

Grants Committee Meeting Minutes- Draft until approved

February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021

Remotely, on Zoom Video Conference

4:45 pm

For questions or information, contact Brenna Toman, 802 229 9383 ext. 101

- I. Call to Order 4:47pm: Matt Levin, Shari Cornish, Peter Carbee, present. Staff present: Cathleen Gent, Lisa Liotta, and Brenna Toman taking notes. Tom Gilbert and Jarrett Belmont of Black Dirt Farm were also present.
- II. Approval of the Minutes from January meeting  
*Shari made a motion to approve the minutes. Peter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*
- III. Organizational Waste Reduction & Reuse Grant (OWRRP) – Black Dirt Farm  
The Committee reviewed an application (deferred from January) from Black Dirt Farm requesting \$5,000 to launch a residential food scrap collection initiative in Hardwick. At the January meeting, committee members requested more information on the financial feasibility of the project, including a CVSWMD staff review of the proposal. Tom Gilbert provided additional background information, clarified the scope of the project, explained how the budget was set up in the application, and answered questions about capacity, financial sustainability, and other funding sources. Black Dirt Farm will include CVSWMD staff in marketing of the new program within District towns. *Shari made a motion to recommend the Board of Supervisors move \$1,000 from the Municipal Services Program and \$1,500 from the School Zero Waste Program to the Organizational Waste Reduction & Reuse Program in order to award \$5,000 to Black Dirt Farm through the OWRRP. Peter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*
- IV. Other  
The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:45pm.
- V. Adjourned 5:45 pm



Respectfully submitted by Brenna Toman