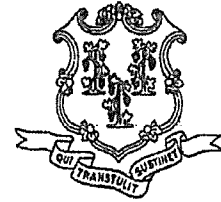




Town of Griswold
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
December 26, 2017
6:00 PM
Downstairs Meeting Room
28 Main St., Jewett City, CT 06351

Jaimee O'Neill-Eaton
2017 DEC 27 PM 3:09



MINUTES

1. **Call to Order/Roll - Meeting was called to order at 6:00 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
8 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. **December 12, 2017 – Regular Meeting Minutes**

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by E. Burke, to approve the December 12, 2017 regular meeting minutes as submitted. **Motion carried unanimously.**

5. **Correspondence** – One letter from the Public Health & Safety Committee is being addressed under new business.
6. **New Business**

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

MOTION: Motion was made by E. Burke, seconded by S. Merchant, to approve the three tax refunds as submitted for a total of \$248.14. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- b. Discussion and possible action on supporting the removal of a member from the Public Health & Safety Committee due to lack of attendance** – There was brief discussion noting that the PH&S committee has voted to remove a member of the committee due to consecutive absences.

MOTION: Motion was made by E. Burke, seconded by S. Merchant, to support the removal of a member of the PH&S committee as submitted. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- c. Discussion and possible action on presentation by Sue Sutherland of Avalonia Land Conservancy for request letter of support for state grant** – There was brief discussion about the two properties that Avalonia is acquiring and their benefit of use for recreational purposes. They are looking for a letter of support for Grant opportunities.

MOTION: Motion was made by E. Burke, seconded by S. Merchant, to issue a letter from the town for the support for purchase of land by Avalonia Land Conservancy. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- d. Discussion and possible action on appointment of alternate members of the Zoning Board of Appeals as requested by the Democratic Town Committee** – There was brief discussion that the ZBA is elected positions and the names being brought forth are by the DTC and would remain on the board until the next election.

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by E. Burke, to appoint Gordon Santerre and Joseph Savino as alternate members of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term of 12/26/2017 to 11/5/2019. **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, to request an 8-24 review by Planning and Zoning for property for the proposed senior center. **Motion carried unanimously.**

T. Babbitt noted the request was brought forth by the Senior Center Building Committee.

MOTION: Motion was made by E. Burke, seconded by S. Merchant, to request Planning & Zoning to perform an 8-24 review for the proposed senior center. **Motion carried unanimously.**

9. Public Forum

Steve Douglas – Bitgood Rd. – S. Douglas asked if any research was received about ordinances preventing gun ranges and how to proceed. It was noted the research information found no such ordinances and that the Ordinance Committee is reviewing the information he previously presented and will be discussing that shortly.

Dave Vieaux – Leha Ave. – D. Vieaux wanted to know if the EDC had met and if there was any new information on the Heritage River Project. It was noted the last EDC meeting was cancelled. There was a recent meeting with the HRV group. They did not have the correct estimated figures for their expected taxes and are still trying to secure funding.

Sharon Viadella – Lester Rd. – S. Viadella asked if anything had been found out about the recent purchase of the Ekonk property in Voluntown and if it was going to be used for open space. She also wanted to know if any member of the BOS was aware of purchase of the Lee Rd. property and noted a large amount of chemically treated fertilizer has been placed on that property. T. Babbitt noted he has not heard back yet on the Ekonk property and no member of the BOS was aware of the sale of the Lee Rd. property.

10. Adjournment

MOTION: Motion was made by E. Burke, seconded by S. Merchant, to adjourn the meeting at 6:13 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Lisa M. Wood,
Executive Assistant