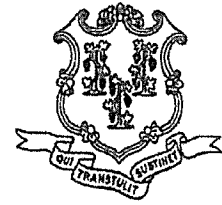


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Town of Griswold
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
November 28, 2017
6:00 PM
Downstairs Meeting Room
28 Main St., Jewett City, CT 06351



MINUTES

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

Members Present: Todd Babbitt, First Selectman
Steve Merchant Sr., Second Selectman
Ed Burke, Third Selectman (arrived at 6:22 PM)

Others Present: Lisa M. Wood, Executive Assistant
15 other interested citizens

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

- a. **November 14, 2017 – Regular Meeting Minutes**

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by T. Babbitt based on his attendance as a member of the audience of the November 14, 2017 regular meeting, to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2017 regular meeting as submitted.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. **Correspondence – Letter dissolving the Ad-hoc Anti-Fracking Waste Committee** – This item was noted as being received in the packet.

6. **New Business**

- a. **Discussion and possible action on tax refunds as presented by Leona Sharkey, Tax Collector**

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by T. Babbitt, to approve the three tax refunds for the total amount of \$251.91. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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- b. Discussion and possible action on forming a committee to oversee the gas line expansion project to the school campus** - There was brief discussion.

MOTION: Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by S. Merchant, to appoint a five member committee to oversee the gas line project to consist of Dan Webster from the BOF, Steve Merchant Sr. from the BOS, Frank Everett from the BOE and Brian Baker from the CIP and to advertise for a resident member at large. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- c. Discussion and possible action on town government spending freeze** – It was noted that the BOF requested at their last meeting, to put a spending freeze any non-essential spending. Erik Christensen, Finance Director, has put a policy in place that any spending must be secured by a purchase order.

7. Old Business - None

8. Any Other Business that may properly come before the Board - None

9. Public Forum

Dave Vieaux – Leha Ave. – D. Vieaux asked for an update on the status of the Senior Center Project and the Heritage River Village Project. T. Babbitt gave an update on the Sr. Center project noting an architectural firm has been selected and plans are being drawn up. As for HRV there is still a little bit of a funding shortfall but there is a meeting scheduled for this Friday.

Betty Knox – Alvina Ave. – B. Knox noted there were no minutes for the recent minutes on the website. L. Wood noted the minutes are definitely on the website and that she should try again.

Peter Zvingilas – Roode Rd. – P. Zvingilas noted he did not find in past minutes where the approval was given to sign the new contract for the Finance Director and his additional title of Town Administrator and asked if that changes the town form of government. L. Wood noted she would check into the minutes. S. Merchant noted it does not change the form of government. P. Zvingilas suggested the BOS change the supervision of personnel back to the way it was as it is the duty of the First Selectman.

Sharon Viadella – Lester Rd. – S. Viadella asked if anyone knew if the gun range property has been sold and for an update on the status of the project. T. Babbitt noted they are not aware of the sale of the property and noted he has recently spoke with Joe Courtney and Nancy Wyman and plans on seeking guidance from both of them on the gun range issue. S. Viadella also asked about the old Plastic Wire & Cable property. T. Babbitt said they are working on a plan to clean the property of with Brownfields funding and the work would be done in stages. She also asked about the Fitch Report. Neither E. Christensen nor T. Babbitt

John Connelly – Carely Ave. – J. Connelly asked if the property for the Heritage River Village had been sold yet. T. Babbitt noted it has not yet been purchased but they are waiting for one more report back from the DOT.

Norm Higgins – Pleasant View – N. Higgins noted time has to be given to the new BOS to review everything including handling of personnel. He also wanted to know about the status of the condos on Pleasant View. T. Babbitt noted they are planning on bringing in modular units for building #1 by the first week of December.

Ransom Young – Rixtown Rd. – R. Young noted he had three dead deer recently on his property and maybe people are jack lighting. He also requested the town give their best shot to repair Rixtown Rd and maintain the cemetery.

- **Ed Burke arrived at 6:22 PM**

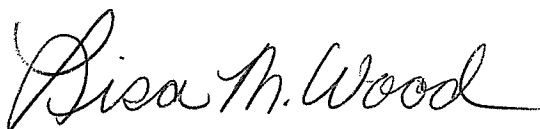
Betty Knox – Alvina Ave. – B. Knox asked where the solar project would start breaking ground and her concern of them to not block Latham Drive. T. Babbitt noted he doesn't know where they will start, but also commented that road is pretty wide there and does not foresee a problem and noted that hopefully that event is coordinated with the town.

Sharon Viadella – Lester Rd. – S. Viadella wanted to know if the work being done on Rt. 201 in front of Ashland apartments is part of the gas line project. T. Babbitt noted he doesn't believe it is because the contractor there doing the work is an electrical contractor and the pipe on the ground looks like conduit pipe. The road may stay like that through the winter but they would be required to pave that one lane in the spring.

10. Adjournment

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by E. Burke, to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,



**Lisa M. Wood,
Executive Assistant**