



Town of Griswold

Board of Selectmen

Regular Meeting

September 22, 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 6:30 PM by Kevin Skulczyck, First Selectman

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

Others Present: Lisa M. Wood, Executive Assistant
Todd Babbitt, Road Superintendent
12 interested citizens

2. **Approval of Minutes**

- a. **August 25, 2015 – Regular Meeting Minutes**
- b. **September 2, 2015 – Special Meeting Minutes**
- c. **September 10, 2015 – Special Meeting Minutes**

MOTION: Motion was made by P. Anthony, seconded by K. Skulczyck, to approve the August 25, 2015 regular meeting minutes. **Motion carried K. Skulczyck and P. Anthony in favor. S. Mikutel abstained.**

MOTION: Motion was made by P. Anthony, seconded by S. Mikutel, to approve the September 2, 2015 special meeting minutes and the September 10, 2015 special meeting minutes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

3. **Correspondence - None**

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 Rich Grabowski, Tax Collector. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- b. Discussion and possible action on request by Philip Flowers on placing of donated parking signs for Purple Heart recipients** – P. Flowers commented he would like to donate three signs to the town to be placed at their discretion for parking spaces for Purple Heart recipients. P. Flowers noted for S. Mikutel that he has seen it done in California, Massachusetts and some Walmarts and it is monitored only by an honor system and there is no process to enforce it, as is the handicap parking. There are some Purple Heart recipients who have the symbol on their license plate. All members of the Board agreed it is an honorable gesture thanked Mr. Flowers for his idea and generosity. They also agreed parking is limited at the Town Hall, so that may not be the best spot.

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Mikutel, seconded by P. Anthony, to endorse the effort of Mr. Flowers and place signs at Veteran’s Memorial Park, Sheldon Road Field complex and the school grounds. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- c. Discussion and possible action on request by Archie Drobiak for an easement modification** – T. Babbitt, Road Superintendent, noted he has visited the site with Mr. Drobiak and John Faulise of Boundaries and feels the idea that was discussed, as long as the plan shows the same thing, should not cause an issue to the town and still allow for maintenance of the storm drain if necessary. He did note he would like to review the plan before providing the final okay. Mr. Drobiak had plans with him and one was given to the BOS as well as T. Babbitt. T. Babbitt noted he would review and also attend the Planning & Zoning meeting. It was noted an 8-24 review would be required by the Planning & Zoning meeting and would also have to go to Town Meeting. The Town Attorney already reviewed and had no issues.

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Mikutel, seconded by P. Anthony that the BOS approve the request by Mr. Drobiak with regards of altering the existing drainage right-of-way and forward this request with BOS approval to the Planning & Zoning Commission for an 8-24 review. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- d. Discussion and possible action on moving forward with final RFP for revaluation services** – K. Skulczyck noted the response from Attorney Willis on review of the final draft has been provided to the Board members. P. Anthony commented he thought this was only a statistical revaluation and noted the pages where it states on-site inspections would be done. It was clarified that on-site inspections would be done only with respect to sales and new building permits.

MOTION: Motion was made by P. Anthony, seconded by S. Mikutel, to move forward with the final RFP for revaluation services for the Town. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- e. Discussion and possible action on reappointment of Randy Bronson as a member of the Recreation Commission to fill a term that began 5/16/2014 and expires 5/15/2018**

MOTION: Motion was made by P. Anthony, seconded by S. Mikutel, to approve Randy Bronson's request to fill a term that begin 5/16/2014 and expires 5/15/2015 for the Board of Recreation. **Motion carried unanimously.**

5. Old Business - None

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

MOTION: Motion was made by P. Anthony, seconded by S. Mikutel, to bring onto the agenda the request by the Chair of the Griswold Inland Wetlands & Conservation Commission regarding a resignation of one of their members and consideration of someone else. **Motion carried unanimously.**

P. Anthony noted he is comfortable with the request of the Chair and knows Mr. Kinnie as well as Mr. Merrill.

MOTION: Motion was made by P. Anthony, seconded by S. Mikutel, to appoint Mr. Merrill from an alternate position to a regular member position on the Inland Wetlands and Conservation Commission to the vacancy of a term that will end December 1, 2015. **Motion carried unanimously.**

7. Public Forum

Dave Vieaux - D. Vieaux had three issues. He didn't know the address that was being discussed in regards to Mr. Drobiak's agenda item. He didn't know why his name became part of the EDC minutes, as well as a comment by the Town Planner, when his name was not on the agenda and he was not present to defend himself. D. Vieaux would like to see that reference deleted from the EDC minutes. D. Vieaux also noted he sent to correspondence to the ZEO and First Selectman regarding zoning issues in reference to his neighbor and nothing has been addressed, making his summer very unpleasant. K. Skulczyck asked to set up a meeting with Mr. Vieaux as well as the ZEO.

Ransom Young – R. Young wanted to know if cemeteries were going to be done. K. Skulczyck commented they will be done again, but public works has been tied up with the Roode Rd. project. R. Young also noted the cracks in Rixtown Road as being in need of repair. K. Skulczyck noted he will take a ride out there.

Betty Knox – B. Knox thanked Mr. Flowers for coming up with the parking for Purple Heart Recipients and would like to see a sign at the Sr. Center. K. Skulczyck commented he will discuss with the Sr. Center Director. B. Knox also asked about a drawdown for Pachaug. K. Skulczyck commented it is not scheduled to be done, but he has requested to DEP to consider a revised list due to the rain volume last year.

Norm Higgins – N. Higgins commented it was nice to see the brake lines painted at the stop signs down by Memorial park. He also noted he thought it was only a partial revaluation this year. It was confirmed for him also, that on-site inspections will only be done for new sales and building permits. N. Higgins also commented that on the Planning & Zoning issues, we as citizens, have to learn to get along a little better.

Norm Sylvestre – N. Sylvestre wanted to know if there is a delay in doing roadside grass cutting. K. Skulczyck commented it was done the beginning of the season and hope to get it done again soon.

Phil Flowers – P. Flowers wanted to know if there is a way, when approving tax refunds on the agenda, the public can know who the refunds are for or the amount. K. Skulczyck commented they are available through FOI, but would see what can be done.

Jeff Ryan – J. Ryan wanted to know what the status of the noise ordinance is. K. Skulczyck commented it is on-going and we are waiting to have a workshop. There is also the issue of how to enforce such ordinance. J. Ryan asked who enforces the smoking ordinance. K. Skulczyck, commented the resident trooper does and certainly we may be able to train them to enforce the noise ordinance, but someone would need to participate in training at the town's expense.

Joe Fellows – J. Fellows commented on the details of the issues he has been experiencing with his neighbor and asked what the town can do and would like to be part of any meeting that takes place. K. Skulczyck noted it is a civil matter, as Mr. Fellows knows, but would like to schedule a separate meeting with Mr. Fellows.

Ransom Young – R. Young commented on the status of the ponds and his feeling that they need to be dredged.

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