



Town of Griswold

28 Main Street
Griswold, CT 06351
Board of Selectman
Regular Meeting



Downstairs Meeting Room, Griswold Town Hall
Tuesday, June 22, 2010
6:30 pm
MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** P. Anthony called the meeting to order at 6:35pm

Members Present: Philip Anthony, First Selectman

Steve Mikutel, Second Selectman

Theresa Madonna, Third Selectwoman

Also Present:

Lisa Wood, Executive Assistant

Todd Babbitt, Director of Public Works

Tina Falck, Director of Senior Citizen Center

7 interested citizens and 1 member of the press

2. **Approval of Minutes**

MOTION: S. Mikutel made a motion that was seconded by T. Madonna to approve the minutes from the June 8, 2010 regular Meeting as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

3. **Appointment of Lisa Wood to position of Executive Assistant to the First Selectman and the Board of Selectmen**

MOTION: S. Mikutel made a motion that was seconded by T. Madonna to appoint Lisa Wood to the position of Executive Assistant to the First Selectman and Board of Selectmen. **Motion carried unanimously.**

4. **Correspondence: Sent/Received - None**

5. **New Business**

- a. **Discussion of potential sale of Health Department truck for \$7,000 to Uncas Health District.** Mr. Anthony was contacted by Patrick McCormick of Uncas Health District inquiring if the Town of Griswold wanted to sell the Health Department Truck. Book value of the truck was found to be \$6900. Mr. Babbitt confirmed since the truck is not four wheel drive, the department of Public Works has no use for it.

MOTION: S. Mikutel made a motion that was seconded by T. Madonna to direct the First Selectman to sell the Health Department truck for the sum of \$7,000 to the Uncasville Health District and that this be expedited as soon as possible. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- b. **Discussion and possible action on securing a grant for a generator for shelter purposes at Griswold Senior Center.** T. Babbitt commented he applied for the same grant for the Griswold Fire Department. However, the Fire Department is not

handicap accessible and the Senior Center is. The grant is administered through the Department of Homeland Security. The generator would go on the street side or back side of the senior center by direct wiring. Sr. Center also serves as a cooling center for the elderly during a heat wave. Fred Marczak, Griswold Fire Chief, arrived at 6:42 and confirmed that the Senior Center is a favorable location to use for an emergency shelter and certainly the generator would be an asset.

MOTION: S. Mikutel made a motion that was seconded by T. Madonna that the Town of Griswold Board of Selectmen approve pursuing a grant for the purchase of a generator to be used for shelter purposes at the Griswold Senior Center. **Motion carried unanimously.**

c. **Executive Session – Personnel matter.**

MOTION: T. Madonna made a motion that was seconded by S. Mikutel at 6:45 to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter and to invite Leslie Kornosewicz, Griswold Tax Assessor, into Executive Session. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Executive Session ended at 7:25 and the regular meeting reconvened.

6. Old Business

- a. **Discussion and action on authorizing the First Selectman to execute an EPA Cleanup Grant Contract and Working Plan Materials for a \$200,000 grant for 226 East Main Street – the Town-owned parcel of the Triangle Wire and Cable.** The Board had time to review the information provided by the Town Planner and T. Madonna wanted to know what “LEP” stands for as it affects the Town’s matching funds.
- MOTION:** S. Mikutel made a motion that was seconded by P. Anthony to authorize the First Selectman to execute an EPA Cleanup Contract and Working Plan Materials. **Motion carried 2 in favor (Mikutel, Anthony) and 1 opposed (Madonna).**

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

- a. **Motion:** S. Mikutel made a motion that was seconded by P. Anthony to add to the agenda the filling of the position of part time Assistant Assessor, for the purpose of discussion and action. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- It was discussed among the Board that the previous retired Assistant Assessor would like to come back part-time and the Assessor needs immediate help as she is preparing for revaluation.
- MOTION:** S. Mikutel made a motion that on a temporary and immediate basis the part-time position (19 hours per week) of Assistant Assessor be filled with the former full-time Assistant Assessor (Mary Cyr).
- Discussion continued - this would be a part-time at-will position with no benefits. T. Madonna commented she has nothing against the former Assistant Assessor and is not opposed to filling the position but feels the board has not followed through on the applicants already interviewed that have an interest in the position as part-time, and the desire of someone wanting to stay on should the position become full-time in the future. Board discussed the benefit of having someone who is already

familiar with that office and the community and the fact that someone who originally wanted full-time employment as advertised may take part-time as a temporary stay.

MOTION (cont'd): Previous motion on the floor by S. Mikutel was seconded by P. Anthony. **Motion carried 2 in favor (Mikutel, Anthony) and 1 opposed (Madonna).**

- b. **Motion:** S. Mikutel made a motion that was seconded by P. Anthony to add to the agenda for discussion and possible action an issue regarding the mail delivery on Culver Road. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Discussion ensued regarding Jewett City Postmaster refusing to deliver mail to Culver Road because of danger of making a left hand turn into or out of Culver Road. Instead this causes multiple residents of Culver Road to have to go onto Route 201.

MOTION: S. Mikutel made a motion that was seconded by P. Anthony to direct the First Selectman to draft a letter from the Board of Selectmen to the Jewett City Post Master asking that he reconsider his decision to not deliver mail to Culver Road and request a response. **Motion carried 2 in favor (Mikutel, Anthony) and 1 abstained (Madonna).**

8. Public Forum

- a. Ransom Young, resident, inquired -whether Slater library receives any funding from the town, -do they have to follow the laws of the town and -post master does not have to deliver mail down dead end streets.
- b. Brian Baker, Health & Safety Committee, citizen – commented -contacting the state DOT to make sure Culver Road sight line is appropriate according to their guide lines,- questioned the article in Norwich Bulletin regarding NECCOG and Vision Appraisal.
- c. Mr. Sylvestre, citizen,- wanted to thank Board of Selectmen on their diligent work on the Blight Ordinance and requested information to be forwarded to Planning and Zoning office.

9. Adjournment

MOTION: T. Madonna made a motion that was seconded by S. Mikutel to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Lisa M. Wood,
Recording Secretary*