



Town of Griswold
28 Main Street
Griswold, CT 06351
Board of Selectmen
Special Meeting



Downstairs Meeting Room, Griswold Town Hall
Friday, July 8, 2011
9:30 AM
APPROVED MINUTES

1. **Roll Call/Call to Order:** P. Anthony called the meeting to order at 9:38 AM

Members Present: Philip Anthony, First Selectman
Steve Mikutel, Second Selectman
Theresa Madonna, Third Selectwoman
Also Present: Lisa M. Wood, Executive Assistant
Todd Babbitt, Road Superintendent
Erik Christensen, Finance Director

2. **New Business**

- a. **Discussion and possible action on authorizing the First Selectman to sign a new agreement with SCRRA and Oil Recycling Services LLC for oil recycling services** – Todd Babbitt commented that SCRRA negotiates for the towns to get better prices on services such as disposal of waste oil. Right now we pay ten to fifteen cents to get rid of anti-freeze and we receive two cents per gallon for waste oil. The proposal is they will take the anti-freeze for nothing and will pay fifteen cents per gallon for waste oil. T. Babbitt confirmed for Mr. Mikutel that SCRRA has taken recyclable materials in the past by different contracts which are offered. This current contract is new and is being offered to each host town. T. Madonna commented that she is not speaking as legal counsel, but has read the contract as a selectperson and feels that because there is no end date in the contract but rather a 30 day cancellation day where the town can cancel at any time within 30 days. Due to the cancellation clause she is okay with the contract. P. Anthony commented the contract is written in a way that very much protects the town.

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Mikutel, seconded by T. Madonna to authorize the First Selectman to sign the agreement with SCRRA for oil recycling services as presented in accordance with exhibit A. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- b. **BOS to consider and possibly authorize winter storm FEMA monies to be forwarded to Town road money account, and if agreed upon, request of BOS to BOF for transfer** – T. Babbitt commented we had applied for FEMA reimbursement in the amount of \$74,131 and we were awarded 75% of that plus full cost of repairs that were above and beyond normal repairs during that storm and it also covered the snow removal on Main Street at 75%. According to Barbara, when she was here, anything that was overtime for the winter came out of road money. T. Babbitt confirmed for T. Madonna that in his opinion, transferring of this money, is completely under the FEMA guide lines for use of this money because it is reimbursement and all monies have been expended. T. Babbitt confirmed for S. Mikutel confirmed this is money that is strictly

reimbursement because it is money we have already spent. S. Mikutel suggested using the money towards Colonel Brown Road. Discussion ensued about using millings to complete some road work in town. T. Madonna asked if the money would come into this year's budget which started this month or last year. It was discussed making the motion to put the money into the Town Aid Road Fund because that account is a revolving account.

MOTION: Motion was made by T. Madonna, seconded by S. Mikutel, to send a request to the Board of Finance to authorize the winter storm FEMA money in the amount of \$65,286.42 to be transferred into the Town Aid Road Fund, and said transfer would reimburse the town on monies spent on FEMA related work. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- c. **Request of Griswold Road Director to extend the time period for temporary public works position of one Robert Sajkowicz** – E. Christensen, reviewed the numbers he provided in the handout presented regarding funding of the position. E. Christensen did comment he had a concern with the employee going over ninety days being considered as having passed his probation by the union. T. Babbitt commented there would be a Memorandum of Understanding signed by the union confirming this is a temporary period only and does not constitute passing the probationary period and does not include any benefits. It was also mentioned the agreement should provide for a two week notice that the position will be terminated if Lee Barr decides to come back to work within the six month period.

MOTION: S. Mikutel made a motion, seconded by T. Madonna, that in accordance with the letter from the Finance director dated July 8, 2011 we would extend the temporary position up to six months on the condition that we get agreement from the union that it is a temporary position and provides no benefits and if Lee Barr should return to work within the six months that this temporary position should only last two weeks after such notice is received. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- d. **Executive Session – Discussion on professional legal services and possible action**

MOTION: Motion was made by T. Madonna, seconded by S. Mikutel, to enter into executive session at 9:51 AM for the purpose of discussing professional legal services. **Motion carried unanimously.**

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Mikutel, seconded by P. Anthony, to come out of Executive Session at 10:19 AM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

3. **Adjournment**

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Mikutel, seconded by P. Anthony, to adjourn the meeting at 10:19 AM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,

**Lisa M. Wood,
Executive Assistant**