

Grants Committee Meeting Minutes- Draft until approved

4:45 pm May 24th, 2021 Remotely, on Zoom Video Conference
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- I. Call to Order 4:49pm: Matt Levin, Shari Cornish present. Staff present: General Manager Lisa Liotta, and Planning Analyst Theron Lay-Sleeper.
- II. Approval of the Minutes
Shari Cornish made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 22nd meeting; Matt Levin seconded. Voting: The motion passed unanimously.
- III. Organizational Meeting, Appointment of Chair, Regular Meeting Date and Time
Shari Cornish nominated Matt Levin as Chair, by unanimous vote Matt Levin was appointed chair. At 4:53pm Peter Carbee joined the meeting.
Peter Carbee moved to set the meeting time as the fourth Monday of each month at 4:45pm. Shari Cornish seconded the motion. Voting: Approved unanimously.
- IV. Municipal Services Grant (MSP) – Barre City
The Committee reviewed an application from Barre City requesting \$5,000 in total funding to hold a bulky waste collection (\$3,500) and a free tire collection event (\$1,500)
The committee noted that the budget in the application is incorrect, and that the application does not address the sustainability of the project from the City in their application.
The committee requested that Staff reconnect with the applicant to clarify questions about budget and sustainability of the events, and to bring the application before the committee again in June.
- V. Municipal Services Grant (MSP) – Town of Plainfield
The Committee reviewed a request from the Town of Plainfield to extend its current grant for \$3,000 that will expire on June 30, 2021 to build a community compost site for one year, until June 30, 2022. The Committee noted that unallocated grant funds are transferred to the District's general fund if not distributed by fiscal year end on June 30th. *Staff was asked to look into whether or not grant funds may be carried over from FY21 to FY22 and to bring their findings to the June meeting for further discussion.*
- VI. Organizational Waste Reduction & Reuse Grant (OWRRP) – Trash Tramps
The Committee reviewed an application from the Trash Tramps requesting \$1,4470.50 to purchase branded high-vis vests and materials for existing cigarette collection "Butlers." The Committee discussed that funds in the OWRRP grant have been fully expended, and whether or not funds could be transferred from another grant program. The Committee requested that Staff inquire of the FOC which grant fund would be preferred for the transfer, and to bring the request to the BOS in June.
Shari Cornish moved to provide funding, pending approval of funding source from the BOS. Peter Carbee seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
- VII. Other Business
The next meeting of the Grants Committee is scheduled for Monday, June 28th at 4:45pm. Discussing in-person vs. virtual meetings will be added to the next meeting agenda.
- VIII. Adjourned by consensus 5:25 pm

Respectfully submitted by Theron Lay-Sleeper