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Town of Griswold
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
Downstairs Meeting Room
Town Hall – 28 Main Street
June 22, 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
Jared Picco, Selectman

Others Present: Lisa M. Wood, Executive Assistant
Tina Falck, Senior Center Director
6 other interested citizens

2. **Approval of Minutes**

- a. **June 8, 2021 – Regular Meeting Minutes**

MOTION: Motion was made by R. Grabowski, seconded by J. Picco, to accept the June 8, 2021, regular meeting minutes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

3. **Correspondence** - Letter from State of CT DPH and certificate of official recognition as a HEARTSafe Community – Noted as received as part of our partnership with American Ambulance.

4. **New Business**

- a. **Discussion and possible action on four tax refunds for a total of \$962.40 as presented by Leona Sharkey, Tax Collector**

MOTION: Motion was made by J. Picco, seconded by R. Grabowski, to approve the four tax refunds for a total of \$962.40 as presented by the Tax Collector. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- b. **Discussion and possible action on acceptance of proposed ordinance changes on Chapter 43 and Chapter 72, as recommended by the Ordinance Committee, and scheduling of town meeting** – R. Grabowski noted that for Chapter 43 the changes were “for support of those in crisis” and he definition of crisis as requested by the committee for the fund. Chapter 72 was changed per the request of the committee for the provision to add two alternates to the committee.

MOTION: Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by R. Grabowski, to send both Chapter 43 and Chapter 72 to special town meeting for approval. **Motion carried unanimously.**

MOTION: Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by J. Picco, to set a special town meeting date for 6:45 PM on July 13, 2021, to address the proposed changes to Chapter 43 and Chapter 72 of the Ordinances. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- c. **Discussion and possible action on re-enacting the Commission on Aging** – There was brief discussion noting the committee has been inactive sometime. T. Falck noted she thought this committee would be helpful with the opening of the new senior center. It was agreed to advertise to fill the membership.

5. Old Business

- a. **Discussion and possible action on Social Media Policy** – It was noted there is no new information received yet and agreed to re-visit the subject next month.
- b. **Discussion and possible action on establishing a Fair Rent Commission** – R. Grabowski noted he felt that establishing such a commission would not benefit the town and that the town already provides enforcement of code violations. He suggested those affected form an association. T. Babbitt noted he is afraid it would impact the workload of town officials due to the increase inspections that would be required. J. Picco noted he did some research to see what towns in the state had such commissions and noted that towns the size of Griswold do not have them and is concerned about the resource allocation. T. Babbitt also noted he is not sure if additional inspections were required by, for example, the health department if the cost for services to the town would go up.

MOTION: Motion was made by R. Grabowski, seconded by J. Picco, to not take any action at this time on establishing a Fair Rent Commission. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- c. **Discussion and possible action on coinciding recreation department fee schedule for use of facilities with the Town accepted use of facilities policy fee schedule** – The variations in the fee schedules were discussed. It was also noted that the money received for any use goes into a fund to help with building maintenance.

MOTION: Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by J. Picco, to keep the facility use fees with the youth center space rental consistent with the Town Use Policy. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- d. **Discussion and possible action on progress of developing new website** – J. Picco noted the design of the new website is in progress; he has seen a preview of it and it looks very nice. He also noted he will reach out to them for an update.

6. Any Other Business that may properly come before the Board - None

7. Public Forum

Cheryl Lee – 634 Hopeville Rd, Lot #42 - C. Lee noted she wanted to make sure the information she provided regarding a Fair Rent Commission was reviewed. T. Babbitt noted it was. C. Lee noted a Fair Rent Commission is the only way for them to go against a rent increase. T. Babbitt noted forming an association with the residents of the park.

Dave Vieaux – 59 Leha Ave. – D. Vieaux noted there has already been an issue with fireworks in the neighborhood and is hoping that this year there is a plan to address it. He noted the Assistant Fire Marshal did catch and speak to one party last week. D. Vieaux also noted his feeling of harassment from certain departments at the town hall and asked that someone look into his concern.

8. Adjournment

MOTION: Motion was made by J. Picco, seconded by T. Babbitt, to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Lisa M. Wood,
Executive Assistant