



# Town of Griswold

## Board of Selectmen

### Regular Meeting

October 13, 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

**Members Absent:** Philip E. Anthony, Third Selectman (with notification)

**Others Present:** Lisa M. Wood, Executive Assistant  
1 member of the press  
7 interested citizens

2. **Approval of Minutes**

- a. **September 22, 2015 – Special Meeting Minutes**
- b. **September 22, 2015 – Regular Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** Motion was made by S. Mikutel, seconded by K. Skulczyck, to approve the special meeting Minutes of September 22, 2015 and the regular meeting minutes of September 22, 2015. **Motion carried unanimously.**

3. **Correspondence – Resignation from Thomas Szafranski as a member of the Recreation Commission** – Noted as received for the record.

4. **New Business**

- a. **Discussion and possible action on tax refunds as presented by Rich Grabowski, Tax Collector** – There were six refunds amounting to a total of \$571.01.

**MOTION:** Motion was made by S. Mikutel, seconded by Kevin Skulczyck, to accept the tax refunds as presented by the Tax Collector. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- b. Discussion and possible action on appointment of Laura Laidley as a member of the Recreation Commission to fill the unexpired portion of a term that began 5/16/2013 and expires 5/15/2016** – It was discussed that Laura Laidley has served a lot of time as part of the Bicentennial Committee and did a good job. She is also recommended by the Recreation Committee.

**MOTION:** Motion was made by S. Mikutel, seconded by K. Skulczyck, to appoint Laura Laidley as a member of the Recreation Commission to fill the unexpired portion of a term that began 5/16/2013 and expires. 5/15/2016. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- c. Discussion and possible action on formation of a committee comprised of residents, elected officials and staff, to review and recommend changes and additions to the Code of Ordinances** – S. Mikutel commented the committee should be comprised of people who are responsible and thoughtful and be appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The Board of Selectmen should choose wisely in making the decision. The bigger committee the harder it is to get the right people to serve and suggested a five member committee. He also noted the term should be between a one to two year terms.

**MOTION:** Motion was made by S. Mikutel, seconded by K. Skulczyck, that the Board of Selectmen approve the formation of a five member committee comprised of 2 elected officials, 2 residents and one in-house staff member, to review and recommend changes and additions to the Code of Ordinances for a one year term. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**5. Old Business - None**

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

**7. Public Forum**

**David Vieaux** – D. Vieaux asked if the proposed Ordinance committee would be planning and zoning changes or like the smoking bill. S. Mikutel commented they would cover a lot of different topics.

**Fabiola Proulx** – F. Proulx commented that American Industries sign off date is supposed to be 10/31. The berm is supposedly set up and in effect. They are still experiencing odor and loud noise. She also wanted to know if the noise study was done and who is doing the noise study. K. Skulczyck noted it was done last week by a company hired by American Industries but the report has not been made available yet. F. Proulx also wanted to know if there has been any work done on a noise ordinance. K. Skulczyck commented that will probably be undertaken by the committee approved earlier tonight. F. Proulx also wanted to know if there is a date when everything will be done. K. Skulczyck noted there is not. F. Proulx also wanted to know if anything would be allowed to be done after the sign off date of 10/31. K. Skulczyck commented that the date is given by Planning and Zoning Commission is not sure.

**Kathryn Londe** – K. Londe noted it seems they have changed their hours of operation were the asphalt plant runs at night and the rock crusher runs during the day. She then noted they have not been adhering to their hours of operation.

**Jeff Ryan** – J. Ryan noted Section 2.2.6 of the Zoning Regulations and that the town will protect residents against noise, smell, fumes, dust, etc... thoughts? K. Skulczyck commented they have heard their thoughts and are going through the complaint process. On the local level the judgement is the issue at hand. J. Ryan asked when they will be voting on that judgement. K. Skulczyck noted he is not sure but there is a lot of dialogue going back and forth and they are trying to come up with a remedy that satisfies everyone's needs. J. Ryan commented the residents have not gained one thing. K. Skulczyck commented when we had the meeting there were not a lot of residents that stood up and truly express their points.

**Ed Berdick** – E. Berdick commented it was his understanding that meeting for the American Industries was not an action meeting. He also wanted to know if we could get inmates from the Department of Corrections to clean up Glasgo Pond while the pond is down as a result of the dam work. If that can't be done, he would be interested in getting a volunteer group to clean it up.

**Kim Mikolajczak** – K. Mikolajczak commented that at the school meeting people are starting to give up and walk away and losing faith in the town government because the issues have been going on too long. Sunday night the plant was running till 2:30 in the morning and could be heard at her house. People are getting frustrated and developing adversarial attitudes. She also noted the large concrete barriers along the highway as a possibility of decreasing noise. K. Skulczyck noted it is his objective to finish this before the new Board of Selectmen takes office. There will probably be a little bit of anger on both sides but we are trying to resolve something that has been going on forever. K. Mikolajczak also asked if there was a way to promote the meetings were the public could see it. K. Skulczyck noted he would check with the library.

**Ransom Young** – R. Young wanted to know if Rixtown Rd. has been checked for its condition. K. Skulczyck noted a road study will be done shortly which will determine the order for road repair. K. Skulczyck noted he believes the pot holes on Rixtown Rd. were addressed. R. Young noted that at the meeting regarding American Industries they noted they cannot bid state contracts unless they are permitted.

**Kathryn Londe** – K. Londe noted they supplied the town as requested, with information on 75 comp towns for noise ordinance and 75 places that have state of the art facilities, including asphalt plants, that do not affect the residents.

**Fabiola Proulx** – F. Proulx noted that is unfortunate, that after providing the information as requested several months ago, nothing has been done to help them out with getting a noise ordinance. She noted the other day there were rapid gun shots down there at 4 AM and once they knew the police were coming there was quiet. F. Proulx understands is American Industries is one of the biggest taxpayers in town but something needs to be done to get the issues under control.

**Ed Berdick** – E. Berdick noted the residents, with our form of government, can also petition for a noise ordinance. He also noted there is noise reduction technology out there but they may not want to spend the money and also suggested a fence around what emanates the noise rather than the whole property.

## **8. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Motion was made by S. Mikutel, seconded by K. Skulczyck, to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Lisa M. Wood,  
Executive Assistant**