



# Town of Griswold



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## GRISWOLD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

JULY 15, 2009

GRISWOLD TOWN HALL

### I. REGULAR MEETING (7:00 P.M.)

#### 1. Call to Order

Chairman Thomas Giard, Jr. called this regular meeting of the Griswold Economic Development Commission to order at 7:05 p.m.

#### 2. Roll Call

**Present:** Chairman Thomas Giard, Jr., Paul Lach, Chris Hargus, First Selectman Philip Anthony, Town Planner Carl Fontneau, and Recording Secretary Donna Szall

**Absent:** Vice Chairman Melvin Jetmore, Matthew Baber

There were 19 people in attendance to here the presentations.

#### 3. Determination of Quorum

T. Giard stated that there is a quorum for this regular meeting of the Economic Development Commission.

#### 4. Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes of Regular Meeting of June 17, 2009

T. Giard asked for any corrections or omission. P. Lach made a motion to accept the minutes. C. Hargus seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried.

#### 5. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

#### 6. Matters Presented for Consideration

A. Main Street Program by John Simone, Connecticut Main Street Center

John Simone asked those present to describe what they would like to see for Jewett City. People described what they saw as problems with Jewett City and what they would like to see to improve Jewett City.

John Simone gave his presentation that looked at the declines of downtowns since the 1950's. He explained the Four Point Approach to Main Street that included organization, civil value, physical value, Design, promotion, and economic restructuring.

J. Simone explained the granting program that include the CMSC advocacy program, Home Connecticut – affordable housing and Mixed use Advocacy. He suggested a site–walking tour for guidance and counseling. There was a question and answer session after his presentation.

T. Giard and P. Anthony thanked J. Simone for his presentation.

C. Fontneau introduced Paula Stahl to the assembly. Paula Stahl gave her presentation. She explained that Smart Growth was an important aspect for a community to encourage. She gave examples of what turns downtowns around; i.e., a comprehensive approach, community involvement, mix of residential and commercial, enhancing and embracing historical buildings, regulations to enhance the density of downtown, a walkable downtown to feel comfortable; and design guidelines for renovations of downtown. There was a question and answer session after her presentation. P. Stahl asked what she could do to help. P. Anthony asked her to arrange for the design students at UConn to work on a design plan. She stated that she will make those arrangements.

T. Giard thanked Paula Stahl and John Simone for their presentations and for getting the ball rolling. He thanked everyone for attending.

## **7. Adjournment**

T. Giard asked for a motion to adjourn. P. Lach made a motion to adjourn. C. Hargus seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Szall  
Recording Secretary