



# Town of Griswold

Board of Selectmen

Regular Meeting

December 9, 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 Kevin Skulczyck, First Selectman

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

**Others Present:** Lisa M. Wood, Executive Assistant  
3 interested citizens

2. **Approval of Minutes**

- a. **November 25, 2014 – Special Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** Motion was made by S. Mikutel, seconded by P. Anthony, to approve the November 25, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- b. **November 25, 2014 – Regular Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** Motion was made by P. Anthony, seconded by S. Mikutel, to not accept the minutes due to a couple of inaccuracies and the long term policy of the Board of Selectmen not to note or repeat personal attacks that are made.

S. Mikutel noted a situation two years ago where comments were stricken because they were not in conformity with the BOS policy of not allowing personal attacks to be made. After discussion it was suggested to only reference, in regard to Ms. Knox's comment under public forum, that comments were made addressed to the Board of Selectmen with respect to a member of the Board. It was also suggested to leave only the first sentence under the comments of P. Anthony under public forum. S. Mikutel also noted New Business, Item a, last sentence should be changed from "waive" to "weigh".

**Motion carried. S. Mikutel and P. Anthony in favor, K. Skulczyck opposed.**

**3. Correspondence - None**

**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 appointment of James W. Barnie as a member of the Economic Development Commission to fill the unexpired portion of a term of 10/29/2013 to 10/28/2018** – all three board members noted they know Mr. Barnie and they are supportive of the appointment.

**MOTION:** Motion was made by S. Mikutel, seconded by P. Anthony, to appoint James W. Barnie as a member of the Economic Development Commission to fill the unexpired portion of a term of 10/29/13 to 10/28/2018. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**5. Old Business**

- a. **Discussion and possible action on applying along with the Borough for a Small Cities Block Grant for the senior center – K. Skulczyk suggested tabling until more information is gathered.**

**MOTION:** Motion was made by P. Anthony, seconded by S. Mikutel, to table discussion and possible action on applying along with the Borough for a Small Cities Block Grant for the senior center. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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

- a. **MOTION:** Motion was made by S. Mikutel, seconded by P. Anthony, to add to the agenda the appointment to fill a vacancy on the Inland Wetlands Commission. **Motion carried unanimously.**

S. Mikutel noted this is a reappointment for the Vice Chair of the Inland Wetlands Watercourses and Conservation Commission and his expires 12/14/14.

**MOTION:** Motion was made by S. Mikutel, seconded by P. Anthony, to reappoint Rob Parrette as a member of the Inland Wetlands Watercourses and Conservation Commission for a term of 12/14/2014 to 12/13/2018. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- b. **MOTION:** Motion was made by P. Anthony, seconded by S. Mikutel, to motion onto the agenda for discussion the policy of the Board of Selectmen concerning personal attacks. **Motion carried unanimously.**

P. Anthony noted at the last meeting there was no mention before the public forum stating no personal attacks or such, and one did occur. P. Anthony noted prior to him and Mr. Mikutel coming into office, personal attacks were an issue. The reason the policy was set was to keep the meetings civil. K. Skulczyck thanked P. Anthony for checking him on forgetting to remind the audience of the policy before public forum. He did note he is a believer in allowing people their right to speak. S. Mikutel noted the chairman is to enforce the rules of procedure and conduct and that was not done. K. Skulczyck noted he will make sure comments are accepted and kept respectful.

- c. **MOTION:** Motion was made by K. Skulczyck, seconded by P. Anthony, to bring onto the agenda for discussion and possible action the request of Martin McKinney for appointment to the Bicentennial Committee. **Motion carried unanimously.**

S. Mikutel noted he is glad Mr. McKinney has volunteered. P. Anthony noted Mr. McKinney has already been volunteering help with the Bicentennial.

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## 7. Public Forum

**Robert Hanson** – R. Hanson wanted to know what was happening with the decision on the ambulance service. P. Anthony noted there were two bids received and they are being reviewed. K. Skulczyck noted the Board has received some final information and will be scheduling another meeting to decide. It was then agreed the meeting will be Monday, December 15, 2014 at 10:30 AM.

**Norm Higgins** – N. Higgins complimented the appearance of the town hall for the holiday season and the work the town staff put into it. He also suggested that someone on the Bicentennial make a short video on the town and events being offered, similar to one the school did to promote the school. He also suggested the Board members review the video made by the school. N. Higgins then noted the behavior of the town meetings, after the town hall fire, as the reason for the policy of no personal attacks.

**David Vieaux** – D. Vieaux noted his support for the public forum being a place to resolve town issues, and political issues should be resolved in the election booth.

## 8. Adjournment

**MOTION:** Motion was made by S. Mikutel, seconded by P. Anthony, to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Lisa M. Wood,  
Executive Assistant**