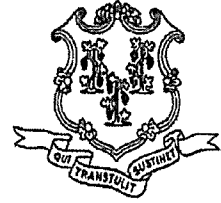


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Town of Griswold
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
December 12, 2017
6:00 PM
Downstairs Meeting Room
28 Main St., Jewett City, CT 06351



MINUTES

1. **Call to Order/Roll** – Meeting was called to order at 6 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** – Location of exits were noted.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Pledge was cited.
4. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. **November 28, 2017 – Regular Meeting Minutes**
 - b. **December 4, 2017 – Special Meeting Minutes**

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by E. Burke, to approve the November 28, 2017 regular meeting minutes and the December 4, 2017 special meeting minutes as submitted. **Motion carried unanimously.**

5. **Correspondence** – A detailed report was passed out of the profit from the fuel fund breakfast at the Sr. Center.
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 E. Burke, to approve the 8 tax refunds in the amount of \$517.43. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- b. **Discussion and possible action on putting a public notice out for accepting bids for sale of town owned property at 7 Lake Road** – It was noted the property was taken over by the Town for back taxes. There was brief discussion about the minimum asking price for the property. The town attorney confirmed we can put an

ad out noticing the property for sale and may require a minimum bid. It was suggested that the minimum asking price be at least the appraisal value.

MOTION: Motion was made by E. Burke, seconded by S. Merchant, to put the ad for sale out at the appraised value of \$52,900 for the minimum bid. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- c. **Discussion and possible action on approving authorizing resolution allowing the First Selectman to execute any documents necessary for participation in the FY 2017 State Homeland Security Grant Program** – It was noted that this is a regional participation grant that is overseen by SCCOG for homeland security. It is typically done every year.

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by E. Burke, to approve an authorizing resolution allowing the First Selectman to execute any documents necessary for participation in the FY 2017 State Homeland Security Grant Program. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- d. **Discussion and possible action on authorizing the First Selectman to execute agreement with Eversource Energy for application for a \$5000 grant as a participant in the Clean Energy Communities Pledge** – There was brief discussion that because 100 homeowners in Griswold participated in energy audits the Town qualifies for the grant. The grant can be used for any energy savings related project. The fund will be ending so there is urgency in getting the application in.

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by E. Burke, to authorize the First Selectman to execute agreement with Eversource Energy for application for a \$5000 grant as a participant in the Clean Energy Communities Pledge. **Motion carried unanimously.**

7. **Old Business - None**

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

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by E. Burke, to bring onto the agenda for discussion and possible action, a proposed memorial monument at the school. Motion carried unanimously. T. Babbitt explained the project that the students would like to do at the school. It would be at the location of the flagpole in front of the elementary school. As this is technically town property, they would like approval from the BOS. They have already inquired as to any permits that would be necessary.

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by E. Burke, to execute a letter to the school giving permission from the town for the monument to be erected. **Motion carried unanimously.**

9. **Public Forum**

Dave Vieaux – Leha Ave. – D. Vieaux asked for an update on the Heritage Village Project. T. Babbitt gave an update which did not have much more information than the update two weeks ago.

Ransom Young – Rixtown Rd. – R. Young wanted to know if the town needed to have an inspection done on the 7 Lake Road property before putting it on the market. T. Babbitt responded the town attorney has not notified the town of that being a necessity. It will be listed by as is and transferred by Quit Claim deed.

Sharon Viadella – Lester Rd. – S. Viadella wanted to know how long the town hall and town garage has had solar and what the cost savings have been. T. Babbitt estimated it to be about 6 or 7 years ago and there has been significant savings. S. Viadella also asked if anyone is aware of the Lee Road property having been sold. All members of the BOS responded they had no knowledge of the sale.

Gail Rooke-Norman – Bethel Rd. – G. Rooke-Norman wanted to know if the BOS has put a plan in as far as to what they will do to meet the cuts imposed by the state. T. Babbitt responded that a policy has been put in that requires any purchases to be made by purchase order. He also noted they have met with the Superintendent to come up with proposals. G. Rooke-Norman also wanted to know if there were any cuts to staff proposed. T. Babbitt responded there are none at this time. However, the Planning Secretary position which is currently vacant has been reduced to part-time. If further cuts are necessary than staff reduction may need to be considered.

Steve Douglas – Bitgood Rd. – S. Douglas wanted to know, even though much time hasn't passed, if there was anything he could do to help with preparing an ordinance against gun ranges and reminded the BOS that time is of the essence. T. Babbitt noted there has been a request put in to CCM for information from other towns.

Sharon Viadella – Lester Rd. – S. Viadella asked about the DEEP buying land off of Ekonk Hill Rd. in Voluntown and wanted to know if the BOS knew if it was for open space. T. Babbitt noted he was not sure but would check into it.

Steven Douglas – Bitgood Rd. – S. Douglas wanted to know if the gun range information would continue to be maintained on the town website. T. Babbitt and L. Wood noted it would be.

10. Adjournment

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by E. Burke, to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Lisa M. Wood,
Executive Assistant