

## SPECIAL MEETING

Members in Attendance: Carol Mauro-Chairperson  
Darren Drobiak – Vice Chairperson  
Ryan Aubin – Director  
Ricky Bevis  
Sarah Seifert  
Sonja Murphy – Recording Secretary  
Ryan Snide  
Ken Willey  
Absent Members: Mike Morton  
Other attendees: PUBLIC: Peppy Thibodeau, Lionel and Danielle LaSalle, Todd Babbitt, Josh George, John Barry, Dana Bennett, Louis D’Amico

### NOTES

#### Old Business

Minutes from August were tabled because they were not available for review.

#### Director’s Programming Update (per R.Aubin)

- ① Great Griswold Get Together. Approx 1,500 people, with 1,825 attending the fireworks.
- ① Concerts: Under 550 people total with 5 concerts held; total cost \$1600.
- ① Spooktopia: Great turnout, Gave away approx. 58 medals to trunkers, other businesses, and food trucks. Bonus medals to noteworthy guests.
- o Areas of improvement, per L.D’Amico: no parking signs on Ashland St is needed (more prominent than the signs there now). T.Babbitt suggests cones, sign, or flagger to direct parking toward Hill St.
- ① Youth Basketball: 175 enrolled, project 230 attendees, starting the 9th, and the deadline is being extended.

#### New Business

##### Snowflake Parade

- ① L.D’Amico says Griswold FD cannot attend; Lisbon has only 1 person in fire police. L.D’Amico wants to meet with the Snowflake Subcommittee.
- ① He suggests better parade pacing to avoid the gaps allowing cars to enter the parade. One car entered last year.
- ① R.Bevis states approx. 12 groups have signed up for the parade so far.
- ① Team B location is GMS setup and hallway setup.
- ① River Church allows us to use their draperies with no logo, and LED lighting.
- ① Kids will line up around 6pm for Santa and Mrs. Claus.
- ① Santa’s Workshop is a small gift giveaway. C.Mauro will obtain stuffed animals and books from a local business to be the give-aways.
- ① Danielle and Ryan will check functionality of lights at PWD.
- ① Subcommittee volunteers are S.Seifert, C.Mauro, P.Thibodeau, and S.Murphy.

#### Other Business

Email from R.Aubin to T.Babbitt on 10/18/2019 at 12:05pm stating a collection of questions that have been gathered from various folks to be best answered by Mr. Babbitt.

*Q: Why are the Senior Building Committee minutes & agendas not posted online?*

R.Aubin was told by T.Babbitt that the meeting minutes discussing a senior center were not required to be posted. T.Babbitt states meetings are required to be recorded and posted with the clerk. It was noted that Parks and Rec minutes on their own website are linked to the town's website.

*Q: Why did the Selectman never approach the Recreation Commission to “educate” us on the Senior Center building, but were left out completely whereas other committees were very much included?*

T.Babbitt states that “lots of groups reached out to him and that he reached out to other groups, including holding public hearings.” Economic Development Committee (EDC) didn't reach out, the groups were reaching out to EDC...

*Q: Has the Senior Center ever proven how many of its members are actually from the town rather than non-residents. Board of Finance asked for it, a few times... Not estimations like the 13k used in the info for the bonding sheet, but actual data?*

The email asks if the senior center has proven how many attendees of the senior center are town residents. T.Babbitt says the Board of Finance asked this question and the current method is that local towns could rotate to different Bingo nights to spread the game and the facility use around the area. R.Aubin explained the problem discussed is because taxpayers are paying for this facility but a portion of the daily members are not from the town. T.Babbitt said Recreation has non-residents. R.Aubin stated they pay a higher fee for the program. And doesn't the Senior Center charge a membership fee of \$3 per year. R.Aubin asked if non-residents pay more, T.Babbitt said he does not know.

