



Town of Griswold

Board of Selectmen

Regular Meeting

August 11, 2015

6:30 PM

Griswold Town Hall, Downstairs Meeting Room
28 Main St, Jewett City, CT 06351



MINUTES

1. **Call to Order/Roll** – Meeting was called to order at 7PM by Kevin Skulczyck, First Selectman

Members Present: Kevin Skulczyck, First Selectman
Steve Mikutel, Second Selectman
Philip Anthony, Third Selectman

Others Present: Lisa M. Wood, Executive Assistant
16 interested citizens
2 members of the press

2. **Approval of Minutes**

- a. **July 10, 2015 – Special Meeting Minutes**
- b. **July 14, 2015 – Regular Meeting Minutes**
- c. **July 22, 2015 – Special Meeting Minutes**
- d. **August 5, 2015 – Special Meeting Minutes**

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Mikutel to approve the minutes of July 10, 2015 Special Meeting, July 14, 2015 Regular Meeting, July 22, 2015 Special Meeting and August 5, 2015 Special Meeting. P. Anthony seconded for the minutes of July 14 and August 5. K. Skulczyck seconded for the minutes of July 10 and July 22. **Motion to approve was passed on all minutes.**

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Mikutel, seconded by P. Anthony, to move to item 4b on the agenda. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- 4b. **Discussion and presentation of citation recognizing efforts of Mr. Button** – Mr. Button was presented with a citation from both the State and the Town.

3. **Correspondence - Letter of Intent from Quinebaug River Church for property at 32 School Street** – Letter was noted as received.

4. New Business

- a. **Discussion and possible action on tax refunds as presented by Rich Grabowski, Tax Collector**

MOTION: Motion was made by P. Anthony, seconded by S. Mikutel, to approve the tax refunds as submitted by Richard Grabowski, Tax Collector. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- b. **Discussion and presentation of citation recognizing efforts of Mr. Button – moved up on agenda**

- c. **Discussion and possible action on a resolution authorizing the First Selectman to execute any documents necessary to request the extension of the deadline for the original CT DEEP Plastic Wire and Cable remediation grant to 12/31/2018 for the remaining unexpended grant balance of \$126,478.96 The original grant amount was \$300,000.00**

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Mikutel, seconded by P. Anthony, that the BOS authorize the First Selectman to execute any documents necessary to request the extension of the deadline for the original CT DEEP Plastic Wire and Cable remediation grant to 12/31/2018 for the remaining unexpended grant balance of \$126,478.96. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- d. **Discussion and possible action on consideration of a Noise Ordinance, as requested by the Planning & Zoning Commission –** It was noted that the request came forward to the BOS from the P&Z Commission as an item of interest as a result of noise issues resulting from American Industries. It was agreed by all three selectmen that a noise ordinance should be explored as a need of the town for many different types of noise, but should be one that can be enforced properly.

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Mikutel, seconded by P. Anthony, to request from CCM a minimum of ten different noise ordinances from towns with populations under 25,000. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- e. **Discussion and possible action on re-appointment of Paul Lach as a member of the Economic Development Commission for a term of 3/10/15 – 3/9/2020**

MOTION: Motion was made by P. Anthony, seconded by S. Mikutel, to re-appoint Mr. Lach as a member of the EDC Committee for a term of 3/10/15 – 3/9/2020. **Motion carried unanimously.**

5. Old Business -None

6. Any Other Business that may properly come before the Board - None

7. Public Forum

Fabiola Proulx – F. Proulx expressed her concern for the number of times residents have come to the meetings to express their concerns about the issues with American Industries. She did comment that the Attorney General states it is the duty of the town to enforce the stipulated judgement for American Industries. Other issues in town seem to get resolved more quickly than those the residents in the area of American Industries, have expressed concern over. K. Skulczyck commented there is a joint informational meeting with the BOS and P&Z Commission, open to the public, for September 8th at the school. This is an opportunity for all sides to present their concerns and be heard. If fireworks or gun shots are being heard, please call 911. F. Proulx commented she would like a noise ordinance for all issues in town, not just American Industries.

Jeff Ryan – J. Ryan commented there is a stipulated judgement against American Industries; the town needs to enforce it, then the noise issue would go away. J. Ryan expressed his frustration that things seem to continue to be put off.

David Vieaux – D. Vieaux commented there is a noise ordinance issued by the State of Connecticut the problem is we have no one to enforce it. D. Vieaux commented the town officials seem to disregard the ordinances that are in place.

James Barnie – J. Barnie would also like to see the costs associated with the institution of a noise ordinance and the enforcement out there. J. Barnie also asked if there was extension needed for another grant that has not been expended. K. Skulczyck commented the Town Planner is monitoring that.

Phil Flowers – P. Flowers asked why the town doesn't enforce the limit of 7 PM for the hours of operation as mentioned in the judgement against American Industries. K. Skulczyck commented on advice of the town attorney the BOS is moving forward with the informational meeting to gather all the information before deciding what the next step is.

Steve Webster – S. Webster wanted to know why the hours of operation are not enforced. K. Skulczyck commented as mentioned to Mr. Flowers the meeting on the 8th should allow the town to move forward with some solid decisions.

Ed Berdick – E. Berdick commended the residents of the American Industry area on putting forth their time and effort to address their concerns in the correct manner. E. Berdick agreed it is good to get surplus town property back on the tax rolls, but would like to see the town exercise the auction process for future sales. E. Berdick wanted to know if the town could get money from the state to help with some of the issues between the neighborhood and American Industries. K. Skulczyck noted there has been some discussion with state agencies about opportunities for funding options to improve the quality of that area.

Fabiola Proulx – F. Proulx noted that barriers that were supposed to be put in at American Industries two months ago, have not been put in yet and a lot of what had been put in for soil has washed into the river with the rain. F. Proulx also mentioned the noise of the trucks slamming has again returned.

Nancy Richardson – N. Richardson noted the beeping of the trucks and slamming of the trucks was constant all day today, which had not been in the past month or so.

Fabiola Proulx – F. Proulx noted there are noises from the crusher, as well, all hours of the day and the smoke is just pouring out of the stack and can be smelled at Lisbon landing. What about the smoke reaching the school properties? K. Skulczyck noted that B. Gerard from DEEP says they are in compliance with the stack height at this time and the DEEP is the authority to monitor the smoke and odor emissions.

Bevin Sweet – B. Sweet asked if there is a vote at the September 8th meeting. K. Skulczyck noted there will be no action taken that night, it is strictly informational. B. Sweet asked if employees of American Industries would be able to speak. K. Skulczyck commented it is an information meeting and anyone coming in will be able to speak.

Ed Berdick – E. Berdick commented he didn't know the meeting would be open for other topics that night and was afraid of the issues regarding American Industries may be overcome by other issues. It was noted for Mr. Berdick, that American Industries is the only topic open for discussion that night.

Fabiola Proulx – F. Proulx asked who checks the stack height and other issues at American Industries. K. Skulczyck noted that is the Enforcement officer, Peter.

8. Adjournment

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Mikutel, seconded by P. Anthony, to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,

**Lisa M. Wood,
Executive Assistant**