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Town of Griswold
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
August 28, 2018
6:00 PM
Downstairs Meeting Room
28 Main 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, Second Selectman
Ed Burke, Third Selectman

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

2. **Notification of Emergency Exits** – Emergency exits were noted.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Pledge was cited.
4. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. **August 14, 2018 – Special Meeting Minutes**
 - b. **August 14, 2018 – Regular Meeting Minutes**

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by E. Burke, to approve both the August 14, 2018 special and regular meeting minutes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

5. **Correspondence – Letter of resignation from Erick Christensen, Finance Director** – This letter of resignation was noted as received. There were also two other correspondence noted as received. One was a resignation from Brooke Deiger, Registrar of Voters and the other was an email from Eversource noting their offer to extend the deadline for gas hookup at the school campus.

6. New Business

- a. **Discussion and possible action on seventeen tax refunds for a total of \$942.45 as presented by Leona Sharkey, Tax Collector**

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by T. Babbitt to approve the seventeen tax refunds for a total of \$942.45. **Motion carried unanimously.**

7. Old Business

- a. **Discussion and possible action on appointment of members to the committee to evaluate the continuation of the Borough and possible appointments** – There was brief discussion noting that last meeting it was decided to appoint seven members to this committee. There were seven letters of interest received.

MOTION: Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by E. Burke, to appoint all seven (Martin McKinney, James Barnie, Dave Vieaux, Larry Laidley, Atty. Stuart Norman, Dana Bennett, Thomas Gaudreau) who expressed interest in serving on the committee. **Motion carried unanimously.**

There is no end date to this term and members will serve until the committee has completed evaluation and provided their findings.

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

MOTION: Motion was made by E. Burke, seconded by S. Merchant, to bring discussion of a recent Norwich Bulletin article onto the agenda for discussion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

E. Burke noted the title of the article “Jewett City to get rid of the Borough” and he noted that is not the intent of the committee at all, but whether to see if the continuation of the Borough is in the best interest of the Town.

9. Public Forum

Ransom Young – Rixtown Rd. – R. Young noted the remaining or closing of the Borough should be based on a cost issue. He also inquired about crack sealing on Rixtown Rd. and the use of the grant money for maintenance of the cemetery, and trees on Red Barn Rd. He also asked for an update on the gas line progress at the school and provision for emergency for lack of supply.

Sharon Viadella – Lester Rd. – S. Viadella asked if the gas lines were completed up to the school. T. Babbitt noted all but the high school were completed up to the school.

Steve Douglas – Bitgood Rd. – S. Douglas asked about the deadline extension from Eversource. T. Babbitt noted they extended the hookup until spring break. S. Douglas noted that Tom Gaudreau could not be present tonight because he was celebrating his 52nd anniversary with his wife and he asked Mr. Douglas to relay that. T. Babbitt noted he can inform Mr. Gaudreau he will be receiving a letter regarding his appointment from tonight. S. Douglas thanked T. Babbitt and L. Wood for providing him with the information he requested. He also noted that according to the information that it appears the town never owned Lee Rd. He continued to inquire to the possibility of the town taking ownership of that section of Lee Rd. if it can be connected to the public roadway system and wanted to know if the DAS made the improvements to the other roads if the BOS would support taking that part of Lee Rd. T. Babbitt noted there is a process for that and would have to look into it. The BOS would consider it if there was not cost or disadvantage to the town. T. Gaudreau also wanted to know if Atty. Willis had provided a cost for the research yet and T. Babbitt noted he has not.

Dave Vieaux – Leha Ave. – D. Vieaux questioned the allowance of the containers that are on the property of East Coast Auto according to section 11-20 of the zoning regulations and that a possible tax break cannot be granted if they are not in compliance.

Ransom Young – Rixtown Rd. – R. Young noted the containers at East Coast may have been allowed if they went before Planning & Zoning. R. Young also wanted to know why the town has so many catch basins. T. Babbitt noted they are required every 300 feet unless there is sheet flow. R. Young asked for an explanation of sheet flow and if an easement was needed. E. Burke asked for a point of order. R. Young noted how a former town planner explained to him the standard for road developments and acceptance of them.

10. Adjournment

MOTION: Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by E. Burke, to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Lisa M. Wood,
Executive Assistant