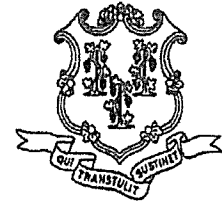




**Town of Griswold**  
**Board of Selectmen**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**May 8, 2018**  
**6:00 PM**  
**Downstairs Meeting Room**  
**28 Main St., Jewett City, CT 06351**

*Jamie O'Neill-Catone,*  
2018 MAY 10 PM 1:43 *ast*



**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  
8 other interested citizens

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

- a. **April 24, 2018 – Regular Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by E. Burke, to approve the April 24, 2018 regular meeting minutes as submitted. **Motion carried unanimously.**

5. **Correspondence** - None

6. **New Business**

- a. **Discussion and possible action on one tax refund for a total of \$1.84 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 \$1.84 as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- b. **Discussion and possible action on appointment of Kathy Peterson from an alternate member position of the Ethics Commission to a regular member position of the Ethics Commission to fill the remainder of a term of 3/6/2016 to 3/5/2019** – It was noted that the Chairman of the Ethics Committee received resignation from Julian Smith, thus leaving a regular member position vacant.

**MOTION:** Motion was made by E. Burke, seconded by S. Merchant, to appoint Kathy Peterson from an alternate member position of the Ethics Commission to a regular member position of the Ethics Commission to fill the remainder of a term of 3/6/2016 to 3/5/2019. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- c. Discussion and possible action on acceptance of ownership by Town of Griswold for several tax delinquent properties** – T. Babbitt explained the properties noted are delinquent in taxes. The town is considering taking them over. Most of the land on the properties is not buildable or is wetlands, however, they are adjacent to other town owned parcels which would make a larger piece that an adjacent owner may be interested in purchasing.

**MOTION:** Motion was made by E. Burke, seconded by S. Merchant, that the Town take action to take ownership of the properties. **Motion carried unanimously.**

## **7. Old Business**

- a. Discussion and possible action on formation position of Municipal Veteran's Representative/Veteran's Advisory Committee** – E. Burke commented it was discussed having himself, Dave Vieaux, Ed Berdick and Lisa Martell represent the Veteran's Advisory Committee and for L. Martell to act as the liaison. It was suggested trying to meet once a month at the senior center. T. Falck was in support of this. It was also agreed that anyone that was interested should attend the one day training on June 1<sup>st</sup> in Rocky Hill.

**MOTION:** Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by S. Merchant, to appoint Ed Burke, Dave Vieaux and Ed Berdick to the Veteran's Advisory Committee and to appoint Lisa Martell as the Municipal Veteran's Representative to work with that committee. **Motion carried. T. Babbitt and S. Merchant in favor and E. Burke abstained.**

## **8. Any Other Business that may properly come before the Board - None**

## **9. Public Forum**

Pam Patalano – Hopeville Rd. – P. Patalano wanted to know if the scoping meeting does not go as the residents hope it does and the state does not answer their questions, can the residents call a town meeting to have the state back and address the questions? T. Babbitt noted he will find out.

Barbara Cornelius – Hopeville Rd. – B. Cornelius explained her concern over how the explanation of the scoping process on the website has changed since the process initially started. She also had concern over Commissioner Schriro using her public employee position as a way to undermine the will of the people in regards to the vote on Bill 424. T. Babbitt commented he will check into that.

Sharon Viadella – Lester Rd. – S. Viadella wanted to know if the town needs to be made aware if the state decides to combine two parcels into one. Is the state subject to any guide lines if they put a cell tower up there? T. Babbitt noted that generally goes through the siting council, however the state may be exempt from that. S. Viadella also noted that several times the FOI documents refers to extensive communication with the Town and also asked if anything came from the talk with Nancy Wyman. T. Babbitt noted apparently not according to the way the vote was. Also, do you know if anything else is planned by the state before the EIE? T. Babbitt noted he does not. S. Viadella also inquired as to whether or not anyone is living in the tent by the river.

James Barnie – Hopeville Rd. – J. Barnie questioned if once the body of the legislature changes this fall, can any of these issues pertaining to the gun range be revisited. T. Babbitt noted that Nancy Wyman did note the process will take more than a year to get through and there will be a change in government before that.

Pam Patalano – Hopeville Rd. – P. Patalano noted who the future candidates for governor are endorsed by.

Dave Vieaux – Leha Ave. – D. Vieaux expressed his concerns about the comment made at the meeting in Hartford about placing a semi-trailer full of guns and ammunition on the site. His concerns are directed at safety in regards to break-ins and possible explosion.

Sharon Viadella – Lester Rd. – S. Viadella noted she believes the process won't stop in November just because new people get into office, but hope more of them will be on their side and urges not to give up in the fight.

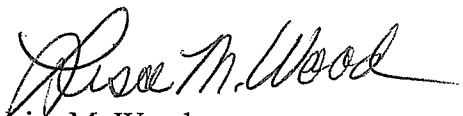
Steve Douglas – Bitgood Rd. – S. Douglas noted that in Simsbury they are currently using conex boxes to store the ammunition. He also asked T. Babbitt about the flags on Main Street.

Sharon Viadella – Lester Rd. – S. Viadella asked is a scoping meeting sign could be placed on the front of the property at the highway garage. T. Babbitt had no problem with it.

## 10. Adjournment

**MOTION:** Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by S. Merchant, to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Lisa M. Wood,  
Executive Assistant