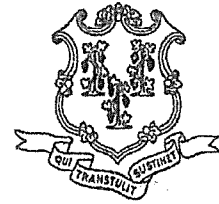


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Town of Griswold
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
November 13, 2018
6:00 PM
Downstairs Meeting Room
28 Main St., Jewett City, CT 06351



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
7 other interested citizens

2. **Notification of Emergency Exits** – Emergency exits were noted.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Pledge was cited.
4. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. **October 23, 2018 – Special Meeting Minutes**
 - b. **October 23, 2018 – Regular Meeting Minutes**
 - c. **November 1, 2018 – Special Meeting Minutes**
 - d. **November 8, 2018 – Special Meeting Minutes**

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by E. Burke, to approve the October 23, 2018 special meeting minutes, October 23, 2018 regular meeting minutes, November 1, 2018 special meeting minutes and the November 8, 2018 special meeting minutes as submitted. **Motion carried unanimously.**

5. **Correspondence – Letter of Resignation from Kristin Goodwin** – Letter was noted as received.
6. **New Business**
 - a. **Discussion and possible action on nine tax refunds for a total of \$1823.36 as presented by Leona Sharkey, Tax Collector**

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by E. Burke, to approve the nine tax refunds for a total of \$1823.36. **Motion carried unanimously.**

b. Presentation of proclamation recognizing Griswold as “Sunflower Capital of New England”

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

c. Presentation of citation recognizing Mary Rose Deveau

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

d. Discussion and possible action on waiving of town permit fees for ADA bathroom at JCFD to meet shelter requirements

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by T. Babbitt, to approve the waiving of town permit fees for ADA bathroom at JCFD to meet shelter requirements. **Motion carried unanimously.**

e. Discussion and possible action on request by Ed Berdick to serve as an alternate member on the Ordinance Committee

MOTION: Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by E. Burke, to appoint Ed Berdick as an alternate member of the Ordinance Committee. **Motion carried unanimously.**

7. Old Business

- a. Discussion and possible action on Use of Facilities policy** – There was brief discussion on this item and a new draft copy was passed out. It was agreed the draft would be reviewed by the BOS members and they would contact the office with any suggested changes before the next meeting.

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

- a. MOTION:** Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by E. Burke, to bring the item of Rob Parrette and funding for the proposed Sr. Center onto the agenda for discussion and possible action. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Rob Parrette, Chair, gave a brief update of where the Senior Center Building Committee is at and its need to explore funding options.

MOTION: Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by S. Merchant, to forward the request for funding for the Senior Center project to the Board of Finance.

Motion carried unanimously.

- b. **MOTION:** Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by S. Merchant, to bring the item of re-appointment of James Barnie onto the agenda for discussion and possible action. **Motion carried unanimously.**

MOTION: Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by S. Merchant, to reappoint James Barnie as a member of the Economic Development Commission for a term of 10/29/18 to 10/28/23. **Motion carried unanimously.**

9. Public Forum

Sharon Viadella – Lester Rd. – S. Viadella asked about updates on development in town. T. Babbitt gave a synopsis. S. Viadella also asked about any new developments with the Lee Rd. project or the EIE. T. Babbitt noted he was informed last week of test borings, but was also told since then things have slowed down. It was also noted a letter should be sent to the Governor elect.

John Connelly – Carely Ave. – J. Connelly wanted to know if there were any plans to control ATV use on the walking trail. T. Babbitt is hopeful we won't have that problem, but will have to address it if we do and maybe look at revitalizing an Open Space Committee. It was also noted it is unsure if it will be paved.

Ransom Young – Rixtown Rd. – R. Young thanked T. Babbitt for the work done on Rixtown Rd. He also inquired about the paving of Rt. 12 that was planned by the state previously and postponed at the request of the town. T. Babbitt responded.

Sharon Viadella – Lester Rd. – S. Viadella asked if there was going to be a process for volunteering to clear for the walking trail. T. Babbitt noted getting the boy scouts involved are a possibility but there needs to be a way to document the volunteers and the time for grant matching purposes.

Ed Burke – Voluntown Rd. - E. Burke wanted to know where the Blight ordinance is. T. Babbitt noted it is with the attorney and should be back any time.

Tina Falck – Cook Hill Rd. – T. Falck wanted to know if there would be regular monitoring of the trail for safety concerns. T. Babbitt noted it will have to be checked for maintenance from time to time and be assessed as we go.

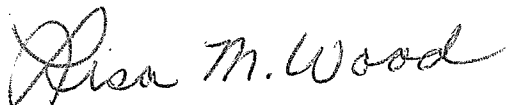
Ransom Young – Rixtown Rd. – R. Young made reference to Blight regulations.

John Connelly – Carely Ave. – J. Connelly wanted to know if the walking trail would have access for emergency vehicles. T. Babbitt noted there would probably be one off of Roberts Street, the school and Heritage River. J. Connelly suggested having a trooper ride the trail once a day on a bike.

10. Adjournment

MOTION: Motion was made by E. Burke, seconded by T. Babbitt, to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa M. Wood".

Lisa M. Wood,
Executive Assistant