*Q: Why wasn't the bonding info on our Town's Facebook, and why was the Town's Facebook not used at all in sharing the information. These are your 20-40 year olds, with families that cannot attend a meeting at night. The Moving Griswold Forward was created but it targeted only those who would vote yes to the bonding, "leading them to the tolls."*

R.Aubin explained at a department head meeting, another employee and R.Aubin explained how important a Facebook presents for the town is, especially with a huge upcoming bonding vote. T.Babbitt stated it was taken down to be updated.

R.Aubin reminded the Commission about the Memo received about taking down the Facebook page from the Parks & Rec /Youth & Family Services Dept, and how it would of hurt the communications with the residents.

*Q: This one is from a senior, lives in Griswold but goes to Lisbon... Why are they building a new building if its only busy on bingo days? T.Babbitt stated he is not at the senior center everyday, but when he is it seems busy.*

R.Aubin asked the Commission if there are anymore questions. K.Whilley stated that he doesn't understand why the town would want to do that. T.Babbitt stated there was a complaint. All documentation can be found in the Finance Directors Office. R.Aubin stated after meeting with the Finance Director and Town Attorney, he had to put a blub stating this was the personal opinions and not related to the town, on the Facebook page. Commission discussed having members be administrators on the page. R.Aubin stated that would be easy to do. Discussion on how important a Facebook presents was, especially in a important vote like the bonding items. R.Aubin stated he had another meeting coming in for basketball coaches.

Meeting adjourned at 6:38pm (called by CMauro). R.Snide seconded.

YFS & P/R ENROLLMENT SINCE JULY 1

**JULY 3 – 6, GREAT GRISWOLD GET-TOGETHER**

CARNIVAL & FESTIVAL = <1500

FIREWORKS = >1825

**YC ROCKS FAMILY FRIENDLY CONCERTS**

5 CONCERTS = <530 TOTAL

**GRISWOLD SUMMER CAMP BREAKDOWN**

(LESS THAN 15% NON-RESIDENTS)

WEEK 1 = 183 X 5 DAYS = 915 WEEK 2 = 145 X 4 DAYS = 580

WEEK 3 = 179 X 5 = 895 WEEK 4 = 172 X 5 = 860

WEEK 5 = 146 X 5 = 730 WEEK 6 = 159 X 5 = 795

WEEK 7 = 172 X 5 = 860 WEEK 8 = 157 X 5 = 785

TOTAL KIDS SERVED = 6,420

**EDGAR FONTAINE'S**

**SPOOKTOPIA! A COMMUNITY TRUNK OR TREAT EVENT**

>3,000 (STOPPED COUNTED AT DARK)

**YOUTH BASKETBALL**

(LESS THAN 9% NON-RESIDENTS)

171 ENROLLED, PROJECTING 230+

**GRISWOLD YOUTH CENTER – MONDAY THRU FRIDAY**

91 REGISTERED MEMBERS (ALL RESIDENTS)

LOW 9 – HIGH 41 – AVERAGE 17

**RECREATION DEPT. ALL AGES**

MIXXED FIT = 12 X 17 WEEKS = 204

YOGA = 24 X 17 WEEKS = 408 (2X A WEEK)

KARATE YOUTH = 9 X 17 = 153

KARATE ADULT = 11 X 17 = 187

AEROBICS = 50 X 17 = 500 (2X A WEEK)

