



# Town of Griswold

## Board of Selectmen

Regular Meeting

March 9, 2021

6:00 PM

VIA ZOOM



### MINUTES

1. **Call to Order/Roll** – Meeting was called to order at 6PM by Todd Babbitt, First Selectman

**Members Present:** Todd Babbitt, First Selectman  
Richard Grabowski, Selectman  
Jared Picco, Selectman

**Others Present:** Lisa M. Wood, Executive Assistant  
Mario Tristany Jr., Town Planner  
2 other interested citizens

2. **Approval of Minutes**

- a. **February 23, 2021 –Regular Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** Motion was made by R. Grabowski, seconded by J. Picco, to accept the February 23, 2021 regular meeting minutes as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- b. **February 25, 2021 – Special Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** Motion was made by R. Grabowski, seconded by T. Babbitt, to accept the February 25, 2021 special meeting minutes. **Motion carried.** J. Picco abstained.

3. **Correspondence - None**

4. **New Business**

- a. **Discussion and possible action on seven tax refunds for a total of \$11,109.50 as presented by Leona Sharkey, Tax Collector**

**MOTION:** Motion was made by J. Picco, seconded by R. Grabowski, to approve the seven tax refunds for a total of \$11,109.50 as presented by Leona Sharkey, Tax Collector. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- b. **Discussion and possible action on authorizing the First Selectman to sign contract with Boundaries LLC for mapping services – T. Babbitt confirmed for R. Grabowski that E. Spagnolo already confirmed the money for this is in the budget.**

**MOTION:** Motion was made by R. Grabowski, seconded by T. Babbitt, to authorize the First Selectman to sign contract with Boundaries LLC for mapping services for the Assessor's office for the sum of \$7,150. **Motion carried.** J. Picco abstained.

- c. **Discussion and possible action on authorizing the First Selectman to execute partial release agreement with C-PACE** – T. Babbitt noted this was an agreement with our tax department to collect C-PACE funds for the Green Bank. We received a stipend to do so. Green Bank now wants to start doing that themselves.

**MOTION:** Motion was made by R. Grabowski, seconded by J. Picco, to authorize the First Selectman to execute partial release agreement with C-PACE. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- d. **Discussion and possible action on authorizing the First Selectman to send letter to DECD authorizing him to execute all applications required to facilitate the cleanup of the Former Triangle Wire and Cable property** – T. Babbitt noted staff still meets weekly and is in the process of a full application for clean-up. This would clean up the property like what was done with the UCFS site. M. Tristany commented there would be some cost sharing with the developer but no actual money would come from the town. He stated we have been pretty successful with the Brownfields clean-up grants. All selectman are pleased to see the progress going forward in getting the site cleaned-up.

**MOTION:** Motion was made by J. Picco, seconded by R. Grabowski, to authorize the First Selectman to send letter to DECD authorizing him to execute all applications required to facilitate the cleanup of the Former Triangle Wire and Cable property. **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** – T. Babbitt noted the clean copy was provided by the Town Attorney. There were a few concerns in areas where things were duplicated. He suggests having time to review it and getting back to it after complete review.
- b. **Discussion and possible action on COVID-19 update** – T. Babbitt noted the numbers continue to go down. Senior Center is making headway finding vaccines for those who are looking for them. They have been in contact with the state if there starts to be a backlog. UCFS has been able to get some people in. Walgreens in town is providing vaccines also, but still difficult to accommodate everyone.

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

- a. **MOTION:** Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by R. Grabowski, to add to the agenda for discussion and possible action, the letter from the Community Action Team (CAP). **Motion carried unanimously.**  
The letter was read into the record. It expressed a concern with police and ambulance not being able to get into some of the housing developments without

calling out the fire department. The fire department is the only one with the access to the Knox box. They are looking for ways to resolve this. T. Babbitt noted the Knox boxes are on most commercial buildings and the only the fire department has access with a very secure monitoring or chain of custody of who opens those boxes and when. The key opens up every building in town so that causes an issue of security should it be shared with anyone. A few years ago, T. Sharkey and T. Babbitt tried to set up a meeting with the person who directs the Veteran's Housing and no success. That company was sent a letter outlining what would happen if access is not available. T. Babbitt suggested perhaps creating a policy for these types of housing services and maybe some kind of lock box for each facility. J. Picco also agreed for safety and financial reasons, that an accessible Knox box for police and ambulance service would be beneficial.

## 7. Public Forum

David Vieaux – Leha Ave. – D. Vieaux inquired about status on Patrylo property and new development projects on routes 164 and 201 that require water and sewer expansion. T. Babbitt noted he has filed two applications. Once they are signed off, the town could foreclose and do a site assessment for clean-up and possible Brownfields money. T. Babbitt noted the property has been secured and reposted. The sewer and water projects are in the final application process. M. Tristany confirmed that Heritage River Village project has received funding approval and the closing date should be some time later this month. T. Babbitt noted there is some progress in the works in route 201 area and there has been interest in the mobile home park in tying into the sewer system due to failures. Tie-in money comes to the town until the system is paid off. T. Babbitt also noted there is nothing new on the solar panels. J. Picco noted that current legislation being looked at regarding solar panels would financially impact the town. The legislation will mandate the situation.

Dana Bennett – Dina Lane – D. Bennett wanted to know when the town hall would be open to the public and the possible use of Pachaug Town Hall. T. Babbitt noted we are looking at the April 19<sup>th</sup> deadline when the executive orders go away and the BOS will look into that at an upcoming meeting. Use of Pachaug Town Hall will also be addressed by the BOS. Some in person meetings have been taking place when we can assure, we can meet social distancing guidelines. It was suggested she put here request for use in and it will be followed up on.

## 8. Adjournment

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

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

**Meeting ID: 733 1765 7049**

**Passcode: dfBT4g**

**Respectfully Submitted,**



**Lisa M. Wood,  
Executive Assistant**