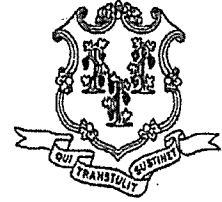


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**Town of Griswold**  
**Board of Selectmen**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**February 27, 2018**  
**6:00 PM**  
**Downstairs Meeting Room**  
**28 Main St., Jewett City, CT 06351**



**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

**Members Absent:** Ed Burke, Third Selectman (with notification)

**Others Present:** Lisa M. Wood, Executive Assistant  
Tina Falck, Senior Center Director  
2 members of the press  
29 other interested citizens

2. **Notification of Emergency Exits** – Emergency exits were noted.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Pledge was cited.
4. **Approval of Minutes**
  - a. **February 13, 2018 – Special Meeting Minutes**
  - b. **February 13, 2018 – Regular Meeting Minutes**
  - c. **February 15, 2018 – Special Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by T. Babbitt, to approve the February 13, 2018 special meeting minutes, the February 13, 2018 regular meeting minutes and the February 15, 2018 special meeting minutes as submitted.  
**Motion carried unanimously.**

5. **Correspondence** - None

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 two tax refunds as submitted for a total of \$376.44. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- b. Discussion and possible action on Agreement between the Town of Griswold and PAC Group LLC as construction manager for the senior center building project** – It was noted by both Selectman that they reviewed the contract and were happy with it.

**MOTION:** Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by S. Merchant, to approve the contract and authorize the First Selectman to sign it. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- c. Discussion and possible action on update and approval of Fair Housing Policy, Resolution and related documents** – T. Babbitt noted the documents should be signed by each new Selectman so that they are current.

**MOTION:** Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by T. Babbitt, to authorize the First Selectman to sign the Fair Housing Policy Resolution and related documents. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- d. Discussion and possible action on update for Earth Day clean-up** – E. Berdick gave an update on involving community organizations, adopting a street, supplies of gloves and bags needed, caution cones and providing some refreshment for after the work is completed. T. Falck elaborated on the Adopt a Street portion of the event. E. Berdick noted they are asking for input for the name of the event. T. Babbitt noted he would work on getting the trash bags and gloves.
- e. Discussion and possible action on BOS support of Griswold Housing Authority and the construction of their new building** – T. Babbitt noted he met with Paul Brycki, Housing Authority Director, and their financial guy. He is confident the Housing Authority is ready to move forward with their project and they are looking for a letter of support.

**MOTION:** Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by T. Babbitt, to write a letter of support for the Housing Authority project. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**7. Old Business - None**

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

**MOTION:** Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by S. Merchant, to bring the item of the proposed gun range ordinance onto the agenda for discussion and possible action. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Steve Douglas was invited to speak and asked for clarification on C.G.S. section 22a-74a. T. Babbitt read the statute and it posed no problem.

**MOTION:** Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by S. Merchant, to move the proposed gun range ordinance forward to town meeting with a date to be established in the near future. **Motion carried unanimously.**

## 9. Public Forum

**Betty Knox** – Alvina Ave. – B. Knox asked if the microphones worked and if the Selectmen could speak into them more in order to be heard in the back.

**Tina Falck** – Griswold Senior Center – T. Falck announced Mama Betty celebrated her 104<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Ed Berdick** – Voluntown Rd. – E. Berdick made mention to the upcoming public hearing in Hartford regarding the gun range and if the First Selectmen had any information he could share on the event. T. Babbitt gave a description of what to expect and the procedures to follow and the possibility of getting a bus. E. Berdick noted he would like to present a map of the whole state forest involving the other towns to display the vast area and the impact the range would have if placed in that area.

**Sharon Viadella** – Lester Rd. – S. Viadella mentioned getting a commitment for the bus tonight and noted her willingness to support it.

**Ryan Snide** – Tatro Rd. – R. Snide asked about posting requirements.

**Pam Patalano** – Hopeville Rd. – P. Patalano wanted to know where people would meet for the bus.

**Tina Falck** – Cook Hill Rd. – T. Falck noted usually, as long as a day or so notice is given, Slater Mill allows cars to park there if they are taking a bus trip.

