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## Town of Griswold

### Board of Selectmen

Regular Meeting

February 23, 2021

6:00 PM

VIA ZOOM



### 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  
Richard Grabowski, Selectman  
Jared Picco, Selectman

**Others Present:** Lisa M. Wood, Executive Assistant  
Tina Falck, Sr. Center Director  
Ryan Aubin, Recreation Director  
3 other interested citizens

2. **Approval of Minutes**

- a. **February 9, 2021 –Regular Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** Motion was made by R. Grabowski, seconded by T. Babbitt, to approve the February 9, 2021 regular meeting minutes as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- b. **February 19, 2021 – Special Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** Motion was made by R. Grabowski, seconded by T. Babbitt, to approve the February 19, 2021 special meeting minutes as presented. **Motion carried.** J. Picco abstained (not present at that meeting).

3. **Correspondence** - None

4. **New Business**

- a. **Discussion and possible action on three tax refunds for a total of \$261.70 as presented by Leona Sharkey, Tax Collector**

**MOTION:** Motion was made by J. Picco, seconded by R. Grabowski, to approve the three tax refunds for a total of \$261.70 as presented by Leona Sharkey, Tax Collector. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**b. Discussion and possible action on authorizing the Senior Center Director to proceed with application for a USDA grant for the new senior center**

**MOTION:** Motion was made by R. Grabowski, to authorize the Senior Center Director to move proceed with application with USDA for the new senior center.

T. Babbitt confirmed for J. Picco that there is no up-front cost associated with filing the application.

The motion on the floor was seconded by J. Picco.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**5. Old Business**

- a. Discussion and possible action on a social media policy for the town as updated by the town attorney** – T. Babbitt noted this has not been received back from the Town Attorney.
- b. Discussion and possible COVID -19 update** – T. Babbitt noted the cases are going down and the positivity rate has gone from 70% to 52% over the last two-week period. J. Picco noted the Governor has switched the vaccine distribution from a tiered system based on occupation to ne based on age.

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

**7. Public Forum**

Dave Vieaux – Leha Ave. – D. Vieaux wanted to know why the town is seeking grants for the Senior Center if it was funded through bonding and what the solar arms were referring to about getting tax dollars back. T. Babbitt noted there are additional items for the Sr. Center and they have been applying for grants right along to cover those costs. The solar panel companies are filing to not be taxable but the towns are fighting back to allow them to be taxed and there is no final judgement at this time.

Tina Falck – Sr. Center Director – Provided an update that they are continuing to register people who need help to get vaccines. They have helped over 82 residents get in the 75 and over category get scheduled and are now working on the 65 and over category. She and Lisa are still working on trying to get about 100 people in this category scheduled.

Dave Vieaux – Leha Ave. - . D. Vieaux noted the VA has opened up to those 50 and older if anyone wants to make the drive. T. Falck responded most do not want or are not able to make that drive, but there is huge availability on the other side of the state.

J. Picco – J. Picco noted there are a couple of hearings taking place in regard to the solar panels being exempt if anyone is interested in them.

**8. Adjournment**

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**MOTION:** Motion was made by J. Picco, seconded by R. Grabowski, to adjourn the meeting at 6:12 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lisa M. Wood". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Lisa M. Wood,  
Executive Assistant

**Residents that wanted to listen to the meeting were invited to sign in with Zoom.**

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