



Town of Griswold
28 Main Street
Griswold, CT 06351
Board of Selectman
Special Meeting
Selectmen's Conference Room
2nd Floor, Town Hall
June 30, 2016
4:00 PM



MINUTES

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call** – Meeting was called to order at 4:05 PM by Kevin Skulczyck, First Selectman

Members Present: Kevin Skulczyck, First Selectman
Steve Merchant Sr., Second Selectman
Martin McKinney Jr., Third Selectman (arrived at 4:15 PM)

Others Present: Lisa M. Wood, Executive Assistant
Tina Falck-Babbitt, Senior Center Director
Tom Giard, EDC Chair
Mario Tristany Jr., Town Planner

2. **Executive Session: Interviewing of candidates for position of full time Senior Citizens Bus Driver**

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by K. Skulczyck, to enter into executive session for the purpose of interviewing candidates for the position of Sr. Center Director and to invite in Tina Falck-Babbitt and M. McKinney upon his arrival. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Three candidates were interviewed.

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by M. McKinney, to come out of executive session at 5:05 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

3. **Discussion and possible action on recommendation of final candidate for position of full time Senior Citizens Bus Driver**

MOTION: Motion was made by M. McKinney, seconded by S. Merchant, to allow Tina Falck-Babbitt and Kevin Skulczyck, to make the final decision on filling the position based on the interviews today. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- 4. Discussion and possible action on and Kent & Frost proposal for services for the design and implementation of the School Street property as an extension of the Heritage River Walkway** – T. Giard, EDC Chairman, commented by bringing people into the area for the park or the river walk will increase the development. It would also provide extra parking and handicap accessible park features such as fishing platforms. It would also provide a recreational/picnic area for families who are limited to traveling other places and clean up the property. Could be done as a stand-alone project if not connected to the river walk. M. McKinney noted his concern about funding the project once the plan is complete. K. Skulczyck noted having a plan is necessary to apply for grants and ADA grants may be a possibility. M. McKinney was not opposed to the parking and recreational events offered but is hesitant to believe the connecting to the river walk will be successful. T. Giard noted that a member from SCCOG offered to write the grant application if we can secure a plan and there is local and federal money available.

MOTION: Motion was made by M. McKinney, seconded by S. Merchant, to approve \$7300 from consultant fees in the Selectmen’s budget to EDC to secure Kent & Frost for design and implementation services of the School Street property providing we keep the design more towards handling overflow parking, lighting issues, handicap services and pursuing grant funding as much as possible. **Motion carried unanimously.**

K. Skulczyck noted the grant writing will include the river walk proposal.

- 5. Discussion and possible action on adopting section 12-65b of the Connecticut General Statutes to be applied locally** – T. Giard, EDC Chairman, briefly explained this statute gives the BOS the authority to work out a deal with a developer based on the amount of money they are putting into a project. This would be an abatement to our current tax abatement process and would also be subject to town meeting. Our current tax abatement program is limited and section 12-65b is less restricted allows benefits for mixed use development. Any deferred amount under this would be a set fixed amount for seven years. This gives the town another tool to draw businesses to the area.

6. Adjournment

MOTION: Motion was made by M. McKinney, seconded by S. Merchant, to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,

**Lisa M. Wood,
Executive Assistant**