

J. Orrell-Cator,  
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Town of Griswold  
Board of Selectmen  
Regular Meeting  
October 9, 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 6:00 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  
13 interested citizens  
1 member of the press

2. **Notification of Emergency Exits** – Emergency exits were noted.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** – The pledge was cited.
4. **Approval of Minutes**
  - a. **September 11, 2018 – Special Meeting Minutes**
  - b. **September 11, 2018 – Regular Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by S. Merchant, to approve the September 11, 2018 special meeting minutes and the September 11, 2018 regular meeting minutes as submitted. **Motion carried. E. Burke abstained.**

- c. **September 25, 2018 – Regular Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by E. Burke, to approve the September 25, 2018 regular meeting minutes as submitted. **Motion carried. T. Babbitt abstained.**

5. **Correspondence** – Letter from Sr. Center membership – Letter was received on behalf of the Sr. Center membership notifying the BOS of their donation to the 911 memorial fund.

## 6. New Business

- a. **Discussion and possible action on eight tax refunds for a total of \$441.66 as presented by Leona Sharkey, Tax Collector**

**MOTION:** Motion was made by E. Burke, seconded by S. Merchant, to approve the eight tax refunds for a total of \$441.66. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- b. **Discussion and possible action on town events** – There was minimal discussion.

- c. **Discussion and possible action Use of Facilities policy-** There was brief discussion about accountability for use and scheduling of all town buildings and fields. Fees, deposits and certificates of insurance are all something to be considered. Several policies from other towns were handed out for review. It was agreed to discuss this further next meeting.

- d. **Discussion and possible action on appointment of Kevin Franklin as an alternate member of the Inland Wetlands & Conservation Commission for a term of 10/9/18 to 10/8/2020**

**MOTION:** Motion was made by E. Burke, seconded by T. Babbitt, to appoint Kevin Franklin as an alternate member of the Inland Wetlands & Conservation Commission for a term of 10/9/18 to 10/8/2020. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- e. **Discussion and possible action on possibility of waiving fees for at the transfer station for a single date to be determined** – T. Babbitt noted this worked well for the Earth Day Clean up and would support holding another day when residents would be able to bring items to the Transfer Station for no charge. All Board members supported the idea. T. Babbitt noted he would notify the state.

**MOTION:** Motion was made by E. Burke, seconded by T. Babbitt, to waive fees at the transfer station for a single date of November 3, 2018. **Motion carried unanimously.**

## 7. Old Business - None

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

**MOTION:** Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by E. Burke to bring the additional appointment of an alternate for Inland Wetlands & Conservation Commission onto the agenda. **Motion carried unanimously.**

A letter of interest was received from Pavlos Karakatsanis and there was brief discussion.

**MOTION:** Motion was made by E. Burke, seconded by S. Merchant, to appoint Pavlos Karakatsanis as an alternate member of the Inland Wetlands & Conservation Commission for a term of 10/9/18 to 10/8/2020. **Motion carried unanimously.**

## 9. Public Forum

James Barnie – Hopeville Rd. – J. Barnie wanted to know why the state had to be notified of waiving the fees at the transfer station. T. Babbitt noted with any variance from the permit the state needs to be notified. J. Barnie also wanted to know if either “use of facilities” or “town events” would potentially come before the ordinance committee. T. Babbitt noted they would not.

Ed Berdick – Voluntown Rd. – E. Berdick commended the BOS on having the other date for free use of the transfer station and asked about getting on the agenda for another town event. T. Babbitt noted bags would be made available and notification of the transfer station event would go out. E. Berdick also inquired about Bike Night. T. Babbitt noted there were some issues that raised a concern about liability on the town’s part.

John Connelly – Carely Ave. – J. Connelly asked if the Bike Night presented any liability to the Borough of Jewett City. T. Babbitt noted he is not sure. J. Connelly noted he would like to submit a letter as an alternate for the Borough Benefits Committee.

Dave Vieaux – Leha Ave. – D. Vieaux noted he thought Bike Night was a private event raising money for a memorial. T. Babbitt noted it is not.

Sharon Viadella – Lester Rd. – S. Viadella asked if T. Babbitt looked at the sight line at Lester Rd. T. Babbitt noted that DEEP will not give them a permit to do anything with the stone wall there and anything would have to be done through land acquisition.

Ed Berdick – Voluntown Rd. – E. Berdick noted that on Rt. 138 near BMW drive when coming to the package store on the island, cars do not see the others stopping to turn in and don’t have time to stop when the cars are backed up and asked if that could be looked into with the state. E. Burke noted the state did do a traffic study there years ago.

Ransom Young – Rixtown Rd. – R. Young also noted there is an issue with safety near the package store and also at the intersection near Tilcon. He also asked about the funding for maintenance of the cemeteries.

Pam Patalano – Hopeville Rd. – P. Patalano asked if T. Babbitt was aware that the state was doing soil testing this week at the Lee Rd. site.

John Connelly – Carely Ave. – J. Connelly suggested having the free day at the landfill twice every year, once in the spring and once in the fall.

Sharon Viadella – Lester Rd. – S. Viadella asked if less garbage has been noticed being dumped on the road since the clean-up in April. T. Babbitt noted certain areas have remained cleaner and they have also been more successful with enforcement.

Betty Knox – Alvina Ave. – B. Knox asked about the house on Rt. 138 regarding blight concerns. T. Babbitt is aware of the house in question and is being worked on by the town attorney.

Dave Vieaux – Leha Ave. D. Vieaux asked for an update on the two story tool shed on Sheldon Ave. and the Patrylo garage. T. Babbitt provided an update on both properties.

Ed Burke – Voluntown Rd. – E. Burke asked about the status of the Blight Ordinance. S. Merchant noted it is still being worked on and T. Babbitt and M. Tristany will be attending the next ordinance committee meeting.

Martin McKinney – Totem Lane – M. McKinney noted the good job the BOS is doing.

## 10. Adjournment

**MOTION:** Motion was made by E. Burke, seconded by T. Babbitt, to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Lisa M. Wood,  
Executive Assistant