



Town of Griswold

Board of Selectmen

Regular Meeting

August 13, 2019

6:00 PM

Griswold Town Hall, Downstairs Meeting Room
28 Main St, Jewett City, CT 06351



MINUTES

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call** – Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Todd Babbitt

Members Present:

Todd Babbitt, First Selectman
Steve Merchant, Sr., Second Selectman
Ed Burke, Third Selectman

Others Present:

Jaimee O'Neill-Eaton, Recording Secretary
9 other interested citizens

2. **Notification of Emergency Exits** – Emergency exits were noted
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Pledge was cited
4. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. July 23, 2019 – Regular Meeting Minutes
 - b. July 26, 2019 – Special Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by E. Burke, to approve the July 23, 2016 – Regular Meeting Minutes and the July 26, 2019 – Special Meeting Minutes, as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

5. **Correspondence** – None

6. **New Business**

- a. **Discussion and possible action on nineteen tax refunds for a total of \$4638.29 as presented by Leona Sharkey, Tax Collector**

MOTION: T. Babbitt made a motion, seconded by S. Merchant, Sr., to accept the tax refunds as presented.

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Motion carried, with T. Babbitt and S. Merchant, Sr, in favor, and E. Burke abstaining.

- b. Discussion and possible action on appointment of Kevin Franklin from an alternate position on the IWWCC to fill the vacancy of a regular position for the remainder of a term of 1/1/2018 to 12/31/2021**

MOTION: E. Burke made a motion, seconded by T. Babbitt, to appoint Kevin Franklin from an alternate position on the IWWCC to fill the vacancy of a regular position for the remainder of a term of 1/1/2018 to 12/31/2021. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- c. Discussion and possible action on request from Olivia Avery regarding her Girl Scout Gold Award Project**

Miss Avery was present to request the Board's permission to place a tote in the lobby to collect used sports equipment to benefit low to middle income families in Griswold and Lisbon, as part of her Girl Scout Gold Award Project.

MOTION: E. Burke made a motion, seconded by T. Babbitt, to approve Miss Avery's request to place a tote in the Town Hall lobby in an effort to collect used sports equipment. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- d. Discussion and possible action on request of Recreation Director to replace existing table in Town Hall lobby with a 42" wide bookshelf and a wire magazine style rack.**

MOTION: E. Burke made a motion, seconded by S. Merchant, Sr, to allow the Recreation Director to replace existing table in Town Hall lobby with a 42" wide bookshelf and a wire magazine style rack. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- e. Discussion and possible action on appointment to the Regional Tourism District Board of Directors**

MOTION: S. Merchant, Sr, made a motion, seconded by E. Burke, to appoint Todd Babbitt to the Regional Tourism District Board of Directors. **Motion carried with S. Merchant and E. Burke in favor, and T. Babbitt abstaining.**

- f. Discussion and possible action on re-appointment of Patrick Chao and Elizabeth Scannell as regular members of the Ethics Commission for a term of 10/9/2019 to 10/8/2022**

MOTION: E. Burke made a motion, seconded by T. Babbitt, to re-appoint Patrick Chao and Elizabeth Scannell as regular members of the Ethics Commission for a term of 10/9/2019 to 10/8/2022. **Motion carried unanimously.**

7. Old Business

- a. Discussion and possible action on the sale of the old Senior Center bus**

MOTION: E. Burke made a motion, which was seconded by T. Babbitt, to table this item. **Motion carried unanimously.**

b. Discussion and possible action on the use of funds from the Anthony Fund

MOTION: E. Burke made a motion, which was seconded by S. Merchant, Sr, to table this item. **Motion carried unanimously.**

c. Discussion and possible action on the offer of St. Anne's Church in Glasgo

MOTION: T. Babbitt made a motion, which was seconded by S. Merchant, Sr, to table this item. **Motion carried unanimously.**

d. Discussion and possible action on update presented by the Senior Center regarding medical marijuana

MOTION: T. Babbitt made a motion, which was seconded by E. Burke, to remove this item from Old Business until more information is gathered. **Motion carried unanimously.**

e. Discussion and possible action on membership of the Capital Improvement Committee

T. Babbitt stated that the Capital Improvement Committee is looking to add another member at large. Discussion followed.

MOTION: T. Babbitt made a motion, which was seconded by E. Burke, to send a letter to the Capital Improvement Committee suggesting that an alternate member be appointed, so as to not increase the number of members required for a quorum. **Motion carried unanimously.**

f. Discussion and possible action on allowing Armaun Bakhshalizadeh to take on a cleaning project at Veteran's Memorial Park and possible rain garden

It was noted that this request is just for a cleaning project at the park, not a rain garden. Mr. Bakhshalizadeh and Miss Emily Perry were present to answer any questions the board may have about the project. T. Babbitt stated that Town's insurance carrier stated that if it's a volunteer project it's covered under the Town's policy. Discussion followed pertaining to the scope of the project.

MOTION: E. Burke made a motion, which was seconded by S. Merchant, Sr, to approve a cleaning project at Veteran's Memorial Park, with the contingency that anything permanent receives the Board of Selectmen's approval prior to installation. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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

E. Burke requested that the format of the agenda be revised to add a Public Forum on at the beginning of the meeting, restricted to agenda items only, to allow the public an opportunity

to voice their opinions prior to the Board voting on those items. T. Babbitt stated he would look into the legalities of doing so.

7. Public Forum

Dave Vieaux – 59 Leha Ave

In reference to E. Burke's request regarding reformatting the agenda, don't take away public forum at the end of the meeting, if a public forum is added to the beginning.

Sharon Viadella – 217 Lester Road

Ms. Viadella thanked the Board for putting the CCC Dedication flyer on the website. The event will take place on September 21st from 10am – 2pm at CCC Youth Field in Pachaug State Forest, Voluntown.

Ransom Young – 209 Rixtown Road

Mr. Young asked if there are any guidelines for the Cemetery Commission, in regards to Rixtown Cemetery.

8. Adjournment

MOTION: E. Burke made a motion, seconded by S. Merchant, Sr. to adjourn the meeting at 6:36PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Jaimee O'Neill-Eaton