

LWRF/Grants Committee  
Meeting Minutes

May 22, 2017  
CVSWMD Main Office  
137 Barre Street Montpelier, VT  
4:45 pm

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I. Call to Order 4:45 Anita Krauth and Matt Levin present, Brenna Toman taking notes

**II. Approval of the Minutes from February meeting – ACTION ITEM**

Anita Krauth made a motion to approve the minutes. Matt Levin seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Financial Update – \$2773.98 left in SZWG/LWRF Fund

IV. SZWG Program

Montpelier High School – Final Report: Committee members noted that MHS found a relatively cheap supplier for a water bottle filling station, and that other schools may be directed toward that source. There was discussion about creating standards for vendor prices for specific items (reusable dishware, water filling stations, etc.). The committee suggests that staff let schools know about the lowest prices and suggest purchasing from those vendors. The committee also noted that MHS reported that the paperwork and effort involved to obtain a School Zero Waste Grant was appropriate. There was general discussion about the overall effectiveness and usefulness of water bottle filling stations that concluded they are excellent additions to schools/public places.

**SZWG – ACTION ITEM**

a. Harwood Union High School

The committee raised concerns over giving grant money to Harwood Union, as only a very small percentage of the students there live in Duxbury, the only member town in the CVSWMD. The issue could be compared to Hazen Union, where a minority of students live in non-member towns. However, the portion of Duxbury residents in Harwood Union is much smaller than that of Hardwick to Hazen Union. Staff noted that Harwood Union already has two filling stations, but is missing one in their south wing.

After deciding to first discuss the grant from Samuel Morey, the committee returned to discussing Harwood Union's application. The committee would like to defer to the full board to decide whether the Grant's committee may allocate funds to Harwood Union, as only a small percentage of students live in Duxbury, the only member town sending students to Harwood. However, the committee still recommends that the grant be partially funded, due to a limited amount of money left. The committee would like to see Harwood search for a cheaper vender of the water filling machine, particularly the one that Montpelier High School used.

Anita made a motion to award Harwood Union \$1,300 to purchase materials for a new sorting station and a water bottle filling station. Matt seconded this motion.

**This motion passed unanimously.**

b. Samuel Morey Elementary School

Staff explained that Samuel Morey has been sending food scraps to farmers for animal feed, but that the situation is not sustainable. Brenna had presented to the full staff about onsite composting and provided resources for their use.

The committee raised concerns over building 2 3-bin composting units with the expensive materials listed in the grant application. The committee suggests that a limited award could be used creatively to build one system as stated in the grant and the other more cheaply using donated or repurposed materials.

Anita made a motion to award Samuel Morey \$1,473 for materials to build 2 onsite composting systems with accompanying tools and storage bins. Matt seconded this motion.

**This motion passed unanimously.**

V. Update on Open Grants

Staff showed a news video from Berlin Elementary School's newly built composting bin.

VI. Other:

The next meeting is scheduled for September 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:45pm.

VII. Adjourned 5:25 pm