

LWRF/Grants Committee  
Meeting Minutes

July 28<sup>th</sup> 2014  
CVSWMD Main Office  
137 Barre St, Montpelier VT  
4:30 pm

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- I. Call to Order 4:30 pm**

Matt Levin, Anita Krauth and Ginny Callan attending. Mark Lembke participating via phone. Chrissy Bellmyer taking notes
- II. Accept minutes from the May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014 meeting**
  - a. Ginny made a motion to accept the minutes, Mark seconded this motion. It was approved unanimously.
- III. Budget Report**
  - a. This update will be referred to as the Fund Balance Update in the future. The SZWG/LWRF had a total of \$5,000 at the beginning of the meeting. Given the limited funds for FY 15, Matt suggested that maybe the committee focus on a specific program area. For example, focus on replacing disposables versus big ticket items like water bottle filling stations. Mark expressed support for water bottle filling stations but acknowledged that they are expensive. Ginny voiced the opinion that we should continue to consider grant applications as they are submitted to the committee, and if we run out of money, the program could be put on a temporary freeze.
- IV. Consider Grant Applications- ACTION ITEM**
  - a. **Rumney- Water bottle filling station**

Mark made a motion to award Rumney up to \$1424.78. This amount covers the cost of the water bottle filling station they requested. If they opt for a cheaper model, they may use the remainder to help cover installation costs. Ginny seconded this motion. Mark, Ginny and Matt voted in favor of this motion and Anita abstained from this decision.
  - b. **Williamstown**

Ginny made a motion to award Williamstown \$1,754.78 to purchase reusable plates, bowls and a water bottle filling station. The committee is suggesting the purchase of the Elkay, model # ELKEZSDWSLK, which Rumney elementary is considering purchasing, at a cost of \$1,424. This motion was seconded by Anita and approved unanimously.
- V. Meeting at the ARCC**

The committee did not feel that it would be convenient for any of them to schedule a meeting at the ARCC.
- VI. Report of 2014 Special Green Up Day Grants**

Chrissy reported that the Special Green Up Day Grant program was reasonably successful. However, because CVSWMD provides annual Green up Day grants to its member towns, there was a lot of confusion. Because of this, Chrissy would not recommend a special Green Up Day grant opportunity in the future. If the grant committee would like to offer additional funds for Green Up related activities, they may want to consider increasing the award amount of the annual Green Up grants. Chrissy also pointed out that a significant portion of the awarded funding was used to cover food for volunteers.
- VII. Parking Lot/Housekeeping**
  - a. **Future of zero waste grant program**

The committee took time to address the question of what will happen when all our schools have their SZWG needs met. The grant committee would like the appropriate committee or full board to consider expanding the Districts reach to include non-commercial, non-profit food service programs in FY 16 if there is money available. They suggested this could be a good project for an

intern to investigate what entities exist within the CVSWMD as related to both food scraps and disposables.

**b. Policy for funding projects on privately owned property**

The committee would like to have the executive board consider the following position:

Applications for projects on privately owned property are generally discouraged and if submitted must be accompanied by a letter of support from the Town Health Officer.

**c. General review of the grant guidelines**

The committee felt that this was not necessary at this time

**VIII. Other**

**a.** Gwen will be working with the new School Program Coordinator in late fall/early winter to track data from the schools which currently have water bottle filling stations

**b.** Cathleen is putting together a matrix for accessing grants applications and it will be presented at the next meeting

**c.** Next meeting is scheduled for August 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm

**d.** Anita attended the Barre City Homecoming and noticed there were very few recycling bins and recyclables were being put in the trash. This may be a future project for CVSWMD to work on

**IX. Adjourn 4:20 pm**