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**TOWN of CHESWOLD  
MINUTES of PUBLIC HEARING  
Wednesday – May 11, 2016  
Cheswold Town Hall  
691 Main Street  
6:00 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Robert W. Sine at 6:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

The Mayor noted that the meeting was properly posted on April 19, 2016, and the agenda posted on May 2, 2016.

The Mayor then requested Secretary/Treasurer Callender to complete a roll call of the Council. The following is the result of the roll call:

Secretary/Treasurer Theon Callender – Present  
Councilperson Donald F. Tinari– Present

The Mayor requested the Council to review the agenda and either accept it or recommend changes. The agenda was accepted as presented.

Secretary/Treasurer then provided a synopsis of the following:

- **Purpose of Public Hearings in General** – is to obtain public comment from residents and/or concerned persons on a specific item or issue
- **Purpose of this Public Hearing** – is to review and obtain public comment on a Conditional Use Application from Ms. Grace May, to operate a home based business in the R-1 (Old Town) Zone of the Town.
- **Conduct of this Public Hearing**
  - Comments will be accepted from the Public that only address the items of issue of the Public Hearing
  - Speakers will be allocated three, (3), minutes to make their comments
  - The Council may ask questions of the speakers. Time spent answering the questions will not be deducted from the speakers allocated three, (3), minutes.
  - The Council will answer questions, at their discretion.
  - Persons deemed to be causing disruption will be asked to leave by the Sargent-at-Arms, (designated Police Department official)

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**ITEMS for COMMENT**

Secretary/Treasurer Callender presented the following for comment:

- **Conditional Use Application 2016-04-13-035**– a request from Mrs. Grace May of 79A New Street, Cheswold, to operate a home based sewing and tailoring business within her home, which is located in the Old Town, (R-1) Zone. The Land Use Ordinance requires approval of the conditional use prior to issuing a Business License to the applicant.

It was noted the Planning Commission had reviewed and recommended that the Conditional Use Application be approved at their April 14, 2016 meeting and through PC Memo 16-001.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Mayor then opened the meeting, at 6:09 p.m., to receive public comment on the above issue.

At 6:30 pm., as there was no public attendance, there was no public comment and the Mayor closed the hearing for public comment.

**COUNCIL COMMENT**

Councilperson Tinari asked Ms. May if all the work was to be done at her premises, or would any be sent out.

Ms. May responded that all work would be done on the premises. Fortunately the location is a duplex and she is located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor, with a separate entrance and parking on the side. Her work will be contained to the living room area, which can be shut off from the remainder of her living quarters. And she is engaged in this business to supplement her income.

**COUNCIL DECISION**

As a quorum was not in attendance, the approval vote was not held. A vote will be taken at the next Council meeting, scheduled for Monday, June 6, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:45 p.m., Mayor Sine adjourned the meeting.