which is available. **Motion carried unanimously.**

8. Public Forum

David Vieaux - 59 Leha Avenue: Spoke out against the proposed gun range.

Claudia Manville – 28 Culver Rd: Spoke out against the proposed gun range.

Darlene Zuraw – 212 Lester Rd.: Wanted to know about absentee ballot.

Steve Douglas – 356 Bitgood Rd.: Spoke out twice against the proposed gun range.

Richard Smith – 56 Tatro Rd.: Spoke out twice against the proposed gun range and also noted the wildlife present.

Ed Burke – 650 Voluntown Rd.: Spoke out against the proposed gun range.

Joseph Wills – 620 Roode Rd.: Asked what the benefit is to the town.

Katarzyna Bakhshalizadeh – 91 Dawley Rd.: Spoke out against the proposed gun range.

Renee Bergeron – 466 Breakneck Hill Rd.: Spoke out twice against the proposed gun range and mentioned presence of cougars.

Susan Lane – 501 Stone Hill Rd.: Spoke out twice against the proposed gun range and her siting of cougars.

Dave Gauthier – 508 Breakneck Hill Rd.: Spoke out against the proposed gun range and his siting of cougars

Sandra Gauthier – 508 Breakneck Hill Rd.: Spoke out against the proposed gun range.

Daniel Nizzee – 55 Stone Hill Rd. – Spoke out against the proposed gun range.

Ali Bakhshalizadeh – 91 Dawley Rd.: Spoke out against the proposed gun range.

Judy Chastang – 473 Breakneck Hill Rd.: Spoke out against the proposed gun range.

David Chastang – 473 Breakneck Hill Rd.: Concerned about decreasing value of property.

Ed Berdick – 764 Voluntown Rd.: Would like to see a referendum rather than town meeting.

James Mackin – 75 Cook Hill Rd.: Spoke out against the proposed gun range.

Norm Higgins – 206 Pleasant View: Thought a referendum would be better and against spending tax money foolishly.

Michael Lane – 501 Stone Hill Rd.: Spoke out twice against the proposed gun range. Vote before referendum is good idea and spoke out against the noise from the proposed gun range. Who owns Lee Rd?

Mary Cholewa – 266 Plainfield Rd.: Spoke out against the proposed gun range.

Frank Morin – 113 Banjo Sullivan Rd.: Neither for or against but would like the Board to use their power to take action.

Richard Mackin – 1639 Glasgo Rd.: Spoke out against the proposed gun range.

Ryan Snide – 50 Tatro Rd.: Wants the Board to back the residents.

Bev Cholewa – 16 Fairview Ave.: Spoke out against the proposed gun range.

Craig Mullen – 139 Banjo Sullivan Rd.: Wanted to know if the Board could appropriate the funds to do an environmental study. Also opposed to the proposed gun range.

Pam Patalano – 358 East Main St.: Spoke out against the proposed gun range.

Stuart Cohen – 151 N. Main St.: Spoke out against the proposed gun range.

Valerie King – 16 Hemlock Dr.: Spoke out against the proposed gun range.

Ransom Young – Rixtown Rd.: Neither for nor against and wanted to know where our state representative is.

Christopher Mackey – 84 Leha Ave.: Spoke out against the proposed gun range.

Robert King – 16 Hemlock Dr.: Spoke in general about the fiscal part of fighting the proposed range.

Anthony Cardin – 300 Bitgood Rd.: Wanted to know if the \$49,999 fund amount is

cumulative. Fiscally fighting this issue will be an uphill battle.

Tina Falck – 60 Cook Hill Rd.: Not opposed to the proposed gun range. Mentions she struggles with the financial aspects of it.

Lauren Churchill – 42 Roger Rd.: - Spoke out against the proposed gun range.

Sheryl Snurkoswski – 462 Roode Rd.: – Spoke out against the proposed gun range and feels the elected officials need to work harder for the residents.

Phil Trifilo – 1870 Glasgo Rd.: - Spoke out against the proposed gun range and suggested the town official request an environmental study from the USDA.

9. Adjournment

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by M. McKinney, to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,

**Lisa M. Wood,
Executive Assistant**