



Town of Griswold
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
July 8, 2014
6:30 PM
Downstairs Meeting Room, Town Hall
28 Main Street, Griswold



APPROVED MINUTES

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call** – Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Kevin Skulczyck, First Selectman
2. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. **June 24, 2014 – Regular Meeting Minutes**

MOTION: Motion was made by P. Anthony, seconded by S. Mikutel, to approve the June 24, 2014 regular meeting minutes. **Motion carried unanimously.**
 - b. **July 3, 2014 – Special Meeting Minutes**

MOTION: Motion was made by P. Anthony, seconded by S. Mikutel, to approve the July 3, 2014 special meeting minutes. **Motion carried unanimously.**
3. **Correspondence** - K. Skulczyck noted there were two items of correspondence received. One letter from the Little League and one on updates from Peter Zvingilas. It was agreed it would be best to bring the Little League letter onto the agenda under Any Other Business so it could be properly discussed.
4. **New Business**
 - a. **Discussion and possible action on tax refunds as presented by Rich Grabowski, Tax Collector**

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Mikutel, seconded by P. Anthony, to approve the tax refund as presented by the tax collector. **Motion carried unanimously.**
5. **Old Business**
 - a. **Discussion and possible action on an ordinance to consider preference for town based businesses** – S. Mikutel commented he has still not received the information he is looking for on section C and D. S. Mikutel seemed to remember the towns of New Britain and Hartford possibly having some of the language he is looking for

contained in their ordinance. It was noted by L. Wood, that the information was correctly requested from CCM and the town attorney, but neither had any new information to offer. It was agreed to contact New Britain and Hartford directly and see if the information is available. If there is no information to be found, then another request will be made to CCM. P. Anthony commented that it has been previously agreed that the document should refer to Board of Selectmen instead of just First Selectmen, in most cases throughout the document.

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Mikutel, seconded by P. Anthony, to table action on this item. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- b. Discussion and possible action on proposed RFP for ambulance services – K.** Skulczyck did mention this was discussed at a recent meeting and the time frame is known to everyone. It was also noted that a new revised RFP has been passed out for review.

MOTION: Motion was made by P. Anthony, seconded by S. Mikutel, to table action on this item. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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

- a. MOTION:** Motion was made by S. Mikutel, seconded by P. Anthony, to bring onto the agenda the bridge repair project on Route 165. **Motion carried unanimously.**

S. Mikutel noted he has had complaints about the timeline of this project and safety issues. K. Skulczyck noted that during the drawdown last year they were flooded and were not able to complete what they had to do last year. This fall they will drawdown again, a different pond, in hopes to get the project done this fall. There has been no official completion date provided. The same company doing the state job is doing our bridge on Bitgood. K. Skulczyck noted he would contact the state for a definite completion date. S. Mikutel suggested having a meeting with the DOT and the contractor to demonstrate the concern and does not want an accident or something else to happen because the project was not completed. P. Anthony agreed with S. Mikutel. He also asked K. Skulczyck if he felt the contractor was not properly dividing his time among the projects. K. Skulczyck noted he has been out there with Todd Babbitt and he agrees, they are completing the work that can be done at this time.

- b. MOTION:** Motion was made by P. Anthony, seconded by S. Mikutel, to bring the Main Street project onto the agenda for discussion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

MOTION: Motion was made by P. Anthony, seconded by S. Mikutel, as a formal request for a meeting to be set with the Town Planner, Mr. Giard and a representative from Kent & Frost to come before the BOS to give an update and discuss some ongoing issues with the project. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- c. **MOTION:** Motion was made by S. Mikutel, seconded by P. Anthony, to bring the e-mail letter sent from Ryan Aubin regarding the Little League onto the agenda for discussion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

K. Skulczyck noted the camera down the skate park, which also monitors the ball field has not been working properly and a phone call has been placed to try to correct it. S. Mikutel asked how long the camera has been there and who installed it. It was noted it has been there about five years. P. Anthony commented the camera, due to lighting and many other issues, has not been functioning properly and cannot capture the images enough for identification. K. Skulczyck noted he has done some checking and believes we can shut the skate park temporarily to resolve some issues and would not jeopardize the grant funding. S. Mikutel wanted to know if the camera is salvageable and if there is any warranty on it. If not, we may need to look into installing a different camera that can give us some identifiable images. K. Skulczyck confirmed there is no warranty. P. Anthony again noted the camera, even when brand new, was not capturing identifiable images. He noted we need to determine what camera, if any, is going to work under those conditions and is the Little League or skate board park willing to keep lights on. This was tried before and the neighbors complained about the lights being left on. P. Anthony also asked who would be paying for the cost, the town or the Little League, and the town should not waste any money if it is not going to work. K. Skulczyck pointed out it is not the children playing baseball that are causing the problems. It is the late night activity that is drifting down there looking for a place to hang out. S. Mikutel wants to know how often the state police are patrolling out there. K. Skulczyck noted that question should be asked to the Borough and he will contact John Connelly who is the Borough Burgess that works with the resident troopers. S. Mikutel would like to have Ryan Aubin, as well as a representative from the Borough and the resident troopers present at the next meeting to discuss this. S. Mikutel commented there are three things, is the camera going to work, who is going to pay for it, and law enforcement. P. Anthony did note the resident troopers are part-time and are only able to provide sporadic checks. The other thing is no one is monitoring the camera in real time. K. Skulczyck agreed to set up the meeting and suggested we also invite a representative from the Little League. P. Anthony stressed this has been a problem for many years although the details are a little different.

7. Public Forum

Betty Knox – B. Knox mentioned that she lives off Latham Drive and there is one way in and one way out. Years ago there used to be two ways to get in or out. The residents of the private road have blocked the other way in. This has caused delayed emergency service in the past. B. Knox is requesting that someone look into it as a safety issue to see if two ways of access could be obtained. K. Skulczyck noted he would look into it and see what options are available. P. Anthony noted that years back when he looked into the emergency services changed their GPS so that the correct direction would be given.

David Vieaux – D. Vieaux commented he has noticed a lot of boats on trailers in town. After further research he found a lot of these boats are registered in other states. He checked with the tax assessor and tax collector and he was told boats and vessels are not taxable, but the trailers are if they are interested. D. Vieaux feels the boats are being stored here to avoid paying taxes and if there is something we can do to collect taxes on the boats, then we should. P. Anthony noted that when he had his boat, he paid taxes on it, as well as K. Skulczyck paying taxes on his jet ski. K. Skulczyck noted he will contact the assessor about it.

Norm Sylvestre – N. Sylvestre noted there is a lack of enforcement of blighted properties. N. Sylvestre mentioned his cousin's property next to Surrel's and noted the town was going to trim at that property. K. Skulczyck noted the town did trim there. N. Sylvestre verified it is a sight line issue. N. Sylvestre also noted the garage across from Surrel's restaurant with no siding on it as well as the marquis on the old movie theatre in the borough. He also wanted to know when the town was going to cut the hay growing on the side of the roads. K. Skulczyck did mention the property on Mechanics Street is scheduled to come down in the next thirty days. N. Sylvestre also mentioned blighted buildings and junk cars on Anthony Street.

8. Adjournment

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Mikutel, seconded by P. Anthony, to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,

**Lisa M. Wood,
Executive Assistant**