



Town of Griswold

Board of Selectmen

Regular Meeting

November 24, 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 Selectmen

Members Present: Kevin Skulczyck, First Selectman
Steve Merchant Sr. – Second Selectman
Martin McKinney Jr. – Third Selectman

Others Present: Lisa M. Wood, Executive Assistant
Evelyn Spagnolo, Assessor
48 interested citizens

2. **Approval of Minutes**

- a. **November 10, 2015 – Special Meeting Minutes**

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by M. McKinney, to approve the November 10, 2015 special meeting minutes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

3. **Correspondence** - None

4. **New Business**

- a. **Discussion and possible action on tax refunds as presented by Rich Grabowski, Tax Collector** – two refunds for a total of \$271.29

MOTION: Motion was made by M. McKinney, seconded by S. Merchant, to accept the tax refunds as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- b. **Discussion and possible action on selection of company for revaluation services** – E. Spagnolo, Assessor, gave a brief synopsis of the three proposals received. Her recommendation was Vision as they were the most economical and we have a proven business relationship with them. Tyler Technologies did the full 2011 revaluation

and we had some issues with their work. Municipal Evaluation Services is the highest bidder has a lot of expertise and would be good if we needed some expertise advice on a specific property. She also noted that Vision had no exceptions to the RFP. She noted Vision will also cover three days of court appearance if needed. Vision is the vendor for the software that Griswold uses.

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by M. McKinney, to accept the proposal of Vision for revaluation services. **Motion carried unanimously.**

c. Discussion and possible action on proposed 2016 meeting dates

MOTION: Motion was made by M. McKinney, seconded by S. Merchant, to accept the proposed Board of Selectmen meeting dates for 2016. **Motion carried unanimously.**

d. Discussion and possible action on appointment of Clarence Merrill as a regular member of the Inland Wetlands Watercourses & Conservation Commission for a term of 12/1/2015 to 11/30/2019 – It was noted Mr. Merrill is an active member.

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by M. McKinney, to reappoint Clarence Merrill as a regular member of the Inland Wetlands Watercourses & Conservation Commission for a term of 12/1/2015 to 11/30/2019. **Motion carried unanimously.**

e. Discussion and possible action on status of the recently formed Ordinance Committee – K. Skulczyck gave a brief summary for the new board members. He commented he would like to see two alternates added to the newly formed five member committee. M. McKinney's only concern was if there is enough public interest to serve those spots. Only two of the five are residents from the public, five letters received already.

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by M. McKinney, to add two alternates to the Ordinance Committee. **Motion carried unanimously.**

5. Old Business - None

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

a. MOTION: Motion was made by M. McKinney, seconded by S. Merchant, to bring onto the agenda for discussion and possible action, the reappointment of Cortland Kinnie to the Inland Wetlands Watercourses & Conservation Commission. **Motion carried unanimously.**

M. McKinney commented he has worked beside Cortland on Planning & Zoning and vouches for him.

MOTION: Motion was made by M. McKinney, seconded by S. Merchant, to reappoint Cortland Kinnie to the Inland Wetlands Watercourses & Conservation Commission for a term of 12/1/2015 to 11/30/2019. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- b. **MOTION:** Motion was made by M. McKinney, seconded by S. Merchant, to bring onto the agenda for discussion and possible action, appointment of S. Merchant to the CIP Committee. **Motion carried unanimously.**

MOTION: Motion was made by M. McKinney, seconded by K. Skulczyck, to appoint Steve Merchant to the CIP Committee as a BOS representative to replace Steve Mikutel. M. McKinney and K. Skulczyck in favor, S. Merchant abstained. **Motion carried.**

6. Public Forum

Ransom Young – R. Young noted the cemetery on Rixtown Rd. has not been maintained. He also inquired about the road study. K. Skulczyck commented T. Babbitt has presented the road study to the BOF and will soon be presenting to the BOS at a public meeting.

Fabiola Proulx – F. Proulx inquired about the Ordinance Committee members. It was clarified that it was originally formed to include 2 elected officials, 2 residents and 1 in-house staff member. Elected official applies to any town elected official and not just the BOS.

7. Adjournment

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by M. McKinney, to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa M. Wood,
Executive Assistant