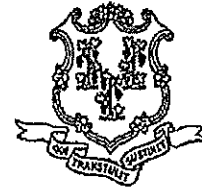




# Town of Griswold

28 Main Street  
Griswold, CT 06351



**Board of Selectman  
Special Meeting**  
Town Hall, 28 Main St., Griswold, CT 06351  
Thursday, May 7, 2020  
10:00 AM  
VIA ZOOM

## MINUTES

*J. Della Eater*  
2020 MAY 11 AM 11:55 AM EST

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call** – Meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Todd Babbitt, First Selectman

**Members Present:** Todd Babbitt, First Selectman (via zoom)  
Richard Grabowski, Second Selectman (via phone)  
Jared Pico, Third Selectman (via zoom)

**Others Present:** Julie Marcotte, Finance Director (via zoom)  
Erick Christensen, Finance Director (via zoom)  
5 interested citizens (via zoom)

2. **Discussion and possible action on FY 2020/2021 budget** – T. Babbitt presented some suggested changes to the budget which included requested cuts by the BOF to bring it to a maximum of .5 mil increase including debt service. This would include an allowed increase of approximately \$62,000 over last year for the general budget. T. Babbitt noted he removed the senior center grant writer for \$40,000, the Human Resources staff for \$70,000 and the school is willing to take everything out of capital except for the school software and public works would take everything out of capital except the overhead door which would be a reduction in capital of \$225,474. He would also suggest that capital be flat funded. Mr. Barnie from capital suggested cutting the road money to \$400,000 which would reduce the budget by \$63,733. T. Babbitt noted with the proposed cuts we would still need to reduce the entire general budget government by \$50,000. T. Babbitt presented a proposal by the union to work ½ hour less each week but gain a 10 cent increase for a savings of just over \$5,000 for the year. The BOS were in agreement with the human resources cut since the BOF was likely to cut it anyway. The idea to cut capital was not favorable but the likely way to reduce the budget. R. Grabowski mentioned eliminating hours of services on Fridays. It was suggested that the BOS look at the calculations for discussion on Tuesday. It was also noted that the final insurance numbers were

calculated into the budget today and they were slightly higher than anticipated. R. Grabowski wanted to confirm that the money is secured for revaluation. J. Marcotte commented we need the currently proposed budgeted amount to secure all the funds needed. T. Babbitt noted there may be a possibility of saving money on revaluation services by participating in a program offered by NECCOG. He noted he would try to gather that information by Tuesday's meeting as well as numbers for possible elimination of town hours on Fridays. J. Picco noted he is on board with the previously mentioned cuts and possibly looking at eliminating hours of town hall services on Fridays. T. Babbitt received clarification from the BOS with the proposed cuts to capital so that could be finalized.


### 3. Adjournment

**MOTION:** Motion was made by R. Grabowski, seconded by J. Picco, to adjourn the meeting at 10:24 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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

Meeting ID: 718 7333 9721  
Password: 3PHDFV

Respectfully Submitted,



Todd Babbitt,  
First Selectman