



Town of Griswold
28 Main Street
Griswold, CT 06351
Board of Selectman
Special Meeting
Selectmen's Conference Room
2nd Floor, Town Hall
February 20, 2019
1:00 PM

J. O'Neill, Editor, asst.
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MINUTES

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call** – Meeting was called to order at 1:05 PM by Todd Babbitt, First Selectman

Members Present: Todd Babbitt, First Selectman
Steve Merchant, Second Selectman
Ed Burke, Third Selectman

Others Present:

T. Falck, Senior Center Director
Mario Tristany Jr. Town Planner
Paul Brycki, Housing Director
Timothy Sharkey, Borough Burgess
Laurie Sorder, Borough Burgess
Peter Huckins, Community Consulting

2. **Interviewing of Community Consulting as possible grant writer for Town of Griswold/Borough of Jewett City** – Peter Huckins of Community Consultants introduced himself and gave a brief outline of his experience. There were various questions back and forth about the types of funding available, what grant applications were most likely to be successful, how to get bonus points and the amount of funding available. The types of grant being discussed were Small Cities and it was discussed what grants the Town/Borough would like to apply for. P. Huckins did indicate he would be able to assist with whatever type of grant or program the Town/Borough would like to apply for. It was noted that grants for housing were more favorable. Strategies for applying were discussed. It was noted the best possibility of securing a grant would be to stick to a housing project and one that is shovel ready. There was continued discussion on other types of grants such as FEMA. It was discussed that payment is secured by a percentage only if the grant is secured through the consultant. It was also noted that the consultant firm handles the management accountability of the funding if secured. It was also noted that the applicant almost always has some financial responsibility of the project and that money needs to be accounted for. Having that financial responsibility will also award points to your

application. The possibility of taking advantage of the state program were you could have your major commercial taxpayers in town defer some of their tax payment that would normally go to the state be contributed to the town for a project, was discussed. It was noted the consultant could also help with this program. It was noted the consultant would confirm if the Town and the Borough could both apply for a grant on behalf of the Taylor Hill Project. T. Babbitt will ask Boundaries to draw a definitive line on that project plan as to the Town/Borough divider. It was also noted that both Town and Borough, at their next meeting, will vote on the hiring of the consultant. It was also noted that the BOS may have to address the fact that the senior center has already been given permission to apply for their grant.

3. Adjournment

MOTION: Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by E. Burke, to adjourn the meeting at 2:18 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Todd Babbitt,
First Selectman