

Grants Committee Meeting Minutes- Draft until approved

June 1st, 2020

Remotely, on Zoom Video Conference

4:45 pm

For questions or information, contact Brenna Toman, 802 229 9383 ext. 103

- I. Call to Order 5:00pm: Matt Levin, Shari Cornish, Peter Carbee, present. Staff present: Cathleen Gent and Brenna Toman taking notes.
- II. Approval of the Minutes from February meeting – ACTION ITEM
Shari made a motion to approve the minutes. Peter seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**
- III. FY21 Budget Discussion
There was discussion about where to reduce funding for grant programs in order to reduce the deficit that building the HHW facility will incur. Matt suggested that schools will have less demand for grant funding when/if they return to normal operations. Peter suggested that towns may not have the funds to sustain long-term MSP projects. Staff will adjust the proposed budget changes for the BOS meeting Wednesday.
- IV. Appoint Officers- ACTION ITEM
Peter made a motion to appoint Matt Levin as Chair of the Grants Committee. Shari seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**
- V. Determine FY21 meeting schedule
Peter made a motion to continue holding the Grants Committee meetings on 4th Mondays at 4:45pm. Shari seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**
- VI. Review Municipal Services Program Applications
 - a. Barre City – ACTION ITEM
Barre City requested \$1,500 to hold a free tire collection. There were concerns over the sustainability of the event and whether the event would prevent future tire dumping. Shari made a motion to recommend awarding Barre City \$1,500 for a tire collection event. **The motion passed unanimously.**
 - b. Chelsea – ACTION ITEM
Chelsea requested \$1,500 to have CVSWMD run a Paint, Battery, Bulb (PBB) collection. Last year, Chelsea held a similar event with MSP funds that also included electronic waste, but staff recommended that this event be more limited to PBB due to space constraints in the box truck. Chelsea will use this event to itemize costs in order to prepare a proposal to add this event into their annual budget. Peter made a motion to recommend awarding Chelsea \$1,500 for their PBB event. Shari seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**
 - c. Plainfield – ACTION ITEM
Plainfield requested \$3,980 to build two composting units to use for community composting. Staff and committee members raised concerns over the availability of volunteers or staff to maintain the bins, the lack of plans for overuse or underuse, and methods of advertising the bins. Peter made a motion to postpone action on Plainfield’s application until plans were strengthened. Shari seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Staff will reach out to Plainfield to aid the planning process.
- VII. Other
The next regular meeting is scheduled Monday, June 22nd 2020 at 4:45pm.
- VIII. Adjourned 5:10 pm

Minutes submitted by Brenna Toman

