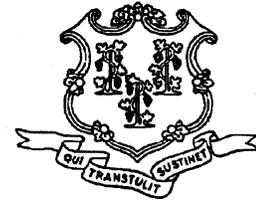




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Special Town Meeting Minutes

Philip Anthony called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

In Attendance: Philip Anthony-First Selectman, Steven Mikutel – Second Selectman, Anne Hatfield – Third Selectwoman

Also in Attendance: Keleigh Baretincic – Recording Secretary, May Gromko – Registrar, Kathy Maxwell – Director of Finance and about 70 members of the public.

P. Anthony asked for a motion to elect a moderator.

MOTION: Alan Geer motioned and was seconded by Norman Higgins to nominate N. Sylvestre as moderator. There was no discussion. All in favor; **motion carried.**

N. Sylvestre read the call of the meeting for the record.

1. **Action to accept Danika Way into the Town approved road system:**
MOTION: Alan Geer motioned and was seconded by David Taylor to accept Danika Way into the Town approved road system. There was no discussion. 54 voted in favor. None opposed; **motion carried.**

2. **Resolution to authorize the First Selectman to execute on behalf of this Town of Griswold to accept the following grants from the State of Connecticut:**
 - i. **Grant in the amount of \$55,000.00 to be used towards upgrading the Skate Park at 54 Hill Street, Griswold, CT 06351:**
MOTION: Michael Welke motioned and was seconded by Cynthia Cata to authorize the First Selectman to execute on behalf of this Town of Griswold to accept the grant in the amount of \$55,000.00 from the State of Connecticut to be used towards used towards upgrading the Skate Park at 54 Hill Street, Griswold, CT 06351.
DISCUSSION: Harry Hansen asked what the grant number was on this particular grant and what the scope of the project is. Katherine Maxwell responded that the grant number is CSAP 2009-06 and the scope of the work includes skate park updates and security cameras on site. There was no further discussion. 76 were in favor. None opposed; **motion carried.**

- ii. **Grant in the amount of \$65,000.00 to be used for repairs to the Recreation Complex/Playscape at the A.A. Young Fire Station, Griswold, CT 06351: MOTION:** David Carol motioned and was seconded by Carol Mauro to authorize the First Selectman to execute on behalf of this Town of Griswold to accept the grant in the amount of \$65,000.00 from the State of Connecticut to be used towards used towards upgrading the playscape/complex at the A.A. Young Fire House.

DISCUSSION: H. Hansen asked what the grant number was on this particular grant and what the scope of the project is. Katherine Maxwell responded that the grant number is CSAP 2009-05 and the scope of the work includes safety updates to the playscape and the grounds at the complex, along with general equipment upgrades. Curt Rivard noted that the conditions at the playground are a safety issue. Ransom Young asked if helmets were required on the playground. They are not. In response to a question from Claire Hull; P. Anthony replied that drainage would also be addressed at the playground. In response to graffiti concerns at the park raised by Lori Steiger, P. Anthony noted that police controls will be stepped up. There was no further discussion. 81 voted in favor. 1 opposed; **motion carried.**

- iii. **Grant in the amount of \$50,000.00 to be applied to the creation of the Sheldon Road recreational complex: MOTION:** Michael Roberts motioned and was seconded by Richard Clark to authorize the First Selectman to execute on behalf of this Town of Griswold to accept the grant in the amount of \$50,000.00 from the State of Connecticut to be applied towards the creation of the Sheldon Road recreational complex.

DISCUSSION: H. Hansen asked what the grant number was on this particular grant and what the scope of the project is. Katherine Maxwell responded that the Town has no paperwork referencing this grant and therefore no scope of work, but that it would probably be issued by the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection. S. Mikutel (who is also the State representative for Griswold's district) noted that this grant is already a line item in the current State Budget. There was additional discussion from H. Hansen that he called the State who was not aware of the funding. There was discussion that the recreation field is slated to be built on the 5 ½ acres with fields and a building along with parking for about 100 vehicles. Additional members of the public expressed that the field had not been voted on and that tax monies would eventually be needed to support the complex. Members of the Public also expressed trust in S. Mikutel, who reiterated that the money was in the budget and that the Governor was proposing to cut the money, but the legislature would make the decision. Possible stipulations on the grant may be a five year window to develop the site with the grant monies in question. There was no further discussion. 69 voted in favor. 4 opposed; **motion carried.**

iv. **Grant in the amount of \$75,000.00 to be applied to the creation of the Sheldon Road recreational complex:** **MOTION:** Michael Roberts motioned and was seconded by Carol Mauro to authorize the First Selectman to execute on behalf of this Town of Griswold to accept the grant in the amount of \$75,000.00 from the State of Connecticut to be applied towards the creation of the Sheldon Road recreational complex.

DISCUSSION: H. Hansen asked what the grant number was on this particular grant and what the scope of the project is. Katherine Maxwell responded that the Town has no paperwork referencing this grant and no scope of work. S. Mikutel stated that the Connecticut Office of Policy and Management is handling this grant. P. Madonna responded that he had just received the grant paperwork and will be completing it shortly. **There was a motion and a second to move the question. There was no discussion. 63 voted in favor. 2 opposed; motion carried.** The vote on the original motion resulted in 64 votes in favor and 5 opposed; **motion carried.**

3. **Action to abandon and discontinuing the portion of Lee Road running generally East-West from Route 201 to the Voluntown border also known as Forest Trail 1 and 2 (not to include the portion of Lee Road shown on Conn DOT road map running North-South from Breakneck Road into Pachaug State Forest and consisting of 0.47 miles of unimproved Town Road).** **MOTION:** Steve Merchant, Sr. motioned and was seconded by Paul Madonna to abandon and discontinuing the portion of Lee Road running generally East-West from Route 201 to the Voluntown border also known as Forest Trail 1 and 2 (not to include the portion of Lee Road shown on Conn DOT road map running North-South from Breakneck Road into Pachaug State Forest and consisting of 0.47 miles of unimproved Town Road. There was no discussion. 35 voted in favor. None opposed; **motion carried.**

The moderator N. Sylvestre adjourned the meeting at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Keleigh Baretincic
Recording Secretary**