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**Town of Griswold**  
**Board of Selectmen**  
**Special Meeting**  
**June 24, 2016**  
**10:30 AM**  
**Downstairs Meeting Room**  
**28 Main Street, Jewett City, CT 06351**



**MINUTES**

1. **Call to Order/Roll** – Meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM 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

2. **Pledge of Allegiance** – The pledge was recited
3. **Discussion and possible action on letter to the State of Connecticut notifying them of the town meeting vote of majority opposition in regards to the proposed shooting range facility** - K. Skulczyck commented there was a resolution with just his signature on it as the First Selectman.

**MOTION:** Motion was made by M. McKinney, seconded by S. Merchant to deny approval of the resolution with only the First Selectman's signature. Discussion ensued.

K. Skulczyck commented he took minutes of previous minutes, conversations with the Board and resolutions from other towns, into consideration when composing the resolution. M. McKinney suggested adding in the application to the USDA for the Farmland Soils study, S. Merchant suggested including safety concerns such to address sound and lead abatement and the size of the project in relation to the number of people who will be using the facility. M. McKinney also suggested adding the failure of the state to provide municipalities guaranteed ECS, pilot and other funding sources which are currently diminishing. M. McKinney also suggested using the word stop instead of slow down process.

**M. McKinney rescinded the motion on the floor.**

**MOTION:** Motion was made by M. McKinney, seconded by S. Merchant, to approve the resolution with the changes noted in the minutes and sign by all the Selectmen. **Motion carried unanimously.** (Copy of resolution attached.)

**4. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by M. McKinney to adjourn the meeting at 10:44 AM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa M. Wood".

**Lisa M. Wood,  
Executive Assistant**

## **RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE THE LOCATION OF THE CONNECTICUT STATE POLICE TRAINING FACILITY IN GRISWOLD**

We, the undersigned, Board of Selectmen of the Town of Griswold, being the duly elected officials, do hereby resolve as follows:

Whereas, Griswold is a participating town in the LAST GREEN VALLEY National Heritage Corridor designated by Congress in 1994 whereby citizens, businesses, nonprofit cultural and environmental organizations, local and state governments, and the National Park Services work together to preserve and celebrate the region's cultural, historical and natural heritage, including the Pachaug State Forest and its surrounding rural areas; and pending the application for study by the USDA for identification of Farmland Soils of Local Importance; and the failure by the State to provide for sound and lead abatement in addition to the size of the project and the amount of people using the facility.

Whereas, the central theme of the Griswold PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT is maintaining a balance between continuing residential, commercial, and industrial development with the preservation of natural and open space resources, and a police training facility, with a large building, firing range, training track, parking lot and similar disturbance in the midst of a State Forest area is not consistent with said them; and

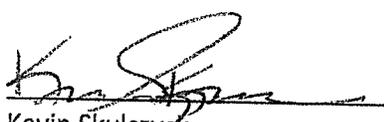
Whereas, we find that there is no countervailing benefit to the Town which would justify the negative impacts on the natural and historic resources of the Town and region; NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that we are strongly opposed to the location of the CONNECTICUT STATE POLICE TRAINING FACILITY in Griswold Connecticut as currently proposed because of the unavoidable adverse impacts and the lack of countervailing benefit to the Town.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we are strongly opposed to this project due to the fiscal crisis facing the State of Connecticut taxpayers and the lack of evidence to support the need for a facility of the size, intensity and cost of what is proposed, not even considering the money already spent already on locations that were unsuitable or not legally authorized and have now been withdrawn from consideration; and the State's failure to provide guaranteed ECS, pilot and other guaranteed funding sources which are currently diminishing.

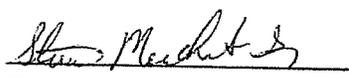
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that based on the results of a June 22, 2016 Special Town Meeting, the residents voted in overwhelming majority, 437 opposed, 63 in favor to this project in Griswold, I would ask that the State of Connecticut hire an outside consultant to explore all options and stop this process until Connecticut gets fiscally sound.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be forwarded necessarily and not exclusively to the following authorities: Congressman Joe Courtney, Governor Dannel Malloy, Lieutenant Governor Nancy Wyman, State Representative Paul Brycki, State Senator Andy Maynard, State Senator Tony Guglielmo, State Senator Tim Larson, State Senator Cathy Osten, State Representative Doug Dubitsky, Commissioner Melody Currey and Staff Counsel Jeffery Beckham of the Department of Administrative Services, Commissioner Dora Schriro of the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Jeffrey Bolton of the Supervising Environmental Analyst Division of Construction Services of the Department of Administrative Services, Bill Jobbagy Chairman of the Board of The Last Green Valley, and Karl Wagener, Executive Director of the Council on Environmental Quality.

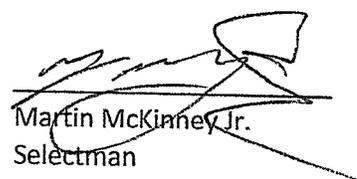
Dated at Griswold, CT this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016.



Kevin Skulczyck  
Griswold First Selectman



Steven Merchant Sr.  
Selectman



Martin McKinney Jr.  
Selectman