



Town of Griswold

Board of Selectmen

Regular Meeting

October 28, 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 6:32 PM 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
Fred Marzec, Fire Marshal
4 other interested citizens

2. **Approval of Minutes**

- a. **October 14, 2014 – Regular Meeting Minutes**
- b. **October 14, 2014 – Special Meeting Minutes**
- c. **October 21, 2014 – Special Meeting Minutes**

MOTION: Motion was made by P. Anthony, seconded by S. Mikutel to approve the October 14, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes, October 14, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes and the October 21, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes as submitted. **Motion carried unanimously.**

3. **Correspondence - Letter from Brian Baker for resignation from the Public Health & Safety Committee** – Letter was acknowledged 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 accept the tax refunds as presented by Griswold Tax Collector, Rich Grabowski, and to include the additional refund received tonight. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- b. **Discussion and possible action on presentation by Fred Marzec, Fire Marshal, regarding Incident Action Plan and drill** - Fred Marzec, Fire Marshal, discussed the planned emergency event to take place on November 8, 2014. He noted this is a community project and is set up to help the town prepare for emergency situations that may arise by holding a mock emergency. It will help the emergency personnel to determine how to more effectively plan for such a situation and how they can improve on it. Community volunteers and emergency personnel will work to overcome evacuating residents, closed roads, shelter operations, food, heat and energy. F. Marzec noted the schools are involved and are always willing to help in any way they can. There has always been a plan in place, this event helps to show where improvements need to be made in implementing the plan.

5. Old Business - None

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

- a. **MOTION:** Motion was made by S. Mikutel, seconded by P. Anthony, to bring onto the agenda the request for use of a town facility. **Motion carried unanimously.**

S. Mikutel commented there is no legal law or language to prevent religious organizations from using town meeting facilities and we will not discriminate. The only requirement is they abide by the building use policy. P. Anthony agreed but noted we should charge a nominal fee.

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Mikutel, seconded by P. Anthony, to allow the Quinebaug River Church to use the old Pachaug Town Hall on Friday, November 7, 2014 and charge them a nominal fee of \$30 one time for this event only. Motion carried unanimously.

S. Mikutel affirmed they have to abide by the conditions of the building use policy.

- b. **MOTION:** Motion was made by S. Mikutel, seconded by P. Anthony, to bring onto the agenda, the high school roof situation. **Motion carried unanimously.**

S. Mikutel commented he heard there has been a leakage problem after the new roof has been put on, this concerns him, and he is wondering about the inspection of the roof by the Building Official and the Clerks of the Works. K. Skulczyck noted there was a leak around the skylights. It was addressed by the Darrin Drobiak, Clerk of the Works, about three weeks ago and it was remedied. There was a meeting and Mr. Boos was present, and although this was disappointing, it was assured this was a simple one time issue that was remedied and corrected.

- c. **MOTION:** Motion was made by P. Anthony, seconded by S. Mikutel, to bring onto the agenda an update on the Main Street project. **Motion carried unanimously.**

P. Anthony commented there was a meeting this morning with Stadia Engineering, Prime Electric, Mario Tristany and himself. This is the second meeting he was asked

to attend in the past year. He noted at this point we are at a \$47,000 deficit without anything to do with putting the lights up. DOT is claiming the concrete was not put in properly and needs to be dug up and done over. P. Anthony asked where the miscommunication was and who was changing the plans at this point. He asked when they knew about this and there was no answer. Stadia Engineering suggested we meet with a gentleman named Andrew who has jurisdiction over Carlos at DOT. P. Anthony noted we do not have enough money to do what they are telling us to do at this point, never mind lights. S. Mikutel asked where the state inspectors have been. They are supposed to be on the job inspecting it as it goes instead of at the end telling them they have to do it all over again. S. Mikutel agreed we need to have a meeting with the upper administration at the state level. K. Skulczyck noted we need to get all our evidence together before the meeting and see what has been signed off on the plan. S. Mikutel wanted to send all our documentation to the town attorney and felt he should be at the meeting. P. Anthony commented we should give it one shot at trying to work it out first before involving an attorney. S. Mikutel noted he would like advice from the town attorney. P. Anthony noted if we have it in writing, what was approved, and if that is what was done, then we stand on very firm ground. K. Skulczyck also noted if the company we have representing us worked outside the scope than that is another issue. It was agreed to gather all documentation and have a meeting with the BOS, Stadia Engineering, Prime Electric and Mario Tristany, Jr. as soon as possible.

- d. K. Skulczyck just asked that the BOS consider adding the pledge of allegiance to the meeting agenda as a regular item

7. Public Forum

Norm Higgins – N. Higgins commented on the leaky roof at the high school. He noted the Building Official stated he was never called to check any of the work. N. Higgins commented the leak was a result of not having the skylights in at the time the roof was replaced and that the leak occurred as a result of improper installation of the skylights when they arrived. N. Higgins then commented on the Main Street situation and noted that all the facts need to be obtained from the DOT and the decisions they have made.

Dave Vieaux - D. Vieaux noted that across from Patrylo's garage on Rt. 138 there is a guy that does tar resurfacing or something and outside his garage there is a mountain of cans and he is concerned about the proximity to the water. K. Skulczyck noted he will have the ZEO go out there and if necessary it will also be addressed by the DOH and Fred Marzec.

Bill Czmyr – B. Czmyr commented there is a large hole by the front door of the Veteran's Housing along the sidewalk where they put in the asphalt when they got done digging. It is being washed out and he is concerned someone is going to fall. K. Skulczyck noted he will have T. Babbitt address it.

P. Anthony noted he is concerned about the liability of the town and the safety of our residents in having to tear up Main Street again. One woman did fall already next to the Post Office where the sidewalks are tore up.

8. Adjournment

MOTION: Motion was made by P. Anthony, seconded by S. Mikutel, to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,

**Lisa M. Wood,
Executive Assistant**