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Griswold voters OK sale of land to UCFS

GRISWOLD - Voters approved the sale of 2.3 acres to United Community and Family Services Tuesday for more than \$200,000.

The sale of a portion of the former Triangle Plastic & Cable, 226 E. Main St., for \$265,000 will be completed once UCFS solidifies a bonding contract with the Department of Public Health, according to UCFS President/CEO Chuck Seeman. The Bond Commission approved a \$1.99 million grant for the expansion project earlier this week.

Pamela Kinder, vice president of marketing and facilities, will be overseeing the project and said she hopes signs touting the “future home of UCFS” will be installed in the coming weeks.

The organization outgrew its current location on Main Street in Jewett City almost as soon as it moved in, according to practice manager Michelle Wiik. But within the tight space, staff members forged close bonds among themselves and with patients.

“People don’t always have someone to turn to, and we’re their constant,” Wiik said of the clientele that increased 21 percent in 2014.

She said the facility will build on the Main Street site’s success in providing a holistic approach that integrates primary and behavioral health care, while the addition of dental services will enhance whole-body offerings even further.

First Selectman Kevin Skulczyck said that personal, inclusive and community-minded approach is getting harder to find.

“If you’re looking to go back to the old days of the doctor’s office right in town, this is the closest you’re going to get in the world today,” he said.

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