



Town of Griswold

Board of Selectmen

Regular Meeting

October 14, 2014

6:30 PM

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



APPROVED MINUTES

1. **Call to Order/Roll** – Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM, by First Selectman, Kevin Skulczyck

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

Others Present: Lisa M. Wood, Executive Assistant
13 other interested citizens

2. **Approval of Minutes**

- a. **September 22, 2014 – Special Meeting Minutes**
- b. **September 23, 2014 – Special Meeting Minutes**
- c. **September 23, 2014 – Regular Meeting Minutes**
- d. **September 25, 2014 – Special Meeting Minutes**
- e. **September 29, 2014 – Special Meeting Minutes**
- f. **October 8, 2014 – Special Meeting Minutes**

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Mikutel, seconded by P. Anthony, to approve the minutes of September 22, 2014 special meeting, September 23, 2014 special meeting, September 23, 2014 regular meeting, September 25, 2014 special meeting, September 29, 2014 special meeting and October 8, 2014 special meeting as submitted. **Motion carried unanimously.**

3. **Correspondence - Letter from Michael Roberts for resignation from the Recreation Commission**

MOTION: Motion was made by P. Anthony, seconded by S. Mikutel, to accept the resignation of Michael Roberts from the Recreation Commission. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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 accepting proposed BOS 2015 meeting dates

MOTION: Motion was made by P. Anthony, seconded by S. Mikutel, to accept the 2015 Board of Selectmen meeting dates as proposed. **Motion carried unanimously.**

c. Discussion and possible action on authorizing resolution for First Selectman to execute documents for participation in the 2014 State Homeland Security Grant Program - S. Mikutel commented this is an annual event and has no problems with it.

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Mikutel, seconded by P. Anthony, to authorize the First Selectman to execute all necessary documents, in this case Memorandum of Agreement for participation in the FY 2014 Homeland Security Grant Program. **Motion carried unanimously.**

d. Discussion and possible action on hiring part-time youth center staff as recommended by the Director of Youth & Family Services – S. Mikutel commented he reviewed the resumes and they seem like good candidates. He also noted that traditionally, they have allowed the Director of Youth & Family Services to hire part-time youth center staff. He suggests, however, some type of background check be done. K. Skulczyck confirmed for P. Anthony, that the money for these positions is in the budget.

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Mikutel, seconded by P. Anthony, to hire the recommended part-time youth center staff, providing some form of background check if allowed by law. **Motion carried unanimously.**

5. Old Business - None

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

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Mikutel, seconded by P. Anthony, to bring onto the agenda for discussion and possible action, the paving of Old Bethel Rd. **Motion carried unanimously.**

S. Mikutel commented since the road is being paved it is a good time to consider putting a new apron on the property where the buses are located, to help prevent stones coming out onto the road. K. Skulczyck commented that he and T. Babbitt and are going to the bus company to have a discussion about that issue. American Industries is doing that project and perhaps it can be worked out. S. Mikutel noted it is normally the responsibility of the property owner and it is an excellent time to coordinate that activity.

7. Public Forum

Dana Peloso – D. Peloso, Griswold Ambulance, presented a handout to the BOS with a letter in regards to the strife going on with the current situation of the ambulance company. He briefly touched on the letter and lack of confidence in the current Board of Directors as well as a proposed 1 year business plan. He stated the desire of the current employees to work together with the Board of Selectman to perhaps come to a solution regarding the future of the ambulance service. He suggested if the ambulance could be taken over by the town, the forming of a new Board of Directors comprised of both the town and employees of the ambulance. He touched on a few changes that could save money in the operating budget and a means of producing extra income. It was agreed that this topic should be discussed more in length at a special meeting.

Marion Boule – M. Boule asked for an update on the Triangle Wire property. K. Skulczyck commented there was a one month extension recently granted to the company to clean up the property. To be closed out it needs to be loamed and seed ready and that will be done soon.

Ransom Young – R. Young thanked the town for the maintenance work being done at the cemeteries. R. Young also commented on grant funding and the lack of money to complete the Main Street lighting project as well as the grant money that was received for the expansion of the Senior Center and that nothing has been done with that project.

Betty Knox – B. Knox commended the employees of the ambulance for coming out and fighting for it. I hope the Board realizes they are fighting to keep a very important part of our town's history.

Norm Higgins – N. Higgins noted the hard work that is ahead of the Board of Selectmen in doing the right thing for the town regarding the ambulance. He also noted he was looking for an update on the Bicentennial celebration and that it should be ongoing every Selectmen's meeting. P. Anthony responded and encouraged Mr. Higgins to attend any of the Bicentennial Committee meetings that take place. S. Mikutel noted that the BOS has charged certain people in town with the responsibility of the Bicentennial celebration. K. Skulczyck noted they will soon be posting information on the lobby bulletin board. P. Anthony noted the Bicentennial meets twice a month, everyone is welcome and the events have already started to take place. N. Higgins noted a 1976 graduate of Griswold High School whose book has sold over a million copies.

Ricky Bevis – R. Bevis expressed her concern with the cones on Main Street and the fact they are getting turned over and look bad. Are they going to be permanent? K. Skulczyck responded the town planner will be presenting the game plan, not only with the next grant possibility but how the light bases might be covered for the winter. P. Anthony noted the cones are also becoming a safety concern.

Shea Cavacini – S. Cavacini noted the homecoming parade is Friday and her concern about the cones and other materials in the street. K. Skulczyck noted he asked them to remove the no parking ones over the weekend so that should get rid of the poles that have been falling into the street.

8. Adjournment

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

Respectfully Submitted,

**Lisa M. Wood,
Executive Assistant**