

**TOWN OF GRISWOLD
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 27, 2018**

The Special Town Meeting held in the Griswold Senior Center, 22 Soule Street, Griswold, CT at 5:00pm was called to order by First Selectman Todd Babbitt.

Also present: Selectmen, Steven Merchant, Sr., Ed Burke, Registrar of Voter, Indigo Cohen and about 65 interested townspeople.

The board and audience performed the Pledge of Allegiance.

WARNING was read by Town Clerk Valerie Pudvah.

1. Shall the Town of Griswold approve the sale of land/property located at 7 Lake Road for the sum of \$30,000 to Quest IRA, Inc. FBO John A. Wolkowski?

2. Addition of new ordinance: GUN RANGE ORDINANCE

NOMINATION FOR MODERATOR:

Steve Mikutel made motion to nominate Ed. Berdick as moderator, 2nd by Steve Douglas. All in favor, aye. Motion carries. Nominations closed.

Moderator Berdick asked to move ITEM #2 **Gun Range Ordinance** to be first on the agenda of the meeting. He asked for any objections hearing none, motion was made by First Selectman Babbitt to move the item, 2nd by Ryan Snide. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

Moderator Berdick asked Mr. Steven Douglas to read the GUN RANGE ORDINACE.
(see attached)

Moderator Berdick asked for a made motion to adopt the proposed Gun Range Ordinance as read by Mr. Douglas. Motion was made by Ken Willey, 2nd by Sharon Viadella. All in favor, aye. Motion passes.

Moderator Berdick opened the meeting up for discussion.

Steve Mikutel thanked Mr. Douglas on developing this ordinance, and following through on this with the local officials. He also thanked the Board of Selectmen. Mikutel noted that it is important to send a message to Hartford that this is not wanted in this community. Mr. Mikutel also stated that the State does not have to follow or abide by this ordinance.

Judy Merrill questioned if this has been reviewed by the attorney and the ordinance committee. First Selectman Babbitt stated yes.

Mike Robbins asked if the State would pay the \$250.00 violation fee, it was noted that they are exempt from any fine.

Steve Douglas asked if a private owner hired an instructor is that in violation. Pam Patalano noted that as long as it is not a gun range it is ok.

Hearing no further discussion, motion made to close discussion. Vote was taken by a show of hands. Todd Babbitt did the count.

**YES 64
NO 0
ABSTAINED 3
ITEM #2 PASSED**

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Moderator Berdick asked for a motion to bring Item #1 back on the agenda.

First Selectman Babbitt made motion to bring Item #1 back on the agenda, 2nd by Selectman Merchant. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

1. Shall the Town of Griswold approve the sale of land/property located at 7 Lake Road for the sum of \$30,000 to Quest IRA, Inc. FBO John A. Wolkowski?

Moderator Berdick asked for a motion to adopt Item #1. Motion made by M. Willey, 2nd by S. Douglas. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

Moderator Berdick opened Item #1 for discussion.

First Selectman Babbitt gave a little history of the property, he hopes that we will be able to recoup some of the money that was spent and to be able to put it back on the tax rolls.

There was discussion on how many people looked at the property, the value of the property, how many bids were submitted for it. There was one bid submitted for the property.

Moderator Berdick asked for any further discussion, hearing none, Judy Merrill made motion to close discussion, 2nd by Steve Douglas. Motion made by Todd Babbitt to approve the sale of 7 Lake Road for \$30,000 to Quest IRA Inc., 2nd by Selectman Burke. All in favor, aye. Motion passes.

Vote was taken by a show of hands.

**YES 60
NO 0
ABSTAINED 5
ITEM #1 PASSED**

Motion to adjourn made by First Selectman Babbitt, 2nd by Selectman Burke. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

Meeting duly adjourned at 5:32pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Valerie Pudvah, Town Clerk