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Board of Selectman
Special Meeting
August 11, 2020
6:00 PM
VIA ZOOM

MINUTES
1. Call to Order/Roll - Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Todd Babbitt, First Selectman

Members Present: Todd Babbitt, First Selectman (via zoom)
Richard Grabowski, Selectman (via zoom)
Jared Picco, Selectman (via zoom)

2. Approval of Minutes from July 28, 2020 special meeting. Motion made by R. Grabowski, seconded by J. Picco to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Correspondence was noted as being included in the packet for review.

4. New Business
   a. Tax refunds. Motion made by R. Grabowski to approve the tax refunds as presented by Leona Sharkey Tax Collector for a total of $3,693.41, seconded by J. Picco. Motion carried unanimously.
   b. Memorandum of agreement for Region 4 Homeland Security Grant Program. Motion made by R. Grabowski to authorize the First Selectman to sign the memorandum of agreement for the Region 4 Homeland Security Grant Program, seconded by J. Picco. Motion carried unanimously.
   c. Senior Center Name Change. Motion was made by R. Grabowski to change the name of the Griswold Senior Center to the Griswold Senior Community Wellness Center for grant purposes, seconded by J. Picco. Motion carried unanimously.
   d. Social media policy. Discussion by R. Grabowski about the Selectman reviewing the current draft policy along with the policy that was received from the school and providing input back to the First Selectman and Finance Director. Discussion by J. Picco about the same review process and the importance of social media use to communicate with the residents and making sure that it is used in the correct manner. Further discussion is necessary, and the item will be placed under old business on future agendas.

5. Old business - None

6. Any other business. Motion made by R. Grabowski to bring onto the agenda for discussion and possible action the status of Patrylo’s Garage on route 138. Seconded by T. Babbitt. R. Grabowski talked about the long duration of this property not paying taxes and that he wanted to foreclose on the property as this has gone on for far too long. T. Babbitt discussed about the joint meeting that we were trying to set up prior to COVID between DEEP, Brownfields and the DEEP underground tank division to better understand the level of ground contamination of this site and what part of funding may be covered through grants. This should be known before we
foreclose and become liable for a cleanup that far exceeds the property value and puts the liability onto the residents. Decision to work with Senator Somers office to try and get a virtual meeting established with all parties and get the process of evaluating the situation started.

7. Adjournment. Motion made by R. Grabowski to adjourn at 6:25 P.M., seconded by J. Picco. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

[Signature]

Todd M. Babbitt
First Selectman