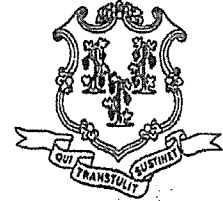


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Town of Griswold
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
May 22, 2018
6:00 PM
Downstairs Meeting Room
28 Main St., Jewett City, CT 06351



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
10 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. **May 8, 2018 – Regular Meeting Minutes**

MOTION: Motion was made by E. Burke, seconded by S. Merchant, to approve the May 8, 2018 regular meeting minutes as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

5. **Correspondence** – Letter from Ventura Law in regards to economic damages as a result of the opioid epidemic – This letter was briefly discussed.

6. **New Business**

- a. **Discussion and possible action on one tax refund for a total of \$6.77 as presented by Leona Sharkey, Tax Collector**

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by E. Burke, to approve the one tax refund for a total of \$6.77. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- b. Discussion and possible action on stipulated judgement with M.E.W. Development Corporation as presented by Atty. Willis** – There was brief discussion noting M.E.W. Development Corporation went to the BAA regarding the assessment on condo units and had no success. M.E.W. then pursued the case in court and the stipulation suggested by the court is a change of assessment resulting in a total of \$3645.07. Town Counsel is in agreement with the suggested stipulation.

MOTION: Motion was made by E. Burke, seconded by S. Merchant, to approve the stipulated judgement with M.E.W. Development Corporation in the amount of \$3645.07. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- c. Discussion and possible action on stipulated judgement with Philip E. Mayer Jr. as presented by Atty. Willis** – It was noted the total for this stipulation is \$282.18.

MOTION: Motion was made by E. Burke, seconded by S. Merchant, to approve the stipulated judgement with Philip E. Mayer Jr. in the amount of \$282.18. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- d. Discussion and possible action on request to waive a \$200 permit fee for a tent for the ECPAA Jazz Festival** – There were brief questions from the BOS. Paula Mikutel, representing the ECPAA noted they are a non-profit organization trying to raise money to establish their own theatre. They expect to have about 500 attendees at this first event.

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by E. Burke, to waive the \$200 permit fee for the ECPAA Jazz Festival. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- e. Discussion and notification of Scoping Meeting scheduled for June 5, 2018 at 7 PM at GHS** – There was brief discussion on this topic meant to inform the public of the meeting date and time and procedure of the meeting.

- f. Discussion and notification of June 6, 2018 meeting at 7 PM at the Griswold Senior Center regarding plan for removal of Slater Mill Dam** – There was brief discussion on this topic meant to inform the public of the meeting.

7. Old Business - None

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

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by E. Burke, to bring the previously discussed letter from Ventura Law onto the agenda for discussion and possible action. **Motion carried unanimously.**

There was brief discussion and it was suggesting contacting this firm to find out more information on the services provided.

MOTION: Motion was made by E. Burke, seconded by S. Merchant, to table action on this letter and to gather more information on the services provided. **Motion carried unanimously.**

9. Public Forum

Steve Douglas – Bitgood Rd. – S. Douglas wanted to know the timing of receiving notice of the scoping meeting and publication of that information to the website. It was noted for Mr. Douglas that the information could not be posted until the official notice of the meeting was received. It was received by the town clerk today, May 22, 2018 and published to website May 22, 2018. S. Douglas also noted he spoke to the environmental group out of Glastonbury and they indicated the public would be able to ask questions at the scoping meeting.

Mike Blaine – Stone Hill Rd. – M. Blaine noted his concern that the information supplied by the state to this point is very vague as to details and asked if the town could request additional information before the scoping information.

Ed Berdick – Voluntown Rd. – E. Berdick confirmed the state would probably push out any receipt of information until after the scoping meeting. He also noted they contracted an environmental group that will probably run the show. E. Berdick then asked if the town would consider planting some young trees around the soccer field in front of the transfer station.

Ransom Young – Rixtown Rd. – R. Young presented the board with a receipt for tire damage due to a pothole and noted the condition of the Rixtown and Richardson Hill Rd. T. Babbitt noted the process is to submit to the insurance coverage to see if any reimbursement is available.

Dave Vieaux – Leha Ave. – D. Vieaux expressed his concern with teenagers running ATV's on the street and firearms being fired in back yards. T. Babbitt noted the police should enforce both of those situations. D. Vieaux noted he can't get them to come out. T. Babbitt noted that if it continues, perhaps he can make some calls to see if it can be patrolled.

Ransom Young – Rixtown Rd. – S. Ransom also commented on shooting firearms on private property.

Steve Douglas – Bitgood Rd. – S. Douglas asked about flags and placing a sign in Fanning Park for the scoping meeting. T. Babbitt noted he is waiting to speak with the town planner.

Ed. Burke – BOS – Asked if we could look into establishing a farmer's market at Veteran's Memorial Park. It was noted it will be looked into.

Thomas Gaudreau – Bitgood Rd. – T. Gaudreau noted that Tracy Hanson may be a good person to speak to because Voluntown has an active farmer's market.

10. Adjournment

MOTION: Motion was made by E. Burke, seconded by S. Merchant, to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 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**