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**Town of Griswold**  
**Board of Selectmen**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**August 14, 2018**  
**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  
1 member of the press  
5 other interested citizens

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

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

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

- b. **August 7, 2018 – Special Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by E. Burke, to approve the August 7, 2018 special meeting minutes as submitted. **Motion carried. S. Merchant abstained.**

5. **Correspondence** - None

## 6. New Business

- a. **Discussion and possible action on sixteen tax refunds for a total of \$1277.03 as presented by Leona Sharkey, Tax Collector**

**MOTION:** Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by E. Burke to approve the sixteen tax refunds for a total of \$1277.03. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- b. **Discussion and possible action on changing the hours and description of part-time recreation position** – T. Babbitt gave a brief explanation of the request to increase the hours of a part-time worker at the recreation department to 35 hours per week. T. Babbitt noted it would be better to wait to the budget cycle and there will probably be issues the union would want to address. **No action was taken.**

- c. **Discussion and possible action on quotes for work to be performed at Recreation Center** – T. Babbitt noted there were two quotes received for work to be performed at the recreation center. Both contractors appeared to be licensed and the descriptions of the work to be performed seem to be the same with the only difference being the price.

**MOTION:** Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by T. Babbitt, to accept the proposal of Burelle Builders for the amount of \$3240. **Motion carried. E. Burke abstained.**

- d. **Discussion and possible action on structure of ordinance committee and possible appointment of an alternate member** – T. Babbitt noted the structure of the ordinance committee requires an employee member. Since he has left the Commission there has been no employee from the town or BOE that wishes to fill the position. If changed to a resident member, we do have an interested person.

**MOTION:** Motion was made by E. Burke, seconded by S. Merchant, to change the structure of the Ordinance Committee by removing the town employee requirement and replacing it with a resident. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**MOTION:** Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by S. Merchant, to appoint Dave Vieaux as an alternate member of the Ordinance Committee. **Motion carried unanimously.**

## 7. Old Business

- a. **Discussion and possible action on forming a committee of residents/businesses to evaluate the continuation of the Borough and possible appointments – tabled from 7/24/18** – E. Burke did mention there is another person interested on serving on the committee. It was also discussed having an odd number of members.

**MOTION:** Motion was made by E. Burke, seconded by T. Babbitt that the committee consist of seven members. **Motion carried unanimously.**

#### **8. Any Other Business that may properly come before the Board**

**MOTION:** Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by S. Merchant, to bring onto the agenda for discussion and possible action of allowing the Sr. Center to apply for the small cities grant for their proposed project on Taylor Hill. **Motion carried unanimously.**

T. Babbitt noted that as discussed before, both the Borough and the Town are eligible to apply for the SCBG. He would like to work with the Town Planner to put a package together and get an early start on it.

**MOTION:** Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by E. Burke, to allow the First Selectman and the Town Planer to put together a package for SCBG program for the new Senior Center project on Taylor Hill. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**MOTION:** Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by S. Merchant, to bring onto the agenda for discussion and possible action, placement of a display cabinet in the Town Hall lobby. **Motion carried unanimously.**

E. Burke noted he has a display cabinet he would like to offer to be placed in the town hall lobby for local artisans to display their arts and homemade items. E. Burke noted he would get the Griswold Artisans group to put an outline together of what would be allowed to be placed in the cabinet and oversee the cabinet.

#### **9. Public Forum**

**James Barnie – Hopeville Rd.** – J. Barnie wanted to know if the ordinance committee structure could be changed by the BOS or had to go through the ordinance committee. T. Babbitt noted the structure was set by the BOS and can be changed by them and is not an ordinance.

**Steve Douglas – Bitgood Rd.** – S. Douglas had several questions about Lee Rd. T. Babbitt responded. There was additional information to be looked into.

**Sharon Viadella – Lester Rd.** – S. Viadella noted shouldn't there be some kind of proof seen of who owns Lee Rd. before the state can buy the property. T. Babbitt noted the state should do that research and have to show it.

**Steve Douglas – Bitgood Rd.** – S. Douglas noted he sent an FOI request to DAS for the survey maps they recently did on Lee Rd. area. He received one map which noted there were three. He is requesting the other two maps be sent to him.

**Dave Vieaux – Leha Ave.** – D. Vieaux questioned even if the state owns the road is there a possibility there may be a private or utility right-of-way. He also wanted to know what was going on with the blight issues in town such as Petrillo’s garage. T. Babbitt provided an update on Petrillo’s garage and the towns incurred expenses to date. D. Vieaux also asked about the boats and car abandoned in the field across from the public works garage.

**Sharon Viadella – Lester Rd.** – S. Viadella asked for an update on development in town. T. Babbitt provided a brief update.

**John Connelly – Carely Ave.** – J. Connelly asked about a TGIF coming to town. T. Babbitt noted he had not heard that.

**Steve Douglas – Bitgood Rd.** – S. Douglas wanted to know if T. Babbitt was aware of the sink hole down on Rt. 12 and what caused it. T. Babbitt noted he was and feels it was probably a dry well.

#### **10. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Motion was made by E. Burke, seconded by S. Merchant, to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**



**Lisa M. Wood,  
Executive Assistant**