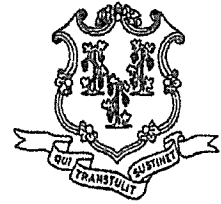


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**Town of Griswold**  
**Board of Selectmen**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**October 23, 2018**  
**6:00 PM**  
**Downstairs Meeting Room**  
**28 Main St., Jewett City, CT 06351**



**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  
6 interested citizens  
1 member of the press

2. **Notification of Emergency Exits** – Emergency exits were noted.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Pledge was cited.
4. **Approval of Minutes**
  - a. **October 9, 2018 – Regular Meeting Minutes**
  - b. **October 18, 2018 – Special Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by E. Burke, to approve the October 9, 2018 regular meeting minutes and the October 18, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

5. **Correspondence – Republican ROV notification of appointment of Assistant Registrar and Deputy Registrar** – noted as received

6. **New Business**

- a. **Discussion and possible action on ten tax refunds for a total of \$3365.24 as presented by Leona Sharkey, Tax Collector**

**MOTION:** Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by E. Burke, to approve the ten tax refunds for a total of \$3365.24. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- b. **Presentation of proclamation recognizing Griswold as “Sunflower Capital of New England”** – T. Babbitt noted K. Skulczyck was not present at this time to present.
- c. **Discussion and possible action on request by John Connelly to serve as an alternate on the Borough Benefits Committee** – T. Babbitt noted when the committee was formed it was comprised of the seven people who expressed interest and is not opposed to adding an alternate.

**MOTION:** Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by E. Burke, to change the structure of the Borough Benefits Committee and add an alternate position and to appoint John Connelly to that position. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- d. **Discussion and possible action on re-appointment of Rob Parrette as member of the Inland Wetlands Watercourses & Conservation Commission for a term of 12/14/18 to 12/13/22**

**MOTION:** Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by S. Merchant, to re-appoint Rob Parrette as member of the Inland Wetlands Watercourses & Conservation Commission for a term of 12/14/18 to 12/13/22. **Motion carried unanimously.**

## 7. Old Business

- a. **Discussion and possible action Use of Facilities policy** – T. Babbitt noted the sample policies were passed out last meeting. He has noted items he likes from different policies. He suggested members continue to review and call the office with any suggestions so that a draft policy can be prepared for review at the next meeting.

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

**MOTION:** Motion was made by E. Burke, seconded by T. Babbitt, to bring the blight ordinance onto the agenda for discussion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

E. Burke asked about the status of the blight ordinance, the by-laws of the committee, the mission statement and when the blight ordinance was voted on by the BOS. He noted his concern for the length of time the process has taken and asked to be provided with information requested.

## 9. Public Forum

Dave Vieaux – Leha Ave. – D. Vieaux noted he understands the frustration with the blight ordinance but noted it is going back and forth involving the town attorney, the committee and the town planner.

John Connelly – Carely Ave. – J. Connelly warned about people with vendettas using the blight ordinance against each other and if the blight ordinance would take precedent with the Borough. T. Babbitt noted if accepted, it would.

Sharon Viadella – Lester Rd. – S. Viadella asked about the stop sign being taken down on Dawley Rd. She also wanted to know if the Citgo station was supposed to have overflow backsplashes on all their pumps.

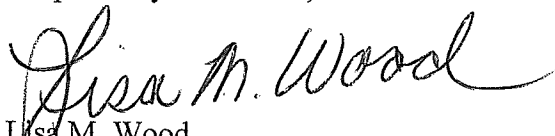
Dave Vieaux – Leha Ave. – D. Vieaux noted there is still a problem with dirt bikes on Leha Ave. and the state police will not enforce.

Ryan Snide – Tatro Rd. – R. Snide noted D. Vieaux should try calling ENCON police officers who may have more enforcement. He also noted that FOPF did a hike through Mt. Misery last week and had 75 people but would like to correlate with the recreation department in the future.

## 10. Adjournment

**MOTION:** Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by E. Burke, to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Lisa M. Wood,  
Executive Assistant