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**Town of Griswold**  
**Board of Selectmen**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**October 22, 2019**  
**6:00 PM**  
**Griswold Town Hall**  
**28 Main St., Jewett City, CT 06351**



**MINUTES**

1. **Call to Order/Roll** - Meeting was called to order at 6 PM by Todd Babbitt, First Selectman

**Members Present:** Todd Babbitt, First Selectman  
Steve Merchant Sr., Second Selectman  
Ed Burke, Third Selectman

**Others Present:** Lisa M. Wood, Executive Assistant  
Tina Falck, Senior Center Director  
8 other interested citizens

2. **Notification of Emergency Exits** – Exits were noted
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Pledge was cited
4. **Approval of Minutes**

- a. **October 8, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by E. Burke, to approve the October 8, 2019 regular meeting minutes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

5. **Correspondence – Proposed Solid Waste ordinance language to be forwarded to Ordinance Committee** – Language was briefly discussed and noted as received.
6. **New Business**

- a. **Discussion and possible action on four tax refunds for a total of \$2177.48 as presented by Leona Sharkey, Tax Collector**

**MOTION:** Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by T. Babbitt, to approve the tax refunds as submitted by Leona Sharkey, Tax Collector. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- b. **Discussion and possible action on appointment of Leona Minski to serve as a resident member of the Griswold Housing Authority to fill a term of 2/1/2020 to 1/31/2025**

**MOTION:** Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by E. Burke, to appoint Leona Minski as a resident member of the Griswold Housing Authority for a term of 2/1/2020 to 1/31/2025. **Motion carried unanimously.**

It was noted by L. Wood, that there was an error in the term dates and she asked that the BOS give her permission to verify and correct the term date.

**MOTION:** Motion was amended by T. Babbitt, seconded by S. Merchant, to appoint Leona Minski to the term allowable by the guide lines. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**c. Discussion and possible action on re-appointment of Tina Falck as a member of the Griswold Housing Authority for a term of 2/1/2019 to 1/31/2024**

**MOTION;** Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by E. Burke, to re-appoint Tina Falck as a member of the Griswold Housing Authority for a term of 2/1/2019 to 1/31/2024. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**7. Old Business - None**

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

- a. MOTION:** Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by S. Merchant, to bring the item of the contract with PAC Group LLC as construction manager for the building of the senior center, onto the agenda for discussion and possible action. **Motion carried unanimously.**

T. Babbitt noted the document before them is an addendum to the previously approved 2018 contract. The document includes an addendum for a guaranteed price of \$7,098,590.

**MOTION:** Motion was made by E. Burke, seconded by S. Merchant, to authorize the First Selectman to sign the amendment to the PAC Group contract with a guaranteed maximum price. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- b. MOTION:** Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by S. Merchant, to bring the item of the school gas line contract with CES onto the agenda for discussion and possible action. **Motion carried unanimously.**

T. Babbitt noted there was some value engineering done by the contract which resulted in a savings. With that savings digital controls were installed and this is the \$4000 cost to cover the inspection of the controls to make sure they are working properly within the system.

**MOTION:** Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by T. Babbitt, to approve the additional cost to CES due to the commissioning services for the cast boilers and digital controls involved with the gas conversion process at the three schools. **Motion carried unanimously.**

## 9. Public Forum

Fabiola Proulx – Fairview Ave. – F. Proulx noted that AI is working after 7 PM and before 7 AM both Saturdays and Sundays in the recent past and also through the night. T. Babbitt noted we would reach out to the attorney.

Sharon Viadella – Lester Rd. – S. Viadella wanted to know when the Norman Rd. and Sheldon Rd. bridge projects would be completed and the rode re-opened? She also asked about the guard rail on Lester Rd. and thanked PW for picking up the bags of garbage collected on Bishop Crossing Rd. T. Babbitt noted the target and expected date for Norman Rd. is November 15, and is not sure on the Sheldon Rd. date yet. T. Babbitt noted the guard rail should be replaced in the next week or so.

Tina Falck – Cook Hill Rd. – T. Falck noted the planting beds at Sheldon Road field have been let go and wanted to know if it would be okay if she went in there and cleaned them up? The BOS noted she could move forward.

Dave Vieaux – Leha Ave. – D. Vieaux wanted to know if any progress has been made on storage containers throughout town and resident occupations that have not renewed their permits. T. Babbitt noted they have pretty much wrapped up the in-law apartment issue and should be moving on to tackling the home occupation renewals. T. Babbitt also noted he has requested P&Z to form a sub-committee to address some of these issues. D. Vieaux also noted lack of enforcement on the Blight issue. T. Babbitt noted the hearing board is in place now and blight has been being addressed recently.

Sharon Viadella – Lester Rd. – S. Viadella suggested T. Falck reach out to Brian Lanoue to allow high school students to help with projects to get the credits for graduation.

## 10. Adjournment

**MOTION:** Motion was made by E. Burke, seconded by S. Merchant, to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Lisa M. Wood,  
Executive Assistant