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Valerie Pudvah

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
MINUTES  
JUNE 8, 2021**

The **Special Town Meeting** held in the Griswold Middle School, Cafeteria, 211 Slater Avenue, Griswold CT at 7:00 pm was called to order by First Selectman Todd Babbitt.

Also, present Selectman Richard Grabowski, Selectman Jared Picco and about 20 interested townspeople.

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

**NOMINATION FOR MODERATOR:**

Pamela Patalano nominated Leona Sharkey as moderator, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jennifer Gauthier. All in favor, aye. Motion carries. Nominations closed.

**VOTE UNANIMOUS  
LEONA SHARKEY DULY CHOSEN MODERATOR**

**Moderator Sharkey read Item 1.**

- Shall the Town acquire from Joanne Marushak, Elizabeth Moriarty, and Paul Pettersen, for the sum of one dollar, a parcel of land containing 13.4+ acres as open space, known as **741 Voluntown Road** and shown on Town of Griswold Tax Assessor's Map 56, Block 122, Lot 6, with deed recorded as V 328 P 254 in the Griswold Town Clerk's Office?

**Motion** from the floor to approve Item 1 made by Richard Grabowski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Vieaux. Any discussions?

Stuart Norman Jr asked if it is Open Space will there be any restrictions for what it can be used for?

First Selectman Babbitt noted that under the Zoning Regulations there are 2 classifications for Open Space, the first is Open Space preservation which is usually for habitat and forestry preservation, the second is Passive Recreational which is for hiking paths, bike and walking trails, no motorized vehicles.

Richard Grabowski amended his motion to be **passive recreation**, Moderator Sharkey reread the call to read "Shall the Town acquire from Joanne Marushk, Elizabeth Moriarty and Paul Pettersen for the sum of one dollar a parcel of land containing 13.4+ acres as open space for **passive recreational** use, known as 741 Voluntown Road and shown on Town of Griswold Tax Assessor's Map 56, Block 122, Lot 6 with deed recorded as V 328 P 254 in the Griswold Town Clerk's Office?" 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Vieaux. Any further discussion. Stuart asked if an Affidavit had been done by the owners stating that there is no hazardous waste on the property. Todd stated that a title search was done but did not have any information on that, he will check into it.

Moderator asked for any further discussion, hearing none, R. Grabowski, made motion to close discussion. 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Vieaux.

All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

Moderator asked for a show of hands vote.

**YES 16 NO 0  
VOTE PASSED**

**Moderator Sharkey read Item 2.**

- Shall the Town acquire from Bruce Patterson for the sum of one dollar, a parcel of land containing 0.28+ acres, known as **45 Rillbrook Road** and shown on the Town of Griswold Tax Assessor's Map 5, Block 166, Lot 11, with deed recorded as V 108 P 76 in the Griswold Town Clerk's Office?

**Motion** from the floor to approve Item 2 made by J. Picco, 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Grabowski. Moderator asked for discussion.

Stuart Norman asked about the hazardous waste Affidavit for this property as well. Todd will check on this.

Moderator asked for any further questions. Hearing none, R. Grabowski made motion to close discussion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by P. Patalano. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

Moderator asked for a vote by a show of hands.

YES 16 NO 0  
VOTE PASSED

**Moderator Sharkey read Item 3.**

- Shall the Town acquire two parcels of land for the sum of one dollar each for the creation of a cul-de-sac on St. John Road? **First parcel** to be acquired from Donald R. & Eve F. St. John containing 2,971+ square feet, known as a portion of **152 St. John Road** and shown on the Town of Griswold Tax Assessor's Map 37 Block 28, Lot 56, with deed acquired as V 276 P 1007 in the Griswold Town Clerk's Office.
- **Second parcel** to be acquired from Eric St. John containing 3,485+ square feet, known as a portion of **100 St. John Road** and shown on the Town of Griswold Tax Assessor's Map 36, Block 28, Lot 55, with deed recorded as V 365 P 789 in the Griswold Town Clerk's Office.

**Motion** to approve Item #3 made by T. Babbitt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Picco. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

Moderator Sharkey opened up for discussion. Ed Berdick asked what the purpose of this is. T. Babbitt noted that it was for the school buses, garbage truck, town vehicles that turn around on private property and have caused damage to the property. He noted it would be a win win for everyone.

Jennifer Gauthier asked who is paying for the split and if there are any outbuildings on the land? Boundaries is doing the adjustment and there is no fee and there are no buildings on the land.

Hearing no further discussion, R. Grabowski made motion to close discussion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by T. Babbitt. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

Moderator asked for a vote by a show of hands.

YES 17 NO 0  
VOTE PASSED

Motion to adjourn by R. Grabowski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by T. Babbitt. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

Meeting duly adjourned at 7:16pm.

Respectfully submitted by,



Valerie Pudvah, Griswold Town Clerk