MOMMY & ME MUSIC = 5 X 17 = 85

PIANO LESSONS = 3 X 17 = 51

HIIT = 2 X 9 = 18

*(CURRENTLY ENROLLED FOR WHOLE SCHOOL YEAR)*

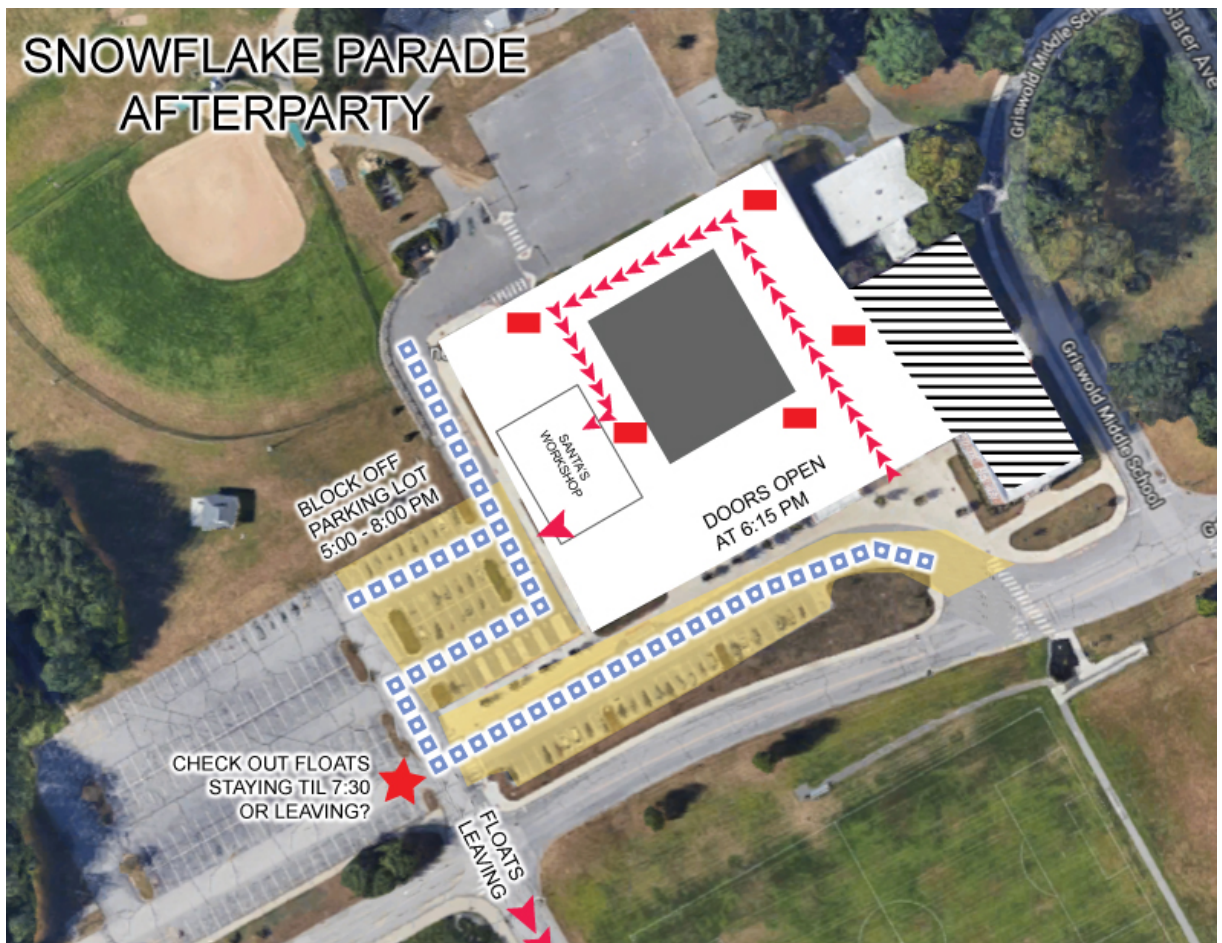
*GRISWOLD YC AFTERSCHOOL IN THE SCHOOL*

*ALL RESIDENTS)*

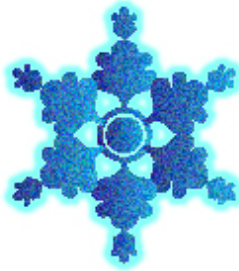
*GES K&1 = 145 GES 234 = 240 GMS 5678 = 122*



# SNOWFLAKE PARADE AFTERPARTY







## SNOWFLAKE PARADE

**PROPOSED DATE:**  
**SATURDAY**  
**Nov 16 (rain date 17th)**  
**Parade Participant Time:**  
**5:00 - 6:00 PM**

### PARADE TIMELINE:

**3:45 - 4:45 PM**

All Parade Participants  
Line Up at Griswold Youth Center  
& Veterans Memorial Park

