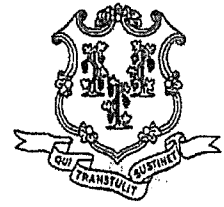


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**Town of Griswold**  
**Board of Selectmen**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**April 24, 2018**  
**6:00 PM**  
**Downstairs Meeting Room**  
**28 Main St., Jewett City, CT 06351**



**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 Sr., Second Selectman  
Ed Burke, Third Selectman

**Others Present:** Lisa M. Wood, Executive Assistant  
Tina Falck, Senior Center Director  
12 other interested citizens  
1 member of the press

2. **Notification of Emergency Exits** – Emergency exits were noted.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Pledge was cited.
4. **Approval of Minutes**

- a. **April 10, 2018 – Regular Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by E. Burke, to approve the April 10, 2018 regular meeting minutes as submitted. **Motion carried unanimously.**

5. **Correspondence** – Notification from Jacob Rhoades regarding resignation from employment at the Youth Center and as a member of the Recreation Commission – This item was noted as received.
6. **New Business**
  - a. **Discussion and possible action on five tax refunds for a total of \$1,537.17 as presented by Leona Sharkey, Tax Collector**

**MOTION:** Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by E. Burke, to approve the five tax refunds for a total of \$1,537.17. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- b. Discussion and possible action on appointment of Jay Rainier from an alternate member of the Recreation Commission to a regular member position to fill the unexpired portion of a term that ends 5/16/2018 and a new term to begin 5/17/2018 and end 5/16/2022**

**MOTION:** Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by E. Buke, to appoint Jay Rainier from an alternate member of the Recreation Commission to a regular member position to fill the unexpired portion of a term that ends 5/16/2018 and a new term of 5/17/2018 to 5/16/2022. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- c. Discussion and possible action to forego the Veteran's Advisory Committee and appoint Lisa Martell as Municipal Veteran's Representative** – There is a one day class being offered by the state to educate people to serve in this position. It was previously handled by the Town Clerk. It was noted that the Board of Selectmen had previously formed a Veteran's Advisory Committee but has had no volunteers to participate. The town has to have a committee or an employee to act as the Municipal Veteran's Representative. Lisa Martell, Assistant Senior Center Director, has volunteered to fill this position as an employee representative as she is interested in helping the veterans.

**MOTION:** Motion was made by E. Burke, seconded by S. Merchant, to table action on this item. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- d. Discussion and possible action on presentation from Mike Minarsky regarding Hillfest activities**

**MOTION:** Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by S. Merchant, to table this item as no representative was present to discuss the matter. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- e. Discussion and possible action on authorizing the tax agreements with Gail Rooke-Norman Et Al as suggested by Atty. Willis**

**MOTION:** Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by S. Merchant, to approve both agreements as suggested by Atty. Willis. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- f. Discussion and possible action on proposed Business Incentive Tax Abatement Ordinance** – S. Merchant noted that the Town Planner and the Ordinance committee are both set with the Ordinance as proposed and ready to go to town meeting.

**MOTION:** Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by E. Burke, to accept the proposed business incentive tax abatement ordinance as presented by the ordinance committee and send to town meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

7. **Old Business - None**

8. **Any Other Business that may properly come before the Board**

- a. **MOTION:** Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by S. Merchant, to bring the item of Ryan Hargraves for appointment to the ordinance committee, onto the agenda for discussion and possible action. **Motion carried unanimously.**

T. Babbitt noted it was advertised that members were needed and Ryan has been the only that expressed interest. It was noted that Ryan was unable to attend tonight.

**MOTION:** Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by S. Merchant, to appoint Ryan Hargraves as a member of the ordinance committee. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- b. **MOTION:** Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by E. Burke, to bring the update of the Earth Day Clean up onto the agenda for discussion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Tina Falck noted there was more momentum than anticipated and noted the hard work of those at the transfer station. Over 45 roads were adopted and many more that were not officially accounted for. The scouts were out as well as many helping to pick up roadside debris. T. Babbitt noted 19 tons of bulky waste, more than 7 tons burnable material, 1.25 tons of recyclables and 6 tons of metal that were hauled out for a total of 33.53 tons. E. Burke noted maybe next year another container for metal and mattresses may be needed. He also noted the amount of elderly that had stuff to be picked up and no way to get it there and perhaps working on that more next year. It was also noted there is still additional stuff coming in.

