

**TOWN OF GRISWOLD  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
OCTOBER 8, 2019  
MINUTES**

The Special Town Meeting held in the Griswold Town Hall, Main Meeting Room, 28 Main Street, Griswold, CT on October 8, 2019 was called to order by First Selectman Todd Babbitt at 5:30pm.  
Also present: Selectmen Steven Merchant Sr., Edmund Burke, and Registrar of Voter Pamela Patalano. Norwich Bulletin reporter John Barry and approximately 35 interested townspeople.

First Selectman Babbitt noted the Emergency exits.

**Nomination for Moderator:**

Laurie Sorder nominated Ed Berdick, he declined since he would be speaking. Selectman Merchant nominated Todd Babbitt as moderator, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chester Greczkowski. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

**VOTE UNANIMOUS  
TODD BABBITT WAS DULY CHOSEN MODERATOR**

**WARNING** was read by Town Clerk, Valerie Pudvah.

**Shall the Town acquire from St. Anne's Church Corporation of Glasgo, for the sum of one dollar, a parcel of land containing 1.40+ acres, known as 1861 Glasgo Road (State Route 201) and shown on Town of Griswold Tax Assessor's Map 77, Block 119 Lot 195, with deed recorded as Vol. 37 Page 28 in the Griswold Town Clerk's Office?**

Moderator Babbitt reread the warning.

Moderator asked for a motion to approve the question. Chester Greczkowski made motion to approve the question 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Champagne. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

Moderator opened the meeting up for discussion.

C. Greczkowski opened the meeting up by showing a photo of a monument by the Glasgo Finishing Co. that is dedicated to the men that fought during WWII that is on the church property.

Ed Berdick supports the purchase. He went over his reasons for supporting the purchase which are outlined in his memorandum to the Board of Selectmen. A number of residents spoke out in support of the project, a few questioned the cost of the project, how it would be funded if it were to be bought and who would be doing the work.

Laurie Sorder asked if there were an emergent need that needs to be fixed right away. Ed. Berdick noted that there is no running water, no heat, it is not turnkey ready. He spoke of getting volunteers that would help do the work.

First Selectman Babbitt didn't think there was anything that we aware of that needs to be done right away.

Moderator Babbitt asked for any further discussion, hearing none he closed the discussion.

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Motion made by Dave Vieaux to close discussion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Laurie Sorder. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

Vote was taken by paper ballot.

YES to purchase

NO not to purchase

YES

32

NO

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ABSTAINED

1

**VOTE PASSES**

Meeting closed by Moderator Babbitt at 5:56pm.

Valerie Pudvah, Town Clerk