

Ann P. Minor, Asst.
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Town of Griswold
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
Downstairs Meeting Room
Town Hall – 28 Main Street
August 24, 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
Erik Christensen, Finance Director
3 other interested citizens

- 2. Pledge of Allegiance – Pledge was cited**

- 3. Approval of Minutes**

- a. August 10, 2021 – Regular Meeting Minutes**

MOTION: Motion was made by J. Picco, seconded by R. Grabowski, to approve the August 10, 2021, regular meeting minutes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- 4. Correspondence - None**

- 5. New Business**

- a. Discussion and possible action on five tax refunds for a total of \$1296.71 as presented by Leona Sharkey, Tax Collector**

MOTION: Motion was made by R. Grabowski, seconded by J. Picco, to approve the five tax refunds for a total of \$1296.71 as presented by the Tax Collection. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- b. Discussion and possible action on reappointment of Pat Peltier as a member of the Rixtown Cemetery Committee for a term of 4/24/2021 – 4/23/2027**

MOTION: Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by R. Grabowski, to re-appoint Pat Peltier as a member of the Rixtown Cemetery Committee for a term of 4/24/2021 – 4/23/2027. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- c. **Discussion and possible action on authorizing the First Selectmen to sign an Agreement with NECCOG for continuation of animal control services – T.** Babbitt noted the price for the contract went down \$180. It was noted the town has used these services for a while now and is cost effective due to the cost of insurance. It was also noted that they are able to provide more coverage and more services.

MOTION: Motion was made by R. Grabowski, seconded by J. Picco, to authorize the First Selectman to sign an agreement with NECCOG for continuation of animal control services. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- d. **Discussion and possible action on proposed peddler’s ordinance – R.** Grabowski noted that this ordinance mirrors what the Borough uses with the exception of changing some minor language. It was noted that hours allowed to vend should be included and that it may take up to 48 hours to approve the application and create an ID. This item went back to the Ordinance Committee to consider the suggestions.
- e. **Discussion and possible action on proposed changes to ordinance Chapter 193 Smoking – R.** Grabowski commented definitions were changes to include cannabis and other smoking items. It was decided to have the Ordinance Committee review the ordinance again and its reference to “or property”.

- f. **Executive Session: Discussion and update on building official status**

MOTION: Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by J. Picco, to move item 5f and 5 g to after Public Forum. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- g. **Discussion and possible action on building official status**

6. Old Business

- a. **Discussion and possible action on Social Media Policy –** There were no updates
- b. **Discussion and possible action on offer from James & Linda Mackin to purchase a piece of property at 1730 Glasgo Road – T.** Babbitt noted the attorney costs incurred for the property was \$2,994.50. He has agreed to bill the difference of what the property is sold for. He also commented there was in error in not conveying it years ago when a subdivision occurred. It was also noted that it is not likely anyone would be willing to pay \$3,000 for that parcel of land.

MOTION: Motion was made by R. Grabowski, seconded by J. Picco, to approve the \$500 purchase price from James and Linda Mackin and to forward to town meeting for approval. **Motion carried unanimously.**

MOTION: Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by J. Picco, to schedule a tentative special town meeting for September 23, 2021, at 6 PM in the town hall meeting room for the sale of property on Glasgow Road and any ordinances that are ready to go to town meeting by that date. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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

- a. **MOTION:** Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by J. Picco, to add update on COVID status to the agenda. **Motion carried unanimously.**

T. Babbitt noted the increase in the current numbers and the vaccination rate for the town. There was also brief discussion on not wanting to approve a town wide mask mandate at this time.

8. Public Forum

Dave Vicaux – Leha Ave. – D. Vicaux mentioned the safety issues with the memorial site that has been established on Voluntown Road. T. Babbitt noted the state is supposed to address this issue this week with the families involved.

Dave Bennett -- Dina Lane -- D. Bennett asked if there was any new information on the data centers. T. Babbitt noted the last information received was they are supposed to be coming to town mid-September and closing on the properties by the end of November.

5. New Business (continued)

- f. **Executive Session:** Discussion and update on building official status

MOTION: Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by R. Grabowski, to enter into executive session and to invite in Erik Christensen at 6:29 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

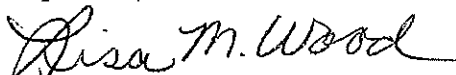
MOTION: Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by J. Picco, to come out of executive session at 6:45 PM with no action taken. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- g. **Discussion and possible action on building official status** – There was no discussion or action taken.

9. Adjournment

MOTION: Motion was made by J. Picco, seconded by R. Grabowski, to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Lisa M. Wood,
Executive Assistant