Town of Griswold
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
June 11, 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 Sr., Second Selectman
   Ed Burke, Third Selectman

   Others Present: Lisa M. Wood, Executive Assistant
   5 other interested citizens

2. Notification of Emergency Exits – Exits were noted.

3. Pledge of Allegiance – Pledge was cited.

4. Approval of Minutes

   a. May 28, 2019 – Regular Meeting Minutes

      MOTION: Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by E. Burke, to approve the May
      28, 2019 regular meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Correspondence - None

6. New Business

   a. Discussion and possible action on tax refunds as presented by Leona Sharkey, Tax
      Collector – None

   b. Discussion and possible action on appointment of alternate member of the Recreation
      Commission to a regular member position to fill the unexpired portion of a term of
      5/15/16 – 5/14/22 – It was noted the Recreation Commission supported appointing Sarah
      Seifert to a regular member position.
MOTION: Motion was made by E. Burke, seconded by T. Babbitt, to appoint Sarah Seifert to a regular member position of the recreation commission to fill a term of 5/15/16 to 5/14/22. Motion carried unanimously.

*E. Burke left the room momentarily at 6:03 PM.

c. Discussion and possible action on designating a liaison for the 2019 Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act – T. Babbitt noted he spoke with Julie, the Finance Director about the close out report and she agreed to be the one to review it. 

MOTION: Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by S. Merchant, to appoint Julie Marcotte to serve as liaison for the 2019 Neighborhood Assistance Act. Motion carried. T. Babbitt and S. Merchant in favor.

7. Old Business

a. Discussion and possible action on the offer of St. Anne’s Church in Glasco – T. Babbitt gave a brief summary of possibly connecting the Friends of Pachaug Forest with the Historical Society to see if utilizing this building may be a joint possibility.

MOTION: Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by S. Merchant, to table this item. Motion carried. T. Babbitt and S. Merchant in favor.

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

a. MOTION: Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by S. Merchant, to bring the item of issuing tax bills at the same rate as this year onto the agenda for discussion and possible action. Motion carried. T. Babbitt and S. Merchant in favor.

T. Babbitt noted the Finance Director informed the BOF that there is enough surplus to pay expenses for two months. The concern is if the budget does not pass at the first referendum. The BOF will do a final vote tonight on sending out the tax bills. It costs $10,000 for a supplemental billing which is a fixed cost. It costs about $9600 per month for short term loan. However, if the BOF finalizes a budget tonight and the budget passes on the first time there may be no need for a supplemental billing. Language was provided by the Finance Director and BOF Chairman that says “The Board of Selectmen authorizes tax bills to be issued at the current rate for the year and supplemental bills to be issued based on the Board of Finance guidance after their meeting this evening.”

*E. Burke returned at 6:08 PM.

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by T. Babbitt, to authorize tax bills to be issued at the current rate for the year and supplemental bills to be issued based on the Board of Finance guidance after their meeting this evening. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Public Forum

Dave Vieux – Leha Ave. – D. Vieux commented on the status of shipping containers and in-law apartments.

John Connelly – Carely Ave. – J. Connelly mentioned his concern about a women residing in the area of Route 138, whom seems to have some psychological issues and is bothering residents.
Ransom Young – Rixtown Rd. – R. Young mentioned his concern about all veterans not having flags placed on their graves for the memorial day events and noted he had to obtain a permit for his connex box.

10. Adjournment

MOTION: Motion was made by E. Burke, seconded by T. Babbitt, to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa M. Wood,
Executive Assistant