



Town of Griswold
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
March 12, 2019
6:00 PM
Downstairs Meeting Room
28 Main St., Jewett City, CT 06351

J. O'Neill Carter,
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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
6 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 26, 2019 – Special Meeting Minutes**
 - b. **February 26, 2019 – Regular Meeting Minutes**
 - c. **February 28, 2019 – Special Meeting Minutes**

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by E. Burke, to approve the February 26, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes, February 26, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes and the February 28, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes as submitted. **Motion carried unanimously.**

5. **Correspondence** - None

6. **New Business**

- a. **Discussion and possible action on two three refunds for a total of \$14.86 as presented by Leona Sharkey, Tax Collector**

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by E. Burke, to approve the three tax refunds as submitted for a total of \$14.86. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- b. Discussion and update on Glasgow Sewer Authority** – T. Babbitt gave an update that as decided at the last BOS meeting the Town would take over as the governing board of the Glasgow Sewer Authority as the previous board terms have all expired and that the Town would start by advertising for members of a new board and that has been done.
- c. Discussion and possible action on request by BOE for disposal of student specific equipment** – T. Babbitt noted the school had some very student specific equipment for a student with a hearing disability. That student has changed school districts and the new school would like to attain that equipment from Griswold. The BOE only has the authority to transfer it to the Town or auction the equipment. He noted if the BOE transfers it to the town, he would like permission to sell the equipment to the new school for a reasonable price. The equipment originally cost \$300 and it was suggested the selling price be \$200.

MOTION: Motion was made by E. Burke, seconded by T. Babbitt, to give T. Babbitt authority to move forward with the sale of the equipment to the new school district. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- d. Discussion and possible action on authorizing the Housing Authority to move forward with application for Small Cities Grant-** P. Brycki provided an update stating there was a phone conference with the grant writer and several parties that would be involved in moving forward with the application for the grant. It was decided amongst everyone, that there would not be adequate time to put together a competitive package to apply for this grant and they would wait for the next opportunity to apply.
- e. Discussion and possible action on proposed ordinance changes to Chapter 10-1 and 10-3 as requested by the BOF** – S. Davis, BOF Chairman, noted the BOF would like to get these changes to the ordinances done as soon as possible. The changes are minimal and could be brought forth to special town meeting with the proposed blight ordinance changes.

MOTION: Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by E. Burke, that contingent upon approval of the proposed changes by the BOF at their meeting on March 19, 2019, that the BOS send the proposed ordinance changes for Section 10-1 and 10-3 to special town meeting on March 26, 2019. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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

8. Public Forum

Laurie Sorder – Ashland St. – L. Sorder noted her disappointment for negative comments made by the Third Selectman on the radio, regarding the Borough. E. Burke commented he does make a disclaimer, when on the radio, that they are his statements and not reflective of the Town or BOS and stated his personal standing on the Borough.

Paul Brycki – Taylor Hill Rd. – P. Brycki noted the last Community Block Grant received which gave \$650,000 for the Borough and \$650,000 for the Town. He did ask the grant writer if this could be done again and if the application can get enough points, depending on the grant, it may be possible, that would be a benefit to the Town of the Borough.

Dave Vieaux – Leha Ave. – D. Vieaux noted his personal opinion that if you are a town official you are a representative of the community and the actions should be based on equitable treatment of all the citizens of the community. E. Burke noted he will go on the radio tomorrow and apologize to the residents of the Borough if he offended them in any way.

Ransom Young – Rixtown Rd. – R. Young pointed out the difference in the cost of not hooking up to gas if the referendum does not pass, compared to the cost of repairs and replacing boilers at the school.

Paul Brycki – Taylor Hill Rd. – T. Brycki mentioned a noted increase to the tree warden line in the proposed 2019/2020 budget.

9. Adjournment

MOTION: Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by E. Burke, to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Lisa M. Wood,
Executive Assistant