

Grants Committee Meeting Minutes- Draft until approved

January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
Remotely, on Zoom Video Conference  
4:45 pm

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- I. Call to Order 4:46pm: Matt Levin, Shari Cornish, Peter Carbee, present. Staff present: John Jose, Cathleen Gent and Brenna Toman taking notes.
- II. Approval of the Minutes from November meeting  
*Peter made a motion to approve the minutes. Shari seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*
- III. School Zero Waste Grant Guidelines/Application  
John Jose reviewed proposed changes to the School Zero Waste Grant (SZWG) guidelines and application to include provisions for student involvement and to clarify expectations and timelines for projects. There was discussion about the legality of excluding private schools from the SZWG. The Committee intends to add private schools to the list of eligible entities for the Organizational Waste Reduction & Reuse Grant. Members suggested having Outreach review the section involving schools announcing CVSWMD funding. *Shari made a motion to approve the School Zero Waste Grant guidelines and application. Peter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*  
John Jose left the meeting at this time.
- IV. Organizational Waste Reduction & Reuse Grant – Black Dirt Farm  
The Committee reviewed an application from Black Dirt Farm requesting \$5,000 to pilot a residential food scrap collection initiative in Hardwick. There is only \$2,500 in the OWRRP fund for FY21, so the Committee would need an extra layer of board approval to move money. There was discussion about the feasibility of the business plan. The Committee deferred action on the grant application until staff can review the financials of the business plan with Black Dirt Farm. Peter will send staff a memo with requested information.
- V. Review FY22 Municipal Services Program Guidelines  
The Committee recommended emphasizing a section concerning the continued sustainability of pilot programs funded by the MSP. *Shari made a motion to approve the FY22 MSP Program guidelines. Peter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*
- VI. Other  
The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:45pm.
- VII. Adjourned 5:46 pm



Respectfully submitted by Brenna Toman