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## Town of Griswold

Board of Selectmen

Regular Meeting

November 10, 2020

6:00 PM

VIA ZOOM



### MINUTES

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

**Members Present:** T. Babbitt, First Selectman  
Richard Grabowski, Selectman  
Jared Picco, Selectman

**Others Present:** Lisa M. Wood, Executive Assistant  
Erik Christensen, Finance Director  
2 interested citizens

2. **Approval of Minutes**

- a. **October 27, 2020 –Regular Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** Motion was made by R. Grabowski, seconded by J. Picco, to approve the October 27, 2020 regular meeting minutes as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

3. **Correspondence - None**

4. **New Business**

- a. **Discussion and possible action on eleven tax refunds for a total of \$799.83 as presented by Leona Sharkey, Tax Collector**

**MOTION:** Motion was made by J. Picco, seconded by R. Grabowski, to approve the eleven tax refunds for a total of \$799.83 as presented by Leona Sharkey, Tax Collector. **Motion carried unanimously**

- b. **Discussion and possible action on re-appointing Darren Drobiak as a member of the Recreation Commission for a term of 5/16/2020 to 5/15/2022**

**MOTION:** Motion was made by R. Grabowski, seconded by T. Babbitt, to re-appoint Darren Drobiak as a member of the Recreation Commission for a term of 5/16/2020 to 5/15/2022. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- c. **Discussion and possible action on authorizing the First Selectman to apply to the CARES Act funds from the State of Connecticut** – T. Babbitt noted this is to apply for reimbursement for some of the COVID related expenses.

**MOTION:** Motion was made by R. Grabowski, seconded by J. Picco, to authorize the First Selectman to apply to the CARES Act funds from the State of Connecticut. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- d. **Discussion and possible action on appointing Mike Minarsky as an alternate member of the Recreation Commission for a one-year term of 11/10/2020-11/9/2021**

**MOTION:** Motion was made by J. Picco, seconded by R. Grabowski, to appoint Mike Minarsky as an alternate member of the Recreation Commission for a one-year term of 11/10/2020- 11/9/2021. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- e. **Discussion and possible action on appointing Duane Button from an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals to fill the remainder of a regular term of 11/21/2017 – 11/16/2021 as approved by the ZBA**

**MOTION:** Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by J. Picco, to appoint Duane Button from an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals to fill the remainder of a regular term of 11/21/2017 – 11/16/2021 as approved by the ZBA. **Motion carried unanimously.**

## 5. Old Business

- a. **Discussion and possible action on a social media policy for the town** – No new information. Will discuss again next meeting.
- b. **Discussion and possible action on update of Patrylo property** – T. Babbitt confirmed with J. Picco the upcoming meeting date of November 13, 2020.
- c. **Discussion and possible action on progress of creating a new website** -- E. Christensen and J. Picco confirmed that they agree on moving forward with REVIZE Government Solutions to implement and maintain the new website.

**MOTION:** Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by R. Grabowski, to authorize E. Christensen and J. Picco, to proceed with REVIZE Government Solutions in creating a new website for the town. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- d. **Discussion and possible action on COVID-19 update** – T. Babbitt gave an update on the status of total number of cases in town and the cases related to the school and noted the number of cases is increasing slightly.

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

- a. **MOTION:** Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by J. Picco, to add discussion and possible action on filling the vacant alternate seat on the ZBA to the agenda. **Motion carried unanimously.**

It was noted the alternate term would be 11/19/2019 to 11/16/2021.

**MOTION:** Motion was made by J. Picco, seconded by R. Grabowski, to appoint Christopher Chastang as an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for the remainder of a term of 11/19/2019 – 11/16/2021. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- b. **MOTION:** Motion was made by R. Grabowski, seconded by J. Picco, to bring onto the agenda for discussion and possible action, an update on the Susan Ave. issue. **Motion carried unanimously.**

T. Babbitt noted that Atty. Willis is continuing to work on the situation. They spoke last week regarding the additional structure that seems to be started and the possibility of taking it to civil court. They would possibly be issuing a new cease and desist order for a new building.

**7. Public Forum - None**

**8. New Business (cont'd)**

- a. **Executive Session: Discussion on pending employee vacancies**

**MOTION:** Motion was made by R. Grabowski, seconded by J. Picco, to go into executive session at 6:19 PM to discuss pending employee vacancies and to invite in Erik Christensen. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**MOTION:** Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by J. Picco, to come out of executive session at 6:24 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- b. **Discussion and possible action on pending employee vacancies-** No action was taken

- c. **Executive Session: Discussion on pending litigation**

**MOTION:** Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by R. Grabowski, to go into executive session at 6:25 PM to discuss pending litigation and to invite in Erik Christensen. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**MOTION:** Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by J. Picco, to come out of executive session at 6:58 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**d. Discussion and possible action on pending litigation**

**MOTION:** Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by R. Grabowski, to authorize the First Selectman to move forward with pending litigation as directed by the Board of Selectmen. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**9. Adjournment**

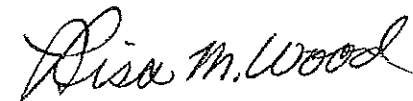
**MOTION:** Motion was made by J. Picco, seconded by R. Grabowski, to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Residents that wanted to listen to the meeting were invited to sign in with Zoom.**

**Meeting ID: 795 8707 8386**

**Passcode: X0K3Aq**

Respectfully Submitted,



Lisa M. Wood,  
Executive Assistant