- c. **MOTION:** Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by S. Merchant, to bring the item of placement of a flag disposal receptacle onto the agenda for discussion and possible action. **Motion carried unanimously.**

T. Babbitt noted a gentleman from the VFW would like to place a receptacle in the town hall lobby for collection of tattered flags so that they can be properly disposed of. It would be properly signed and include the number for the VFW. E. Burke noted by law the flags are to be burned and the VFW does have a proper ceremony that does that. It was agreed by the BOS to allow the placement of the receptacle.

- d. **MOTION:** Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by T. Babbitt, to bring the item of Hillfest back onto the agenda for discussion and possible action. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Mike Minarsky of Wolverine Media noted that Hillfest took place for the first time and beer and wine were offered. He supplied the BOS with a certificate of insurance that he already secured for the event and also names the Town of Griswold as an insured. He also noted it is a fenced in area and where the alcohol is served and is patrolled. He is putting into place the same requests as made last year by that BOS. He also has received approval by the Borough. E. Burke wanted to know where the money from the event goes and M. Minarsky commented it goes into an account for next year's event. E. Burke expressed his concern for liability and other private entities coming forward and wanting to host a similar event.

**MOTION:** Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by E. Burke, to authorize the sale of alcohol at Hillfest with the stipulation that the insurance provisions provided to us are acceptable with our insurance carrier and that the Borough is in support of the event. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- e. **MOTION:** Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by E. Burke to bring the item of a Little League Policy onto the agenda for discussion and possible action. **Motion carried unanimously.**

T. Babbitt noted he was approached by the Little League about a policy they asked for at the end of last year regarding removal of unruly people from the town owned Little League facility if need be. There was an altercation in which the police were called and they would like to have a policy from the town that if someone become unruly and/or problematic that the individual would be prohibited from coming back to the property. T. Babbitt noted he would like to draft a policy and post it so that those at the field are aware of it.

**MOTION:** Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by E. Burke, to draft a policy to be reviewed at a future meeting regarding trespassing and the removal of people for the remainder of the sports season. **Motion carried unanimously.**

## 9. Public Forum

**Sharon Viadella – Lester Rd.** – S. Viadella thanked the public works employees for their outstanding work on Sunday. She also wanted to know about the status of Sheldon Road Bridge, the solar farm on Rt. 138, the RT. 164 project, other projects previously mentioned as hopefully coming to Griswold and any updates on the gun range. T. Babbitt gave her an update on the projects in question.

**Dave Vieaux – Leha Ave.** – D. Vieaux noted he has expressed interest in serving as the Municipal Veteran's Representative. L. Wood explained the statute provides for only an employee or a committee, and does not allow for a single representative that is not an employee.

**Gail Rooke-Norman – Bethel Rd.** – G. Rooke-Norman suggested setting a policy for the future use of the Park and the allowance of alcohol, the possibility liability of the Town, and possible fees to use the park.

**Mike Minarsky** – Wolverine Radio – M. Minarsky noted he did ask the Recreation Commission to waive the fee to use the park and they agreed because there is no admission charge for the patrons to attend Hillfest. He also noted there are expenses associated with the event such as public rest rooms, ambulance, and fire and police service.

**Ransom Young** – Rixtown Rd. – R. Young asked about what constitute the line between the first amendments as far as prohibiting people from returning to the Little League property. He also wanted to know about clean-up after Hillfest. M. Minarsky noted the Young Marines will be helping with clean-up and also that two bands donate their fee back to the Recreation department.

**Valerie Pudvah** – Town Clerk – V. Pudvah noted that she asked quite a few veteran's to help her while she was serving as the liaison and only once did someone step up. She also noted that she still does help and that it would be good if a veteran did it. She also wanted to confirm that it is an unpaid position. T. Babbitt confirmed it is unpaid.

**Tina Falck** – Senior Center – T. Falck noted that some time ago the Senior Center was going to take the Municipal Veteran's Representative over but at that time, Ellen Dupont, former town clerk, wanted to do it through her office. So now it has come up again and it was asked if anyone at the senior center would be interested and although she is very busy, Lisa is very interested in doing it and learning how to help the Veteran's out.

**Ed Berdick** – Voluntown Rd. – E. Berdick noted he feels that maybe the town should be recruiting volunteers to fill some of the vacancies in order to have pool to choose from.

## 10. Adjournment

**MOTION:** Motion was made by E. Burke, seconded by S. Merchant, to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**



**Lisa M. Wood,  
Executive Assistant**