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Valeri Rudwal



**Town of Griswold**  
**Board of Selectmen**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Downstairs Meeting Room**  
**Town Hall – 28 Main Street**  
**April 27, 2021 – 6:00 PM**



**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  
Richard Grabowski, Selectman

**Members Absent:** Jared Picco (with notification)

**Others Present:** Lisa M. Wood, Executive Assistant  
Sean McKenna, Superintendent of Schools  
Ryan Aubin, Director of YFS/Recreation  
4 other interested citizens

**2. Approval of Minutes**

**a. April 13, 2021 – Regular Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** Motion was made by R. Grabowski, seconded by T. Babbitt, to approve the April 13, 2021 regular meeting minutes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**b. April 15, 2021 – Special Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** Motion was made by R. Grabowski, seconded by T. Babbitt, to approve the April 15, 2021 special meeting minutes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**c. April 22, 2021 – Special Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** Motion was made by R. Grabowski, seconded by T. Babbitt, to approve the April 22, 2021 special meeting minutes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**3. Correspondence - None**

#### 4. New Business

- a. **Discussion and possible action on four tax refunds for a total of \$3799.43 as presented by Leona Sharkey, Tax Collector**

**MOTION:** Motion was made by R. Grabowski, seconded by T. Babbitt to approve the four tax refunds for a total of \$3,799.43 as presented by Tax Collector, Leona Sharkey. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- b. **Discussion and possible action on approval of the Board of Education 5 Year Facilities Plan** – S. McKenna states that plan has received approval from the BOE but also needs approval from the governing body. R. Grabowski mentioned maybe the plan should also be submitted to the Capital Improvement Committee.

**MOTION:** Motion was made by R. Grabowski, seconded by T. Babbitt, to accept the Board of Education 5 Year Facilities Plan and to forward it to the Capital Improvement Committee. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- c. **Discussion and possible action on authorizing the First Selectman to execute a Quit Claim Deed releasing those relevant drainage easements and conservation easement which were part of the Cedar Glen Farm Subdivision which was terminated by the Planning and Zoning Commission in 2012** -T. Babbitt noted that this is the second request being made to release the land back to the developer. The Town Attorney has reviewed it and has advised us to move forward with it.

**MOTION:** Motion was made by R. Grabowski, seconded by T. Babbitt, to authorize the First Selectman to execute a Quit Claim Deed releasing those relevant drainage easements and conservation easement which were part of the Cedar Glen Farm Subdivision. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- d. **Discussion and possible action on negotiations with CT Solar Leasing and CT Solar Leasing II** – T. Babbitt noted that he and the Town Attorney participated with the mediating judge last week to reach a settlement. Some towns are getting nothing some are getting something and there is one town that has taxed them around \$200,000 so they are choosing to continue to trial. The proposed settlement is that the town would keep only \$12,000 of the approximate \$30,000 that has been paid. The Town Attorney feels that this is the best solution and to move forward would only cost more money. The judge is looking for some kind of confirmation that the Town would be agreeable to this.

**MOTION:** Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by R. Grabowski, to accept the amount of \$12,000 from CT Solar Leasing and CT Solar Leasing II as part of mediation on residential solar panels. **Motion carried unanimously.**

## 5. Old Business

- a. **Discussion and possible action on Social Media Policy** -T. Babbitt noted there has been no update received by the Town Attorney.

**MOTION:** Motion was made by R. Grabowski, seconded by T. Babbitt, to table this item until the next regular meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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

- a. **MOTION:** Motion was made by R. Grabowski, seconded by T. Babbitt, to bring onto the agenda for discussion and possible action, the letter from Youth Services to petition for a grant. **Motion carried unanimously.**

T. Babbitt noted that R. Aubin supplied a letter today detailing a grant opportunity for summer recreation. R. Aubin commented he received the letter today from the School Superintendent. The grant, if awarded could be up to \$25,000 and is part of the CARES act. The costs for summer recreation this year are about \$60,000 due to the COVID restrictions and separation of groups, thus requiring two locations. He also noted he is again working with TVCCA which supplements up to 30 attendees whose family meets the income guidelines. He also is working with Care for Kids for financial participation support. Care for Kids does not have a limit on the number of kids they will help fund. R. Aubin noted if the grant money were received it would help to offset the total cost of the program. T. Babbitt asked R. Aubin if he could get a current contract for participation with TVCCA.

**MOTION:** Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by R. Grabowski, to authorize the Director of YFS/Recreation to apply for a grant up to \$25,000 in funding to offset costs of additional expenses required for the summer youth program. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- b. **MOTION:** Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by R. Grabowski, to bring onto the agenda the Voluntown Road Patrylo property for discussion and possible action. **Motion carried unanimously.**

T. Babbitt commented he called the Brownfields relief funding program and was informed they have approved the application and are waiting for the Commissioner to sign off on it. Once it is signed off by the Commissioner the town can authorize the foreclosure to start.

## 7. Public Forum

Dave Vieaux – Leha Ave. – D. Vieaux wanted to thank the volunteers that put their time in for the Earth Day clean-up, especially the guy at the town garage. He also commented on the increased gun fire behind his residence on the weekends. T. Babbitt noted he would check into it.

## 8. Adjournment

**MOTION:** Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by R. Grabowski, to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa M. Wood". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Lisa M. Wood,  
Executive Assistant