**Ed Berdick** – Voluntown Rd. – E. Berdick suggested a school bus would be cheaper and good publicity. He noted his willingness to help support a school bus.

**Tina Falck** – Cook Hill Rd. – T. Falck noted with a school bus you can fit about 35 and with a coach you can fit about 55.

**Joseph Wills** – Roode Rd. – J. Wills asked about the cost of a school bus. T. Babbitt noted in the past about \$400 but is waiting for a response and may be overtime charge.

**Sharon Viadella** – Lester Rd. – S. Viadella noted the coach bus is more comfortable and would also provide a bathroom.

**Lynne Cassidy** – Campbell Rd. – L. Cassidy wanted to know if a count could be taken of how many were interested in taking a bus. A rough count of 13 committed was received.

**James Barnie** – Hopeville Rd. – J. Barnie suggested S. Viadella start collecting \$ at \$14 per person.

**Mike Lane** – Stone Hill Rd. – M. Lane asked what the bill is about. T. Babbitt gave a brief explanation. M. Lane asked if there was any movement on the gun range at this point. T. Babbitt noted he has not heard anything definite other than the bond amount being knocked down from 6 mil to 3 mil. He also noted they would have to improve the road but is not sure as to what point the improvements would be made.

**Pam Patalano** – Hopeville Rd. – P. Patalano shared the information she has received about expected participants at the hearing and the procedures and also wanted to know if S. Merchant plans on attending the hearing.

**Ed Berdick** – Voluntown Rd. – E. Berdick noted there is usually a bill proposed with any hearing.

**Steve Douglas** – Bitgood Rd. – S. Douglas asked about electronic testimony. T. Babbitt noted he believes that is possible but may need to be submitted by midnight.

**Ryan Snide** – Tatro Rd. – R. Snide noted there is an online tutorial on submitting electronic testimony.

**Sharon Viadella** – Lester Rd. – S. Viadella wanted to know if questions were to still be submitted to T. Babbitt. He noted at this point his strategy is going to be to express the economic impacts on the community.

**Ryan Snide** – Tatro Rd. – R. Snide suggested concentrating on the fiscally responsible need of the state to not purchase additional project and the waste of the money the proposed project has already resulted in.

**Dave Vieaux** – Leha Ave. – D. Vieaux asked if anyone was going to address the issue the town attorney has brought up in the past about the illegal procedures of the state.

**Steve Douglas** – Bitgood Rd. – S. Douglas noted he was going to question the state agencies of their obligations to stand behind federal law and the state statutes.

**Tom Gaudreau** – Bitgood Rd. – T. Gaudreau asked what time the bus would be leaving. T. Babbitt suggested 8 AM.

**Steve Douglas** – Bitgood Rd. – S. Douglas noted the idea of supporting the bus so that it provides transportation for others who may not otherwise go.

**John Connelly** – Carly Ave. – J. Connelly asked about inclement weather and the possibility of the hearing being postponed. T. Babbitt noted he doesn't see any inclement weather in the forecast for that day. J. Connelly also asked about the state having topographical maps that could be used.

**Steve Douglas** – Bitgood Rd. – S. Douglas asked if the proposed gun ordinance could be on the next meeting agenda. T. Babbitt noted it has to be a town meeting.

**Tom Gaudreau** – Bitgood Rd. – T. Gaudreau noted he thought the fracking ordinance was voted on at a regular meeting. T. Babbitt noted it was a special meeting held before a regular BOS meeting and there is a possibility that may happen.

**James Barnie** – Hopeville Rd. – J. Barnie suggested drawing circles on the map that would show the number of homes impacted.

**Ryan Snide** – Tatro Rd. – R. Snide noted there is such a map and would be willing to share it.

**Sharon Viadella** – Lester Rd. – S. Viadella asked for clarification on the ordinance meeting. T. Babbitt noted that is just the Ordinance Committee meeting and they will be meeting to review the final tax incentive ordinance and then both ordinances would move forward.

**Pam Patalano** – Hopeville Rd. – P. Patalano thanked the BOS for their help with the opposition to the gun range as well as all the time residents have given to fight the cause and the support of the press.

## 10. Adjournment

**MOTION:** Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by T. Babbitt, to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**



**Lisa M. Wood,  
Executive Assistant**