Town of Griswold
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
January 22, 2019
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
   3 interested citizens

2. Notification of Emergency Exits – Emergency exits were noted

3. Pledge of Allegiance – Pledge was cited

4. Approval of Minutes
   a. January 8, 2019 – Special Meeting Minutes
   b. January 8, 2019 – Regular Meeting Minutes

   MOTION: Motion was made by E. Burke, seconded by S. Merchant, to approve both the January 8, 2019 special meeting minutes and regular meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Correspondence - None

6. New Business
   a. Discussion and possible action on five tax refunds for a total of $4,802.37 as presented by Leona Sharkey, Tax Collector

   MOTION: Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by E. Burke, to approve the five tax refunds for a total of $4,802.37 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
b. Discussion and possible action reappointment of Mark Sulik as a member of the Ethics Commission for a three year term of 3/6/2019 – 3/5/2022

**MOTION:** Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by E. Burke, to reappoint Mark Sulik as a member of the Ethics Commission for a three year term of 3/6/2019 – 3/5/2022. **Motion carried unanimously.**

c. Discussion and possible action on authorizing the First Selectman to submit to Urban Action Grant funding for Extension of Infrastructure and New Senior Center

**MOTION:** Motion was made by E. Burke, seconded by S. Merchant, to authorize the First Selectman to submit to Urban Action Grant funding for Extension of Infrastructure and New Senior Center. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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

a. **MOTION:** Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by S. Merchant, to bring onto the agenda for discussion and possible action, the letter from the Superintendent of Schools regarding request for Laurie Sorder to remain on the CIP until the end of the fiscal year. **Motion carried unanimously.**

There was minimal discussion. It was noted that L. Sorder resigned as a member of the BOE and currently serves on the CIP as the BOE representative member.

**MOTION:** Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by T. Babbitt, to allow L. Sorder to continue to serve on the CIP as the BOE representative member to June 30, 2019. **Motion carried unanimously.**

b. **MOTION:** Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by S. Merchant, to bring the item of the Glasgo/St. Anne’s church onto the agenda for discussion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

T. Babbitt mentioned that St. Anne’s has a church in Glasgo that has been closed for some time. The church is interested in giving the Church to the Town. It has been suggested to the Griswold Historical Society that this might be a place for GHS is currently located on the third floor of the library and does not have access. The church does have a ramp in the back. There is a scheduled visit the church property next Tuesday. Anyone is welcome to attend. E. Burke as to if the property would be open for use by the rest of the town residents. Babbitt suggested there would be a better feel for how the property could be after the walk.
8. Public Forum

**Dave Vieaux** – Leha Ave. – D. Vieaux wandered if the church site being considered for the
GHS would be more like a museum for the history of Griswold. T. Babbitt noted it will be
better understood after the walk what the use could be and suggested maybe it would be
more appropriate quarters and residents would be able to donate memorabilia they have to be
displayed. D. Vieaux also noted the increase in cars at the Petrillo garage site.

**Ed Berdick** – Voluntown Rd. – E. Berdick noted his support for the option of the GHS
using the church for display. He also suggested putting an ad out informing the public there
is a place available for donations to be displayed. He also noted stuff could be displayed in a
cabinet in the town hall foyer to be changed out a couple times a year. He also commended
T. Babbitt for taking action on issues in town that are difficult to face but need to be
addressed.

9. Adjournment

**MOTION**: Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by E. Burke, to adjourn the
meeting at 6:23 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,

[Signature]

Lisa M. Wood,
Executive Assistant