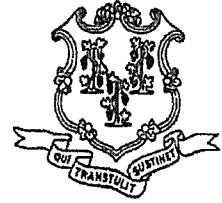


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Town of Griswold
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
March 27, 2018
6:00 PM
Downstairs Meeting Room
28 Main St., Jewett City, CT 06351



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, Second Selectman
Ed Burke, Third Selectman

Others Present: Lisa M. Wood, Executive Assistant
Mario Tristany Jr., Town Planner
1 member of the press
15 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 22, 2018 – Special Meeting Minutes**
 - b. **February 27, 2018 – Special Meeting Minutes**
 - c. **February 27, 2018 – Regular Meeting Minutes**
 - d. **March 7, 2018 – Special Meeting Minutes**

MOTION: Motion was made by Steve Merchant, seconded by Ed Burke, to approve all minutes noted above with minor correction to adjournment on February 27, 2018 regular meeting minutes (motion to adjourn was made by T. Babbitt and seconded by S. Merchant). **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 E. Burke, to approve the one tax refund as submitted in the amount of \$49.48. **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 appointment of Building Official, onto the agenda for discussion and possible action. **Motion carried unanimously.**

T. Babbitt noted that there has been a temporary appointment of J. Cipriano as Building Official as allowed under the State Statutes. If comfortable, he would recommend the Board move forward and appoint J. Cipriano for the normal four year term.

MOTION: Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by E. Burke, to appoint Jack Cipriano as Building official for a term of four years at twenty-five hours or as deemed necessary by the First Selectman to adjust the hours if the work load deems it necessary, beginning March 29, 2018. **Motion carried unanimously.**

MOTION: Motion was made by E. Burke, seconded by T. Babbitt, to bring the item of reappointment of Ricky Bevis to the Recreation Commission as an alternate member, onto the agenda for discussion and possible action. **Motion carried unanimously.**

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by E. Burke, to reappoint Ricky Bevis as an alternate member of the Recreation Commission for a term of 10/27/2017 to 10/26/2018. **Motion carried unanimously.**

E. Burke noted that the Town Planner passed out revised copies of a proposed Blight Ordinance and would like to have the Board members review it as a correspondence and possible discussion and action at a future meeting.

9. Public Forum

Sharon Viadella – Lester Rd. – S. Viadella asked if anyone knows about the sale of the Lee Rd. property. It was noted the sales agreement has been made public. T. Babbitt provided a brief update on information acquired since the hearing on the proposed gun range.

Ransom Young – Rixtown Rd. – R. Young gave an update on the removal of trees tagged by the Tree Warden.

Betty Knox – Alvina Ave. – B. Knox asked if there was anything found to be structurally wrong with Pachaug dam during the drawdown. T. Babbitt noted he has not heard anything.

Steve Douglas – Bitgood Rd. – S. Douglas thanked everyone for their help in opposing the proposed gun range and support of the gun ordinance. He also noted he is not too concerned over the sales agreement for the Lee Rd. property. There are a lot of things that need to be addressed before a sale will go through and now there is a timeline that has to be followed.

Dave Vieaux – Leha Ave. – D. Vieaux wanted to know if the proposed Blight Ordinance can be put on the web. He also wanted to know if we could keep an eye on the progress moving forward and keep people informed as there is still a lot of movement that needs to happen.

Ryan Snide – Tatro Rd. – R. Snide did note that Senator Somers did amend bill 424 but that may not go anywhere and was advised by an attorney in Hartford that residents concerned about the proposed gun range should prepare for a legal battle.

Dave Vieaux – Leha Ave. – D. Vieaux noted the BOF is not going to provide any funding for a legal battle and noted fundraising should be considered.

Ransom Young – Rixtown Rd. – R. Young had a question about right of way and civil matter.

John Connelly – Carely Ave. – J. Connelly asked if the lawyers gave any inclination to how much money was needed to pursue a legal battle.

Pam Patalano – Hopeville Rd. – P. Patalano noted the \$700,000 the state has put aside is for the EIE study.

Steve Douglas – Bitgood Rd. – S. Douglas asked about the ownership of Lee Road. T. Babbitt noted it was deemed a park and forest road some years ago. S. Douglas wanted to know how Mr. Button would be able to deed the road to the state.

Mike Lane – Stonehill Rd. – M. Lane asked if it would be beneficial to have Lee Road put back on the road list, as the proposal for the range goes through the road. T. Babbitt noted he is not sure it would be beneficial because of improvements that would be required.

Barbara Cornelius – Hopeville Rd. – B. Cornelius asked if the FOI materials were available for review.

Ryan Snide – Tatro Rd. – R. Snide asked if the materials could be copied. It was noted they were available and could be scanned or copied for a minimal fee.

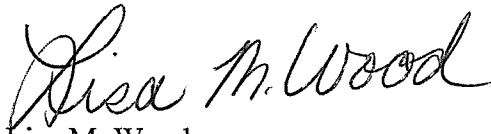
Sharon Viadella – Lester Rd. – S. Viadella asked for an update on the Earth Day clean up.

Dennis Snide – Tatro Rd. – D. Snide asked if there was a list for sign up of roads people want to clean. T. Babbitt noted he should contact Tina Falck.

10. Adjournment

MOTION: Motion was made by E. Burke, seconded by S. Merchant, to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Lisa M. Wood,
Executive Assistant