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Town of Griswold
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
Downstairs Meeting Room
Town Hall – 28 Main Street
November 9, 2021 – 6:00 PM



MINUTES

1. **Call to Order/Roll** – Meeting was called to order at 6 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
10 other interested citizens

2. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Pledge was cited

3. **Approval of Minutes**

- a. **October 26, 2021 – Regular Meeting Minutes**

MOTION: Motion was made by J. Picco, seconded by R. Grabowski, to approve the October 26, 2021, regular meeting minutes as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- b. **November 8, 2021 – Special Meeting Minutes**

MOTION: Motion was made by R. Grabowski, seconded by J. Picco, to approve the November 8, 2021, special meeting minutes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

4. **Correspondence - Letter of resignation from Christopher Chastang** – Letter of resignation from the Ordinance Committee was accepted with regret.

5. New Business

- a. **Discussion and possible action on five tax refunds for a total of \$746.08 as presented by Leona Sharkey, Tax Collector**

MOTION: Motion was made by R. Grabowski, seconded by J. Picco, to approve the five tax refunds for a total of \$746.08 as presented by the Tax Collector. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- b. **Discussion and possible action on request by the Borough of Jewett City to waive town electrical permitting fees associated with replacement of electrical outlets at Fanning Park**

MOTION: Motion was made by R. Grabowski, seconded by J. Picco, to waive the town's electrical permitting fees to allow the Borough to replace the electric outlets at Fanning Park. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- c. **Discussion and possible action on entering into lease purchase for fire engine and dump truck** – E. Christensen explained the funding details associated with the purchase of the fire engine and dump truck. The initial payment is currently budgeted as part of the CIP. He also noted the new payment of \$167,000 a year for six years will take the place of the last lease agreement that has recently been paid in full. The interest rate would be 2.34%. Approval tonight would allow for the First Selectman to enter into the lease purchase, then it would go before the BOF to ask that they approve funding it.

MOTION: Motion was made by R. Grabowski, seconded by T. Babbitt to approve the lease purchase of the fire truck for the Jewett City Fire Department and dump truck. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- d. **Discussion and possible action on request by Pachaug Pond Association for letter of support from the Town for Association's ongoing weed control efforts** – T. Babbitt noted the PPA has come up with a plan that includes herbicide, sterile carp and possible purchase of a weed harvester. The PPA has been working in conjunction with the state. J. Picco wanted to note that not all residents of the pond are in favor of the use of a harvester. R. Grabowski noted he sees no issue in providing PPA a letter in support of their efforts to control the weeds.

MOTION: Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by R. Grabowski, to send a letter of support to the Pachaug Pond Association for their ongoing efforts for weed control. **Motion carried unanimously.**

e. **Discussion and possible action on letter received from Atlantic Broadband Advisory Council**

MOTION: Motion was made by J. Picco, seconded by R. Grabowski, to table until the Atlantic Broadband Advisory Council letter until the next regular meeting of the new Board. **Motion carried unanimously.**

6. **Old Business**

a. **Discussion and possible action on Social Media Policy**

MOTION: Motion was made by J. Picco, seconded by R. Grabowski, to table action until the next regular meeting of the new Board. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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

- a. **MOTION:** Motion was made by R. Grabowski, seconded by T. Babbitt, to bring the item of the vacancy on the Planning & Zoning Commission onto the agenda for discussion and possible action. **Motion carried unanimously.**

It was noted that regular member, Erik Kudlis, resigned from the Planning and Zoning Commission. Due to state statute 9-167(a)(d), the position must be filled by a member of the same party to meet minority requirements. It was also noted that a letter was received from the Chair of the DTC and the Chair of the PZC in favor of seating former member, Courtland Kinnie in that position. Mr. Kinnie did submit a letter of interest.

MOTION: Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by J. Picco, to accept the resignation of Erik Kudlis from Planning & Zoning. **Motion carried unanimously.**

MOTION: Motion was made by R. Grabowski, seconded by J. Picco, to appoint Courtland Kinnie, to replace Erik Kudlis as a member of the Planning & Zoning Commission in conjunction with the approval received from the Planning & Zoning Commission Chairman. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- Plaques were presented to Jared Picco and Richard Grabowski for their years of service as members of the Board of Selectmen. All selectmen expressed their gratitude for being able to serve on the Board and commended the entire Board on its efforts over the past two years.

8. **Public Forum**

Dana Bennett – Dina Lane – Acknowledged the Board and thanked the Board for their service looking forward to working with T. Babbitt moving forward.

T. Sharkey – Lennox Ave. – on behalf of himself, the Board of Burgesses, and the taxpayers of the borough of Jewett City, thanked the Board for working well with them and wished them luck.

Dave Vieaux – Leha Ave. -thanked the Board for their service and was provided an update by T. Babbitt on his inquiries from last meeting.

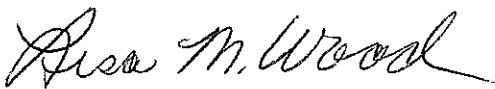
Courtland Kinnie – Glasgow Road – thanked the Board for their service and dedication and for his appointment to the Board of Planning & Zoning.

Tina Falk – Sr. Center Director – spoke on behalf of the Sr. Center and thanked the Board for their service and ability to work together and understand the needs of the senior center.

9. Adjournment

MOTION: Motion was made by J. Picco, seconded by R. Grabowski, to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Lisa M. Wood,
Executive Assistant