



**CVSWMD Grants Committee Meeting Minutes**  
4:45 pm May 22, 2023 Zoom Virtual meeting

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1. Call to Order 4:48 pm: Matt Levin, Peter Carbee, Shari Cornish, and Arlene Guest attending via Zoom video conference. Staff present: Assistant General Manager Theron Lay-Sleeper, General Manager Dan Casey
2. Agenda Revisions  
*Add introductions to agenda. Add grant program staffing after Hardwick application.*
3. Public Comment and Announcements  
*None.*
4. Approval of the Minutes  
*Shari Cornish moved to approve the minutes from the April 24, 2022 meeting; Peter Carbee seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*
5. Budget Update  
\$5,000 was awarded to Barre Meals on Wheels through the OWRRP Grant program from SZW Grant funds. The Town of Tunbridge has communicated that they will no longer be purchasing a new dumpster (\$4,500) but would still like to purchase signage for their transfer station (\$500). The EMSWRP Grant for the City of Montpelier (awarded 10/5/23) is still pending a signed grant agreement. Staff spoke with the Assistant City Manager who is interested in taking on project.
6. MSP Grant Application – Town of Hardwick  
The Town of Hardwick is requesting \$5,000 to purchase waste bins for trailheads in town for the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail. Tracy martin from the Hardwick LVRT Committee answered questions from the grants committee. The LVRT committee considered bear-proof containers, but noted that two sites are in downtown. The East Hardwick pause place may want to consider bear-proof containers and the LVRT committee will request funding for this from the selectboard. The commitment from the town is made regardless of projected tax income and the maintenance for the sites will continue to be funded. *Peter Carbee moved to recommend full funding to the full Board of Supervisors and Arlene Guest seconded the motion. Peter, Arlene, and Matt voted in favor. Shari Cornish abstained from the decision. The motion passed.*
7. Grant Program Staffing  
Dan Casey is interested in staffing the Grant Program moving forward. Current plans are for most grant programs to be temporarily suspended in order to assess grant-making goals. In the meantime, staff will work on developing a plan for the program and Casey will staff the program when it resumes. Casey noted that school zero waste grants might want to be allowed to received SZW grant funding in the future. *Matt Levin moved that, the District suspend grant programs for six months (with the exception of the Green Up Day grants and pending MSP grant round), and to suspend regularly scheduled meetings for that time to allow staff to reassess capacity to support the District's grantmaking goals. Peter Carbee seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.*
8. Other Old or New Business  
*None.*
9. Adjourned by consensus 5:30 pm

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