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Town of Griswold
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
June 25, 2019
6:00 PM
Griswold Senior Center
22 Soule 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
Tina Falck, Senior Center Director
7 other interested citizens

2. **Notification of Emergency Exits** – Emergency exits were noted.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Pledge was cited.
4. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. **June 11, 2019 – Public Hearing Minutes**
 - b. **June 11, 2019 – Regular Meeting Minutes**
 - c. **June 13, 2019 – Special Meeting Minutes**

MOTION: Motion was made by E. Burke, seconded by S. Merchant, to approve the June 11, 2019 Public Hearing Minutes, June 11, 2019 regular meeting minutes and the June 13, 2019 special meeting minutes as submitted. **Motion carried unanimously.**

5. **Correspondence** - None
6. **New Business**

- a. **Discussion and possible action on four tax refunds for a total of \$475.07as presented by Leona Sharkey, Tax Collector**

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by E. Burke, to approve the four tax refunds a submitted for a total of \$475.07. **Motion carried unanimously.**

b. Discussion and possible action on appointment of alternate member of the Recreation Commission for a term of 6/26/19 to 6/25/20

MOTION: Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by S. Merchant, to appoint Ryan Snide as an alternate member of the Recreation Commission for a term of 6/26/2019 to 6/25/2020. **Motion carried unanimously.**

c. Discussion and possible action on update presented by the Senior Center regarding medical marijuana – Tina Falck, Senior Center Director, spoke regarding the issues the senior center is having regarding transportation of seniors and the requests that are coming in for transportation to dispensaries and the odor that transfers to those who have just used marijuana. She also noted that Lou Demicco, JCFD fire chief, also has concerns with the expected legalization and the problems that will come along with that. She also noted the GHA has put guidelines in place for where those using medical marijuana may smoke. T. Babbitt noted since the bus is state funded we need to make sure there is no discrimination liability. It was agreed to contact CCM to see if any other towns have policies on this.

d. Discussion and possible action on Great Griswold Get Together fireworks contract – T. Babbitt noted the contract in the past has been signed by the Recreation Director. He feels the contract should come before the BOS so they are aware of the event. He also noted a deposit has been paid and all permits have been approved for the event. T. Babbitt noted for E. Burke, the company has the liability for the fireworks going off and it is a shared liability for anything else and they will not shoot the display off if there is more than a 12 mph wind.

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by T. Babbitt, that permission for the fireworks comes through the BOS and authorize the First Selectman to sign the contract. **Motion carried unanimously.**

e. Discussion and possible action on rescinding BOS motion made June 11, 2019 “authorizing tax bills to be issued at the current rate for the year and supplemental bills to be issued based on the Board of Finance guidance after their meeting this evening” – T. Babbitt noted since the budget process moved forward a little quicker than had been anticipated. The BOF feels that if the budget vote passes on Wednesday that tax bills will still be able to get out in a timely manner and have only one billing, so they rescinded there motion to send at bills at the current year rate.

MOTION: Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by S. Merchant, to rescind the motion made at the June 11, 2019 meeting authorizing tax bills to be issued at the current rate. **Motion carried unanimously.**

7. Old Business

- a. **Discussion and possible action on the offer of St. Anne's Church in Glasgo – E.** Burke had concern about continuing to table this item, but T. Babbitt noted he thought there was something in the works.

MOTION: Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by E. Burke, to table this item noting there has been interest by a group in the Glasgo section of town with a plan for the church. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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

- a. **MOTION:** Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by E. Burke, to bring the item of the public works contract onto the agenda for discussion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

T. Babbitt noted negotiations have been completed and that copies of the tentatively agreed upon public works contract had been provided and asked that the BOS members review for possible approval at the next meeting to allow him to execute the contract.

- b. **MOTION:** Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by S. Merchant, to bring the request for an additional member to be added to the CIP committee, onto the agenda for discussion and possible action. **Motion carried unanimously.**

T. Babbitt noted he did research the structure of the committee and the current members do meet the guidelines of the original setup. S. Merchant noted he thought the BOF was going to ask to reduce their membership by one. T. Babbitt noted the CIP is requesting an additional member at large.

MOTION: Motion was made to table any action on this item and reach out to the BOF chair before the next meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

8. Public Forum

Dave Vieaux – Leha Ave. – D. Vieaux made comment on determination of storage and shipping containers, blight at businesses and illegal dumping on Bishop Crossing Road. T. Babbitt responded to all three issues.

Sharon Viadella – Lester Rd. – S. Viadella noted they FOP has come up with the rest of the funding for the statute and they are tentatively planning an unveiling ceremony for October 12th and noted that FOP is still picking up trash throughout town.

10. Adjournment

MOTION: Motion was made by E. Burke, seconded by T. Babbitt, to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa M. Wood".

**Lisa M. Wood,
Executive Assistant**