



Town of Griswold
28 Main Street
Griswold, CT 06351
Board of Selectman
Special Meeting
Downstairs Meeting Room
Griswold Town Hall
Tuesday, October 5, 2010
9:00 AM
APPROVED MINUTES



- 1. Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM by Philip Anthony, First Selectman

Members Present: Philip Anthony, First Selectman

Steve Mikutel, Second Selectman

Theresa Madonna, Third Selectwoman

Also Present: Lisa Wood, Recording Secretary

Carl Fontneau, Town Planner

Nicholas Mullane, N. Stonington 1st Selectman

Donald Aubrey, Towne Engineering

John Faulise, Boundaries LLC

Robert Congdon, Preston 1st Selectman

Marc Tate, Information Technology Specialist

- 2. Discussion of Possible Agreement between North Stonington and Griswold on marker locations for a common boundary between the two towns tabled from regular meeting of 9/14/10**

N. Mullane, 1st Selectman of N. Stonington, commented that after walking the boundary area, they were able to locate piles of stones, markers, and were able to confirm with GPS services that the piles were set to be boundary line markers.

Donald Aubrey, Towne Engineering, commented that in the 1600's when this boundary was created the method was to create stone piles about ¼ mile apart. Later others added more piles to mark what they thought were the line. Piles of stone set for boundary markers are originally hollow in the middle and built with larger rocks. About one third of the original quarter miles were able to be located. This issue of determining native piles from marker piles is controversial. Native piles tend to be placed spaced out forming a fan and facing the west on a slope. Farmers do not place stone piles as close, such as every fifteen feet. He also commented you can tell the age of a pile by the way it has settled into the ground. This helps to determine if a pile is fake or original. The accuracy of the town GPS system also indicates that we have found a

relatively straight line formed by what we believe to be original points. The purpose is to identify where the points are and create an information system between GPS and pictorial so anyone looking at the line can pick out the objects that are mapped. The Griswold corner of the line is set by a pinched pipe and has been located.

N. Mullane commented the work done out there with the GPS is done when the leaves are off the trees for the best signal. The GPS is set on a spot for an hour to get the most signals possible. Then the markers could be placed according to the findings and the marker may vary depending on what kind of terrain it is being set into. N. Mullane has already purchased about eight stone markers to be placed when the towns come to an agreement. They would start with the stone to the east set by the State of Connecticut, which has been maintained.

Mark Tate commented the GPS works best between 10 AM and 2 PM, not allowing for many markers to be placed each day.

N. Mullane commented after the stone piles are marked and the markers are set by GPS we would put that information together in a surveyor's language to complete the map.

D. Aubrey commented it is hard to state the accuracy of the conceptual line but it is based off the line marked in the 1600's.

N. Mullane commented this was initiated because of subdivision development on the N. Stonington and Preston line causing in issue in determining how properties were divided between the towns for assessment and education purposes.

D. Aubrey commented there is more information on the least developed end which is the Voluntown end and gets less heading towards Preston.

M. Tate commented the closes occurrence of the historical line splitting a property is one which would go through a pool, but this property has always been split.

N. Mullane commented that for historical purposes we would need three sets of maps, one with the one line, one with the three lines and the one with the stone pile markers and pictures with a disk. This would allow everyone to see graphically what was addressed, what the variances are and what the final would be. Then Mr. Tate would go out and within the best time allotted for the GPS marking would place markers and transpose it onto the surveyor's language and make sure everyone agrees with the final product. We could do a report on the variances that would surface between town lines due to the actual mapping. If the town's are acceptable to this proposal we may want to place a statement in each town clerk's vault notifying that boundary line work is being done and to please take that into consideration regarding any property by that line. The cost is not going to be cost free; however, a lot of the work can be done by Mr. Tate.

D. Aubrey commented the only additional work needed to be done, is a few markers need to be found on the Griswold/Preston line to be able to extend the line for accuracy.

N. Mullane commented if the towns are in agreement they would co-sign on a community map and it would be filed in all towns accordingly. N. Stonington is looking for some concurrence from the Griswold Board of Selectmen that they are in agreement with the work that has been done and is being done on the conceptual boundary, then work would continue with an anticipation of being completed in the spring.

Robert Congdon, 1st Selectman of Preston commented Preston has a similar exercise on the north/south border between Preston and N. Stonington and we agreed and then the assessor's agreed.

The Board of Selectman agreed they were in support of the work being done on the conceptual boundary line and would place the item on the next regular meeting to be acted on.

3. Discussion and possible action on continuance of design services (Colonel Brown Road, Sheldon Road, Geer Road and Popple Bridge Road), tabled from 9/28/2010 regular meeting

P. Anthony commented that he has received an opinion from the town attorney and understands that the design services for the above roads may continue if being completed by an Engineer appointed by the Town. He recommended a resolution being passed at the next meeting to appoint a Town Engineer/Surveying Company specifically for public works services.

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Mikutel, seconded by T. Madonna, to table action on the discussion and possible action on continuance of design services (Colonel Brown Road, Sheldon Road, Geer Road and Popple Bridge Road). **Motion carried unanimously.**

4. Adjournment

MOTION: Motion was made by T. Madonna, seconded by S. Mikutel, to adjourn the meeting at 10:07 AM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Lisa M. Wood,
Executive Assistant*