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Town of Griswold
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
Downstairs Meeting Room
Town Hall – 28 Main Street
August 10, 2021 – 6:00 PM



MINUTES

1. **Call to Order/Roll** – Meeting was called to order at 6PM by Todd Babbitt, First Selectman

Members Present: T. Babbitt, First Selectman
Richard Grabowski, Selectman
Jared Picco, Selectman

Others Present: Lisa M. Wood, Executive Assistant
3 other interested citizens

2. **Approval of Minutes**

- a. **July 13, 2021 – Regular Meeting Minutes**

MOTION: Motion was made by R. Grabowski, seconded by J. Picco, to approve the regular meeting minutes of July 13, 2021. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- b. **July 27, 2021 – Special Meeting Minutes**

MOTION: Motion was made by J. Picco, seconded by T. Babbitt, to approve the July 27, 2021, special meeting minutes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

3. **Correspondence - Letter of resignation from Mr. Panus** – This letter was for the Rixtown Cemetery Committee.

MOTION: Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by R. Grabowski, to accept the letter of resignation with regret. **Motion carried unanimously.**

4. **New Business**

- a. **Discussion and possible action on twenty-two tax refunds for a total of \$2290.70 as presented by Leona Sharkey, Tax Collector**

MOTION: Motion was made by J. Picco, seconded by R. Grabowski, to approve the twenty-two tax refunds for a total of \$2290.70 as presented by Leona Sharkey, Tax Collector. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- b. **Discussion and possible action on reappointment of Ransom Young as a member of the Rixtown Cemetery Committee for a term of 9/25/2021 – 9/24/2027**

MOTION: Motion was made by R. Grabowski, seconded by T. Babbitt, to reappoint Ransom Young as a member of the Rixtown Cemetery Committee for a term of 9/25/2021 – 9/24/2027. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- c. **Discussion and possible action on appointment of Richard Waselik as a member of the Public Health & Safety Committee to fill the remainder of a term of 7/1/2018 – 6/30/2024**

MOTION: Motion was made by J. Picco, seconded by R. Grabowski, to appoint Richard Waselik as a member of the Public Health & Safety Committee for the remainder of the term of 7/1/2018 – 6/30/2024. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- d. **Discussion and possible action on offer from James & Linda Mackin to purchase a piece of property at 1730 Glasgo Road – T. Babbitt noted it is a rectangular piece of property where the sign for the campground is. When the land was transferred from Mr. Mackin's father, it was always the intent that piece went with it. The previous assessor noted that piece of land was not taxed. At that point there was about \$2900 due in tax and no one bid on it at the tax sale. With the lack of business last year due to COVID the campground was unable to purchase it. The piece is 0.11 acres total. They reached out and are now offering \$500. R. Grabowski wanted to know what the costs were incurred by the town for bringing it to tax sale to see if the price offered covers that cost. J. Picco agreed. T. Babbitt noted he would inquire. This item would have to go to town meeting.**

5. Old Business

- a. **Discussion and possible action on Social Media Policy – No new information received.**

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

- a. **MOTION:** Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by J. Picco, to bring the property of 15 Susan Ave. onto the agenda for discussion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

T. Babbitt noted he received an update late this afternoon that the court denied the owner's request to open the case for summary judgement. We are not waiting to find out what the appeal period is but the attorney feels comfortable that we will be able to move forward.

- b. **MOTION:** Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by J. Picco, to bring COVID update onto the agenda for discussion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

T. Babbitt noted the steady rise in positive numbers since July 4th. He also commented the Department of Health reached out to him and is interested in helping to get the testing and vaccination numbers up in Griswold and offered them his support and any assistance they may need. He noted the 50 and underage group as the most unvaccinated.

- c. **MOTION:** Motion was made by R. Grabowski, seconded by J. Picco, to bring the Alarm Ordinance onto the agenda for discussion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

R. Grabowski noted at one of the items proposed is a fine for multiple false alarm calls to the fire departments. It is mostly commercial and multi-family dwellings that generate the false alarms and the Ordinance Committee wants to know if single family residences should also be subject to the fine. T. Babbitt and J. Picco both felt single family residences should not be subject to the fine. The committee also wanted to know who the Board thinks would be responsible for enforcing the fees. T. Babbitt noted the Fire Marshal would be the likely person to tract the paperwork for the alarm systems and collect the fines.

- d. **MOTION:** Motion was made by J. Picco, seconded by R. Grabowski, to bring the issue of the rooster in Jewett City onto the agenda for discussion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

T. Babbitt noted they went through the whole process regarding the rooster, including the CHRO hearing. After the hearing the rooster died.

7. Public Forum

Dave Vieaux – Leha Ave. – D. Vieaux voiced his concern about the lack of control over dirt bikes and quads coming into the neighborhood to adjacent properties and offloading to ride. T. Babbitt noted he would speak with someone.

Ransom Young – Rixtown Road – R. Young noted he will accept the reappointment to the Rixtown Cemetery committee. He also noted he has not been able to do much work at the cemetery recently but will shortly. He also commented that the work on Richardson Hill Road looks good.

Dave Vieaux – Leha Ave.- D. Vieaux asked for updates on projects in town. T. Babbitt commented on Heritage Village, Flagg RV and Patrylo's Garage.

8. Adjournment

MOTION: Motion was made by J. Picco, seconded by T. Babbitt, to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Lisa M. Wood,
Executive Assistant