



Town of Griswold
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
September 24, 2019
6:00 PM
Griswold Town Hall
28 Main St., Jewett City, CT 06351



J. D. Keane
2019 SEP 25 PM 3:09

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
10 other interested citizens

2. **Notification of Emergency Exits** – Emergency exits were noted
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Pledge was cited
4. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. **September 10, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes**
 - b. **September 16, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes**

MOTION: Motion was made by E. Burke, seconded by S. Merchant to approve the September 10, 2019 regular meeting minutes and the September 16, 2019 special meeting minutes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

5. **Correspondence** - Letter of appreciation from BOE and Griswold Public Schools – Letter from BOE was noted as received as well as a thank you card from the Slater Library and an official letter of resignation from the current Bookkeeper.
6. **New Business**
 - a. **Discussion and possible action on 10 tax refunds for a total of \$2,731.47 as presented by Leona Sharkey, Tax Collector**

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by T. Babbitt, to approve the ten tax refunds for a total of \$2,731.47 as presented by the tax collector. **Motion carried. T. Babbitt and S. Merchant in favor. E. Burke abstained.**

- b. Discussion and possible action on approval of fireworks contract with Atlas Pro Vision Entertainment Group, Inc.** – T. Babbitt noted this is basically the same contract as last year with a different date.

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by T. Babbitt, to allow the First Selectman to sign the fireworks contract with Atlas ProVision with a date 7/2/2020 and a rain date of 7/5/2020. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- c. Discussion and possible action on appointment of Dawn Mattos as an alternate member of the IWWCC for a two year term of 9/24/2019 – 9/23/2021**

MOTION: Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by S. Merchant, to appoint Dawn Mattos as an alternate member of the IWWCC for a two year term of 9/24/2019 – 9/23/2021. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- d. Discussion and possible action on authorization of First Selectman to sign contract with NECCOG for back-up animal services** – T. Babbitt noted that there has been a savings by outsourcing services with NECCOG as opposed to the cost of hiring our own animal control, with the exception of last year when one dog was in ICU for two weeks which was mandated by state law.

MOTION: Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by S. Merchant, to stay with NECCOG for animal services based on cost savings. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- e. Discussion and possible action on approval of 2020 meeting dates**

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by E. Burke, to approve the proposed 2020 meeting dates. **Motion carried unanimously.**

7. Old Business

- a. Discussion and possible action on adding an additional public forum to the beginning of BOS regular meeting agendas** -- T. Babbitt noted there was a brief response from the Town Attorney noting his feeling that there is no need to have public forum twice, but once at either the beginning or the end of the meeting. There was brief discussion about the pros and cons.

MOTION: Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by S. Merchant, to take no action on this item and let the incoming discuss under old business. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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

- a. MOTION:** Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by E. Burke, to add to the agenda for discussion and possible action, the addition of two members to the Rixtown Cemetery Committee and possibly filling those positions. **Motion carried unanimously.**

T. Babbitt noted there have been two meetings of the newly formed Rixtown Cemetery Committee and discovered there is a lot of work that has been done and it would be beneficial to extend the number of members of the committee from 3 to 5. There are a couple people who have attended the last two meetings and are interested.

MOTION: Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by E. Burke, to extend the number of members of the Rixtown Cemetery Committee from 3 to 5 and we add Ransom Young and Pat Peltier to those positions. **Motion carried unanimously.**

9. Public Forum

Ed Berdick – Voluntown Rd. – E. Berdick thanked the BOS for their support in planting of the white oak and wanted to know if there were any plans for spraying the mosquitoes to help prevent spreading of EEE. T. Babbitt noted he heard from UNCAS Health today and it does not seem like the state is willing to spray but may offer guidance to towns that are. He did note there are two organic applications being town in preparation for upcoming town events, but will check with the state to see what they can offer as far as guidelines.

Dave Vieaux – Leha Ave. – D. Vieaux noted the state should be encouraged to cooperate with spraying since a majority of the property is the state forest.

Ryan Snide – Tatro Rd. – R. Snide suggested the use of bats for natural ratification of the mosquitoes.

Ransom Young – Rixtown Rd. – R. Young thanked the BOS for the appointment to the Rixtown Cemetery Committee and noted that he felt that bats would not be able to control the current infestation of mosquitoes.

John Connelly – Carely Ave. J. Connelly asked about the status of changing the name of the Jewett City PO to Griswold PO. T. Babbitt noted the letter has been sent in and Congressman Courtney's office is looking into it.

Sharon Viadella – Lester Rd. – S. Viadella although the CCC statute ceremony is complete, the FOPF are not going anywhere and will continue with projects.

9. 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,



Lisa M. Wood,
Executive Assistant