



Town of Griswold

Board of Selectman
Regular Meeting
November 10, 2009

6:30 pm

Town Hall Meeting Room



MINUTES

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call:** P. Anthony called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Present:

Philip Anthony, First Selectman
Steve Mikutel, Second Selectman

Also Present:

Keleigh Baretincic, Recording Secretary
9 Interested Persons

Members Absent:

Anne Hatfield, Third Selectwoman

2. **Approval of Minutes:**

- a. **October 13, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes:** **MOTION:** S. Mikutel motioned and was seconded by P. Anthony to approve the October 13, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. There was no discussion. All in favor; **motion carried.**
- a. **October 27, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes:** **MOTION:** S. Mikutel motioned and was seconded by P. Anthony to approve the October 27, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented, with the following corrections: Item #6 should be corrected to be a Federal Environmental Protection Agency grant and *not* the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection. There was no discussion. All in favor; **motion carried, minutes approved as amended.**

3. **Correspondence: Sent/Received:** None

4. **New Business**

- a. **Informational with the Connecticut Department of Transportation regarding Bridge Project 1411 (Rte 165 over Pachaug):** Mary Baker, Bridge Connecticut Department of Transportation Bridge Design Consultant was present, along with Ed Sakl and Alan Randall from Close Jensen and Miller. Close Jensen and Miller is hired by the State to be the liaison for the design effort for this project. M. Baker and E. Sakl explained the scope of the project as well as the history of the bridge. Construction is scheduled to commence in 2012 and be completed by 2014. One lane will be closed at a time to allow alternating traffic flow in the remaining open lane. A stop sign is planned for the open lane. M. Baker and E. Sakl answered questions from the Board of Selectmen (BOS) and the audience. There was concern about the stop sign, that it would not be adequate as well as the need for lighting during the nighttime hours. **No action taken.**
- b. **Action to appoint Valerie Pudvah to the position of Assistant Town Clerk as recommended by Ellen Dupont, Town Clerk:** P. Anthony read the request from Town Clerk Ellen Dupont. **MOTION:** S. Mikutel motioned and was seconded by P. Anthony to appoint Valerie Pudvah to the position of Assistant Town Clerk as recommended by the Town Clerk Ellen Dupont for a term to expire January 6, 2014. There was no discussion. All in favor; **motion carried.**

- c. **Action to accept Suchocki & Son, Inc. as the low bidder for sand bids for the 2009 winter season:** **MOTION:** S. Mikutel motioned and was seconded by P. Anthony to choose Suchocki & Son, Inc. as the low bidder for sand bids for the 2009 winter season. P. Anthony noted that this company has worked well with the Town in the past. There was no further discussion. All in favor; **motion carried.**
- d. **Change Order for the School Building Project:** Frank Everett, Chairman of the School Building Committee was present and gave an overview of the change orders.
 - i. **Griswold Middle School, Job #08-003, Change Order 2; dated August 26, 2009: an increase of \$18,461.96 modifications to basketball courts and bathroom doors.**
 - ii. **Griswold Middle School, Job #08-003, Change Order 4; dated September 11, 2009: increase \$32,609.25 for card readers and access control system (security)**
MOTION: S. Mikutel motioned and was seconded by P. Anthony to authorize the First Selectman to sign the Griswold Middle School, Job #08-003, Change Order 2; dated August 26, 2009: an increase of \$18,461.96 modifications to basketball courts and bathroom doors and Griswold Middle School, Job #08-003, Change Order 4; dated September 11, 2009: increase \$32,609.25 for card readers and access control system (security) as recommended by the School Building Committee. There was no discussion. All in favor; **motion carried.**

5. Old Business

- a. **Discussion and possible action on the Ethics Code Revision:** **MOTION:** S. Mikutel motioned and was seconded by P. Anthony to call a Special Town Meeting on Tuesday November 24, 2009 at 6:15pm at the Griswold Town Hall to discuss and take action on adopting the Ethics Code as revised by the Town Attorney. There was no discussion. All in favor; **motion carried.**

