



Town of Griswold

Board of Selectman
Regular Meeting
July 14, 2009
6:30pm
Town Hall Meeting Room



MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Roll Call: P. Anthony called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Present:

Philip Anthony, First Selectman
Steve Mikutel, Second Selectman
Anne Hatfield, Third Selectwoman

Also Present:

Kathy Maxwell, Director of Finance
Keleigh Baretincic, Recording Secretary
25 Interested Townspeople

2. Approval of Minutes:

- a. June 23, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes:** S. Mikutel motioned and was seconded by A. Hatfield to approve the June 23, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. There was no discussion. All in favor; **motion carried.**

3. Correspondence: Sent/Received: None

4. New Business:

- a. Action to award the Griswold Elementary School Asbestos Monitoring Contract:** The Board of Selectmen (BOS) discussed that this is the company that did the asbestos monitoring on the Middle School and that all bid procedures were followed. **MOTION:** A. Hatfield motioned and was seconded by S. Mikutel to award the Griswold Elementary School Asbestos Monitoring Contract to EnviroMed. There was no discussion. All in favor; **motioned carried.**
- b. Action to fill vacancies on the Griswold Public Health and Safety Committee and the Griswold Park Committee:** The BOS discussed that the vacancies were both advertised. **MOTION:** A. Hatfield motioned and was seconded by S. Mikutel to appoint Alexis Malek to the Griswold Park Commission. S. Mikutel noted that A. Malek would be an asset to the Park Committee. There was no further discussion. All in favor; **motion carried.**
- c. Discussion on correspondence to the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding junk yards and the draft blighted buildings ordinance:** There has been no response from the Planning and Zoning Commission. P. Anthony will try to get in touch with the chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission. **MOTION:** S. Mikutel motioned and was seconded by A. Hatfield to table this item until the BOS receives a response from the Planning and Zoning Commission. There was no discussion. All in favor; **motion carried.**
- d. Action to award the Senior Center and Town Hall roof contracts:** the BOS discussed that they would like more background information on the bidder of choice as recommended by the Road Superintendent. **MOTION:** S. Mikutel motioned and was seconded by A. Hatfield to table this item at the present time. There was no discussion. All in favor; **motion carried.**

5. Old Business

- a. **Discussion on incoming Director of Finance resumes for the expected vacancy:** The Town has received forty three (43) resumes for this position. The BOS will review the resumes and select ten (10) of their top candidates. They will meet for a special BOS meeting on Tuesday, July 22, 2009 at 10:00 am for an executive session to discuss the candidates.
- b. **Discussion on creating Town Building Use Policy:** The BOS will continue to review and work towards addressing insurance issues, including a waiver of liability form and a fee scale. **No action taken.**

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

- a. Request from Home Builder, Bruno Hayn to waive associated building fees for a community project to rebuild a residents home after a fire destroyed it. P. Anthony noted that the BOS does not have the authority to waive the fees and recommended that the item be sent to a Town meeting, if the BOS so desires. **MOTION:** S. Mikutel motioned and was seconded by A. Hatfield to call a Special Town Meeting for July 28, 2009 at 6:00 pm at the Griswold Town Hall meeting room to take action on approving the waiving the associated building fees for the Landa Family home rebuilding project. There was no further discussion. All in favor; **motion carried.**
- b. American Legion Veterans Housing project: The BOS discussed the proposed ordinance as drafted by the Town Attorney. Ed Burke was present representing the American Legion and noted that the project would support and offer permanent model of care for residents and on site crisis support available. Screening of tenants will be a part of the process; individuals with histories of sexual assault or child abuse will not be allowed into the program. E. Burke also noted that a member of the Town Government could be allowed on the screening committee. The American Legion has not yet fully reviewed the ordinance and will continue to do so. **MOTION:** S. Mikutel motioned and was seconded by A. Hatfield to table this until the American Legion returns with its comments on the draft ordinance. There was no discussion. All in favor; **motion carried.**
- c. Request from the Road Superintendant to set a bond for the Jewett City water Company water lone replacement project on South Main Street and K of C Drive. The Board discussed the letter. **MOTION:** A. Hatfield motioned and was seconded by S. Mikutel to set the bond amount for the Jewett City water Company water lone replacement project on South Main Street and K of C Drive at \$40,000.00 as recommended by the Road Superintendent. There was no discussion. All in favor; **motion carried.**

7. Public Forum:

- A resident spoke in favor of the American Legion project and the need to support our veterans.
- A resident was concerned with the lack of action on the draft/revised ethics ordinance. The BOS asked that the resident put his request into a formal, written request.
- Stonehill Road completion date was discussed as a concern from a resident. There is no set completion date.
- One resident spoke in favor of the waiver of building fees for the Landa family, but also felt that it may open up a, "can of worms".
- The Bitgood Road bridges were discussed and P. Anthony noted that the permitting process is on its way. The maps are close to being approved and the process is almost in the easement phase.
- A resident offered an opinion that the Town should consider requiring insurance for the use of facilities and also commented on the negatives of Town debt.

- 8. Adjournment:** S. Mikutel motioned and was seconded by A. Hatfield to adjourn. There was no discussion. All in favor; motion carried. P. Anthony adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Keleigh Baretincic
Recording Secretary