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Town of Griswold

Board of Selectmen

Regular Meeting

February 9, 2021

6:00 PM

VIA ZOOM



MINUTES

1. **Call to Order/Roll** -Meeting was called to order at 6:03 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
1 other interested citizen

2. **Approval of Minutes**

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

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

3. **Correspondence – Email regarding possible creation of a town flag –** Noted as received and for consideration.

4. **New Business**

- a. **Discussion and possible action on six refunds for a total of \$894.04 as presented by Leona Sharkey, Tax Collector**

MOTION: Motion was made by R. Grabowski, seconded by J. Picco, to approve the six tax refunds as submitted by the tax collector for a total of \$894.04. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- b. **Executive Session – Discussion and update on employee and legal matters**

MOTION: Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by J. Picco, to move this item after Public Forum. **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** – The BOS were all in agreement with the proposed edits made by the Town Attorney and it was agreed to have a final and clean copy provided for the next meeting.
- b. **Discussion and possible action on update of Patrylo property** – T. Babbitt noted the application for the EPA grant was sent out yesterday. He also noted he reached out to DEEP regarding Brownfields and was informed it will be at least another month before they hear from them as they received a large number of applicants, but not to be alarmed.
- c. **Discussion and possible action on COVID-19 update** – T. Babbitt gave an update on the numbers for two of the last two-week reports and shows the numbers are slightly down and trending in the right direction. He also noted the Sr. Center is about done helping with the 75 and over group and will move on to the 65 and over age group very soon.

6. Any Other Business that may properly come before the Board

- a. **MOTION**: Motion was made by R. Grabowski, seconded by J. Picco, to bring the snow removal budget onto the agenda for discussion and possible action. **Motion carried unanimously.**

T. Babbitt noted the storms we have been having have been long in duration and we are okay right now, but with the next storm will put us pretty close to budget. Erik is working on numbers to include salt. The feeling with what is coming is that we may be over this year. The last couple years we were pretty lucky and there was money to roll over into the general fund.

- b. **MOTION**: Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by J. Picco, to bring the topic of Earth Day Clean Up onto the agenda for discussion and possible action. **Motion carried unanimously.**

T. Babbitt noted the proposed date this year is April 24th. He also asked the other selectmen how they felt about opening the transfer station on that Saturday and waiving fees for use. He also noted he would have to file paperwork to be open that day and waive the fees but did not see that as a problem.

MOTION: Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by J. Picco, to have Earth Day 4/24/21 and open the transfer station and waive the fees.

R. Grabowski asked if the transfer station would be open regular hours or longer? T. Babbitt replied that we could change the motion. R. Grabowski noted he did not care he just wanted to make sure it is open and available for the efforts of the day.

Motion on the floor carried unanimously.

- c. **MOTION:** Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by J. Picco, to bring the topic of waiving the fees for the Jewett City Little League field house building permit, onto the agenda for discussion and possible action. **Motion carried unanimously.**

T. Babbitt noted there are repairs needed related to the end wall of the field house due to the service entrance mast and meter panel. This is the building on the right as you go in from Wilson Street Ext. The Town does insure the building. The JCLL has some material and donations made. The building permit cost should be around \$150 and we would only have to pay the state fee.

MOTION: Motion was made by R. Grabowski, seconded by J. Picco, to waive the local permit fees for the Jewett City Little League building project. **Motion carried unanimously.**

7. Public Forum

Dana Bennett – Dina Lane – D. Bennett asked if the social media policy is something that interested residents could see before it is agreed on. T. Babbitt noted he would like to get a final cleaner draft before it is shared with the public. J. Picco agreed it has some information on it that needs to be cleaned up first but has no issue sharing it.

4. New Business (cont'd)

b. Executive Session – Discussion and update on employee and legal matters

MOTION: Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by J. Picco, to enter into executive session at 6:18 PM for an update on employee and legal matters. **Motion carried unanimously.**

MOTION: Motion was made by R. Grabowski, seconded by J. Picco, to come out of executive session at 6:36 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

8. Adjournment

MOTION: Motion was made by J. Picco, seconded by R. Grabowski, to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Lisa M. Wood,
Executive Assistant

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