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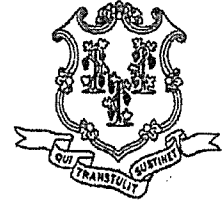
Board of Selectmen

Special Meeting

April 18, 2017

4:00 PM

Griswold Town Hall, Downstairs Meeting Room
28 Main St, Jewett City, CT 06351



MINUTES

1. **Call to Order/Roll** – Meeting was called to order at 4 PM by Kevin Skulczyck, First Selectman

Members Present: Kevin Skulczyck, First Selectman
Steve Merchant Sr., Second Selectman
Martin McKinney Jr., Third Selectman (arrived at 4:07 PM)

Others Present: Lisa M. Wood, Executive Assistant
Todd Babbitt, Road Superintendent
James Barnie, EDC Vice-Chair
Tim Sharkey, Borough Burgess
Laurie Sorder, Borough Burgess
Michele Demicco, GPS Business Manager
Veronica Szczerkowski, DEEP Utilities Examiner
Leo Gagnon, JCDPU
Atty. Mark Branse, Halloran & Sage (arrived at 5:13 PM)
Atty. Matt Willis, Halloran & Sage (arrived at 5:13 PM)
Atty. Richard Roberts, Halloran & Sage (arrived at 5:24 PM)

2. **Discussion and possible action on discussion of Micro Grid** - There was a brief introduction of the proposed Micro Grid. Discussion ensued about the length of the circuit originally to include JCFD, UCFS JC Pharmacy, Town Hall, Sr. Center, Eastern Savings Bank and Mobile gas station. Indirectly some houses would be served. This would be a closed circuit with reclosures rather than a dedicated line. The design work is to not exceed \$9850 and the project cost is \$100,000 – 125,000 dollars. It was discussed including the school at an additional cost guess of \$15,000. The possibility of the school would be to use it as a shelter in case of catastrophe. However, this would increase load and decrease the amount of run time allowed off the fuel. It was suggested investigating the possibility of converting the generator to propane. There was also discussion about how to monitor the dispersing of the gas as far as who is eligible to get gas and Mobile does not carry Diesel. It

was noted there is a generator at the PW garage and there is both diesel and regular gas there. There is also the issue of working out agreements with the private properties that would be included on the Micro Grid. It was suggested to have a meeting with the companies involved to be included on the Micro Grid.

V. Szczerkowski gave brief overview of the program through DEEP. The application is available online. The cost of the initial design is not covered under the program but the rest of the cost for the Micro Grid would be. There is a rolling application and money is available at this time. All requirements are available on line. She encouraged reaching out and working with the private companies. You can take the work done previously by CCAP and share it with a developer moving forward. There is a two week supply of on-site fuel needed and an additional two weeks outside the community. The grant would not currently cover the conversion of the generator to gas. You can make a second application after the first application is completed and operational.

It was also suggested running the Micro Grid to Brodeurs just beyond UCFS and that would generate the fuel supply. It was suggested having a public meeting with a presentation on the project and discussion on splitting the design costs. All applications can be viewed on-line and CCM has RFQ's that have been done.

3. **Discussion and possible action with Borough Board of Burgesses on road updates** – T. Sharkey asked why Balfour Ave. was selected for repair. T. Babbitt explained there was settling occurring there and according to the road survey that road was highest rated to be done. There is a lot of traffic that cuts through using that road. It was confirmed that most the road work done this year was done within the Borough limits including Belvedere, Hawkins and Hill. Balfour is half borough and half town. Erin Dr. was done outside of the borough. T. Babbitt noted that the CIP has already been cut and there are plans for further cuts. Brewster was scheduled to be done this coming year and is not sure if there will be money available for that. All the stop signs in the Borough have been brought up to date and the town signs are ordered. T. Sharkey asked about sidewalk improvements. T. Babbitt noted they were included as part of a Small Cities Grant that was denied. They are set to be included in an upcoming grant with the Sr. Center.

MOTION: Motion was made by M. McKinney, seconded by S. Merchant, to take a recess at 4:59 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by M. McKinney, to reconvene at 5:15 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

4. **Discussion and possible action with Attorney Matt Willis, Attorney Mark Branse and possible colleagues from Halloran and Sage** – Both attorneys gave a brief update on the status of their union with Halloran & Sage. It was noted they recently had several young attorneys move on in different direction and it came to be a matter of did they want to train someone else or join forces with Halloran & Sage. They decided to join Halloran & Sage as the practices were very similar in nature and Halloran & Sage could also use additional municipal law attorneys. It was noted the fee for the Town will remain the same at

\$185/hour. Both attorneys will continue to serve the town and are available as they were before. The only difference is they now have access to more resources and the firm offers legal coverage in more areas of the law. There will still be a rapid response time. It was noted that the Town would be notified in advance of any possible changes. A suggestion was made that they send flyers to the Town for other services that may be available through the firm. K. Skulczyck shared that as a distressed town, Griswold is leaving the STEAP program and going for the Urban Funding and also provided an update on all the upcoming development and the great tax collection rate the town is experiencing. It was agreed that Attorney Branse and Attorney Willis, now part of Halloran & Sage, have the support of the BOS in moving forward with their services.

5. Adjournment

MOTION: Motion was made by K. Skulczyck, seconded by M. McKinney, to adjourn the meeting at 5:47 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,



**Lisa M. Wood,
Executive Assistant**