**4:45 PM**

Jewett City Fire Police Block Off  
1) Incoming Traffic on Slater Ave.  
2) Traffic into Main Street, Jewett City

**5:15PM**

Parade Starts at Youth Center

### ROUTE

YOUTH CENTER >  
MAIN ST > SLATER AVE > GMS

**~ 6:00 PM**

Parade Ends at GMS  
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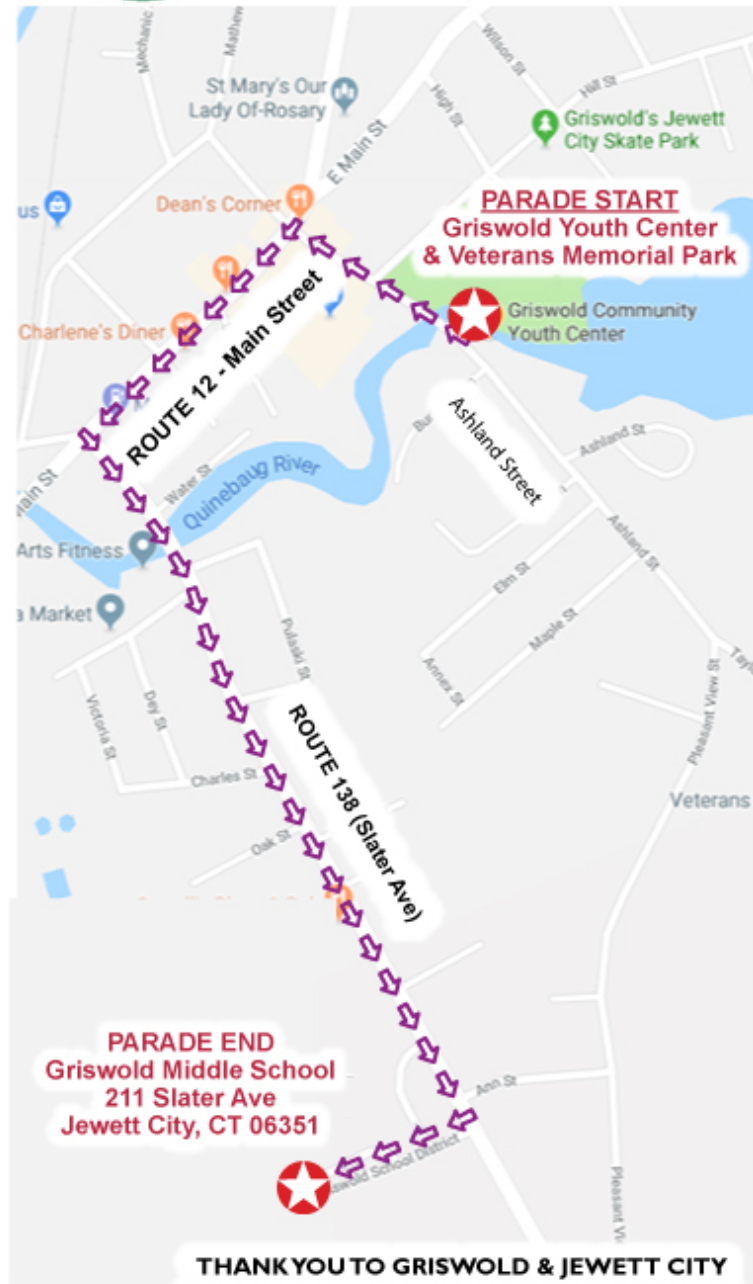
All Road Blocks are removed.  
Traffic is back to routine.

**After 6:00 PM @ GMS**

CRAFTS, CAROLING, TOUR FLOATS,  
MEET SANTA & MRS. CLAUSE



**BE IN OUR PARADE  
REGISTER @  
OUR WEBSITE:  
griswoldREC.org**



**THANK YOU TO GRISWOLD & JEWETT CITY  
FIRE DEPARTMENTS FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL**