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Town of Griswold

Board of Selectmen

Regular Meeting

March 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: T. Babbitt, First Selectman
Richard Grabowski, Selectman
Jared Picco, Third Selectman

Others Present: Lisa M. Wood, Executive Assistant
3 interested citizens
Atty. Matt Willis, Town Counsel, via phone

2. **Approval of Minutes**

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

MOTION: Motion was made by R. Grabowski, seconded by J. Picco, to approve the March 9, 2021 regular meeting minutes as submitted. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- b. **March 11, 2021 – Special Meeting Minutes**

MOTION: Motion was made by R. Grabowski, seconded by T. Babbitt, to approve the March 11, 2021 special meeting minutes as submitted. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- c. **March 16, 2021 – Special Meeting Minutes**

MOTION: Motion was made by J. Picco, seconded by R. Grabowski, to approve the March 16, 2021 special meeting minutes as submitted. **Motion carried unanimously.**

d. March 18, 2021 – Special Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by J. Picco, to approve the March 18, 2021 special meeting minutes as submitted. **Motion carried unanimously.**

3. Correspondence – None

4. New Business

a. Discussion and possible action on two tax refunds for a total of \$3,453.74 as presented by Leona Sharkey, Tax Collector

MOTION: Motion was made by J. Picco, seconded by R. Grabowski, to approve the two tax refunds for a total of \$3,453.74 as presented by Leona Sharkey, Tax Collector. **Motion carried unanimously.**

b. Discussion and possible action on reappointment of Judith Merrill as a member of the Griswold Housing Authority for a term of 2/1/2021 – 1/31/2026

MOTION: Motion was made by R. Grabowski, seconded by T. Babbitt, to reappoint Judith Merrill as a member of the Griswold Housing Authority for a term of 2/1/2021 – 1/31/2026. **Motion carried unanimously.**

c. Discussion and possible action on reappointment of Gary Serdechny and Glen Norman as members of the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Conservation Commission for terms of 1/1/2021 – 12/31/2024

MOTION: Motion was made by R. Grabowski, seconded by J. Picco, to reappoint Gary Serdechny and Glen Norman as members of the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Conservation Commission for terms of 1/1/2021 – 12/31/2024. **Motion carried unanimously.**

d. Discussion and possible action on requesting the Public Health & Safety for a kickoff meeting – T. Babbitt noted they have been hesitant about calling a meeting due to the COVID situation and there is only one officer, which is a secretary.

MOTION: Motion was made by R. Grabowski, seconded by J. Picco, that the First Selectman be authorized to schedule a kickoff meeting for the Public Health & Safety Committee. **Motion carried unanimously.**

e. Discussion and possible action on re-opening of town hall –T. Babbitt noted his previous comment about lining up with the executive orders when they expire. J. Picco agreed. T. Babbitt noted started on the following Monday and J. Picco concurred as well a R. Grabowski.

MOTION: Motion was made by J. Picco, seconded by R. Grabowski, to reopen the town hall on April 20th or upon the expiration of the Governor's orders. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- f. **Discussion and possible action on return of allowing public use of buildings – R.** Grabowski noted this should go along with the dates for reopening of the town hall. J. Picco confirmed.

MOTION: Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by J. Picco, to allow the use of town buildings based upon the expiration of the executive orders in April and following any social distancing or guidelines that may be in place at that time. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- g. **Discussion and possible action on authorizing the First Selectman to execute an Agreement with the State of Connecticut for the Carroll Road bridge project –** T. Babbitt noted the state is going to start the design phase. The actual construction will not start until next spring. The town pays 20% cost of the construction only. The money is in the proposed budget, but we have to approve so the state can start the design.

MOTION: Motion was made by R. Grabowski, seconded by J. Picco, to authorize the First Selectman to execute an agreement with the State of Connecticut for the Carroll Road bridge project. **Motion carried unanimously.**

5. Old Business

- a. **Discussion and possible action on Social Media Policy –** There was brief discussion and J. Picco inquired if the policy covered elected officials and if it allowed for discipline. T. Babbitt noted he would reach out to the Town Attorney for that and would also forward a copy of the policy to both union presidents.

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

7. Public Forum - None

8. Old Business (cont'd)

- a. **Executive Session: Discussion on content of documents pertaining to a financial matter that is exempt from disclosure**

MOTION: Motion was made by R. Grabowski, seconded by J. Picco, to enter into executive session at 6:17 PM to discuss documents pertaining to a financial matter that is exempt from disclosure.

MOTION: Motion on the floor was amended by R. Grabowski to include town attorney Matt Willis in the executive session, seconded by J. Picco. **Motion on the floor carried unanimously.**

MOTION: Motion was made by R. Grabowski, seconded by J. Picco, to come out of executive session at 6:39 PM.

b. Discussion and possible action on above financial matter

MOTION: Motion was made by J. Picco, seconded by R. Grabowski, to authorize the First Selectman to enter into a qualified data center host municipality agreement with Gotspace LLC acting under executive order 7jj due to the time sensitivity of the matter. **Motion carried unanimously.**

9. Adjournment

MOTION: Motion was made by J. Picco, seconded by R. Grabowski, to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,



**Lisa M. Wood,
Executive Assistant**

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

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