Town of Griswold
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
October 8, 2019
6:00 PM
Griswold Town Hall
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 Sr., Second Selectman
Ed Burke, Third Selectman

Others Present: Lisa M. Wood, Executive Assistant
Tina Falck, Senior Center Director
14 interested citizens
1 member of the press

2. Notification of Emergency Exits – Emergency exits were noted

3. Pledge of Allegiance - Pledge was cited

4. Approval of Minutes

a. September 24, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by E. Burke, to approve the September 24, 2019 regular meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Correspondence - None

6. New Business

a. Discussion and possible action on four tax refunds for a total of $445.48 as presented by Leona Sharkey, Tax Collector

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by T. Babbitt, to approve the four tax refunds for a total of $445.48 as presented by Leona Sharkey, Tax
b. Discussion and possible action on “Amendment No. 5 to Agreement Between Southeastern Connecticut Regional Resources Recovery Authority and Town of Griswold a Municipality of the State of Connecticut to Provide Solid Waste Management Services” — T. Babbitt gave an overview of the agreement which basically changes the place our solid waste is brought to. He noted it would, starting January 1, 2021, be brought to Wheelabrator in Lisbon instead of Preston as it would be more cost effective. He also noted the tipping fee would be $59 per ton instead of roughly $78 per ton to stay with Preston. E. Burke asked what the percentage increase would be and T. Babbitt replied it would be fixed at $59 per ton.

**MOTION**: Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by T. Babbitt, to approve the “Amendment No. 5 to Agreement Between Southeastern Connecticut Regional Resources Recovery Authority and Town of Griswold a Municipality of the State of Connecticut to Provide Solid Waste Management Services”. **Motion carried unanimously.**

c. Discussion and possible action on multijurisdictional shelters

**MOTION**: Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by S. Merchant, to approve supporting multijurisdictional shelters.

T. Babbitt noted the Fire Marshal presented this to him. The state is exploring interest in establishing multijurisdictional shelters. This would streamline the process for the state and help defray costs and staffing needed by individual towns when there is minimal need to have a shelter open. Plainfield has offered to be the regional host which would include our town. The town may have to provide transportation to Plainfield for those that need it.

**Motion on the floor carried unanimously.**

7. **Old Business** - None

8. **Any Other Business that may properly come before the Board** - None

9. **Public Forum**

   **Tina Falck** — Sr. Center Director — T. Falck asked if we participate in the multijurisdictional sheltering would we still be able to open our local shelter if there was a need? T. Babbitt responded we would but would have to do our own paperwork, but it would still be an option.

   **Ed Berdick** — Voluntown Rd. — E. Berdick wanted to thank the town and public works for the help in planting of the white oak tree in recognition of the Centennial of the Connecticut Arborist Law. E. Berdick also asked, since there was a larger audience, for T. Babbitt to provide an on the referendum items that were passed. T. Babbitt provided updates on the three referendum projects that were passed for bonding.
Dave Vieaux – Leha Ave. – D. Vieaux asked for an update on the three incoming housing facilities and any other perspective commercial development. T. Babbitt provided a brief update on the three housing projects as well as possible other developments.

10. Adjournment

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa M. Wood,
Executive Assistant