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

MOTION: S. Mikutel motioned and was seconded by P. Anthony to add a request from Road Superintendent Todd Babbitt to dispose of a 1990 International Dump Truck at auction in Franklin. There was no discussion. All in favor; **motion carried.**

- a. **Request from Road Superintendent Todd Babbitt to dispose of a 1990 International Dump Truck at auction in Franklin:** P. Anthony read the request from T. Babbitt to dispose of the truck due to its failure to pass a Connecticut Department of Transportation inspection and the cost associated with bringing it up to safety standards. The BOS noted that this truck is extra and now is a good time to send it to auction. **MOTION:** S. Mikutel motioned and was seconded by P. Anthony to authorize Road Superintendent Todd Babbitt to dispose of a 1990 International Dump Truck at Petrowsky's Auction in Franklin, CT. There was no discussion. All in favor; **motion carried**

MOTION: S. Mikutel motioned and was seconded by P. Anthony to add onto the agenda a request from the Connecticut Municipal Electrical Energy Cooperative (CMEEC) to waive the building fees associated with installing a generator at 4 Water Street in Jewett City, Connecticut. There was no discussion. All in favor; **motion carried.**

- b. **Request from the Connecticut Municipal Electrical Energy Cooperative (CMEEC) to waive the building fees associated with installing a generator at 4 Water Street in Jewett City, Connecticut:** Richard Throw, JCDPU Commissioner was present, along with Phil Sussler, Council for Connecticut Municipal Electrical Energy Cooperative and Mike Brown, Project Manager for the generator project were present to discuss the background on the request. The BOS discussed the request with the representatives present as well as Town Building Official Peter Zvingilas.

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The project would allow the generator to offset peak usage, therefore lowering costs to the JCDDPU customers, while also affording emergency power during situations where the grid is unable to produce. P. Zvingilas asked that CMEEC produce the State Statute that exempted this project from building fees (totaling \$24,005.00). The BOS requested that CMEEC submit a written request to the Town detailing the project and the specific request criteria. The BOS will continue to look into the matter. There was no further discussion. **No action taken.**

MOTION: S. Mikutel motioned and was seconded by P. Anthony to add onto the agenda the proposed 2010 Board of Selectmen Meeting Calendar. There was no discussion. All in favor; **motion carried.**

c. Discussion and possible action on the proposed 2010 Board of Selectmen Meeting

Calendar: The BOS reviewed the proposed calendar, confirming that the meetings would continue to be on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 6:30pm at the Griswold Town Hall. **MOTION:** S. Mikutel motioned and was seconded by P. Anthony to approve the 2010 Board of Selectmen Meeting Calendar as presented by the executive secretary. There was no discussion All in favor; **motion carried.**

P. Anthony asked that persons wishing to speak should stand and try to walk to the front microphone if possible. They should identify themselves for the record and limit the comments to two minutes.

7. Public Forum:

- A resident congratulated the Selectmen on their recent re-elections and agreed that the generator permit fee waiver request is serious and should be reviewed by the Town Attorney.
- A resident asked what the status of the cease and desist order on the Patrylo's Garage. P. Zvingilas responded that work continues on the site and that the Planning Zoning Commission is satisfied to date with the results. It will continue to monitor the situation.
- A resident was concerned about the placement of only a stop sign on the proposed bridge project (Rte 165 over Pachaug). She felt that traffic travels too fast along that route for a stop sign to be sufficient. The BOS agreed and will continue to keep in contact with the CT DOT as the project progresses.

8. Adjournment: **MOTION:** S. Mikutel motioned and was seconded by P. Anthony to adjourn. There was no discussion. All in favor; **motion carried.** P. Anthony adjourned the meeting at 8:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Keleigh Baretincic
Recording Secretary