

MINUTES
Social Service Grants Review Committee
Friday, January 15, 2010, 10:00am
Waterford Town Hall

Members Present: First Selectman Daniel Steward, Mr. John W. Sheehan, Board of Finance, Mr. Thomas F. Ammirati, RTM, and Mr. George C. White, RTM.

PROCEDURE: The Committee will consider and act tentatively on these budget requests for FY10/11 and at the appropriate time finalize and forward their recommendation to the Board of Selectmen. Any agency wishing to appeal the recommendation of the Committee may do so by writing to the Board of Selectmen, 15 Rope Ferry Road, Waterford, CT 06385. The Board of Selectmen will hear appeals at their meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 26, 2010, at the Waterford Town Hall.

BUDGET HEARINGS

First Selectman Steward called the meeting to order at 10:02am. Mr. Steward introduced the members of the Committee and explained the social service grant process to those present.

#52590 Waterford Shellfish Commission, requesting \$5,800.

Doug Lawson, Chairman, was present to review and discuss this request.

MOTION was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Sheehan to tentatively approve the total budget request in the amount of \$5,800.

VOTE: 4 – 0

#58300 Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission, requesting \$2,500.

Dan Steward spoke on behalf of the Commission pointing out a \$2000 decrease in their request.

Mr. Ammirati questioned whether this decrease in request was a trend for the Commission or would they be requesting additional moneys next budget year.

MOTION was made by Mr. Sheehan and seconded by Mr. White to tentatively approve the total budget request in the amount of \$2,500.

VOTE: 4 – 0

#58430 SouthEast Area Transit (SEAT), requesting \$40,611.

Dan Steward spoke on behalf of SEAT.

MOTION was made by Mr. Sheehan and seconded by Mr. White to tentatively approve the total budget request in the amount of \$40,611.

VOTE: 4 – 0

#58470 Eastern Connecticut Conservation District, Inc., requesting \$1,500.

Sarah Lamagna, Natural Resource Specialist, was present to review and discuss this request. Ms. Lamagna gave a brief overview of the organization, highlighting the Niantic River Watershed Plan; discussion took place on this funding request, state funding, grant funding, and private funding; brief discussion on the non point source pollution in the Niantic River.

MOTION was made by Mr. Sheehan and seconded by Mr. White to tentatively approve a budget request in the amount of \$600.

VOTE: 4 - 0

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#58340 Waterford Historical Society, requesting \$6,900.

Kenneth J. Sargent, President, was present to discuss and review this request; brief discussion took place on the financial report and the lack of revenue and income reported . Members of the committee also made suggestions for fund raising ideas to increase revenue for the society.

MOTION was made by Mr. Sheehan and seconded by Mr. White to tentatively approve the total budget request in the amount of \$5,000.

VOTE: 4 – 0

#58310 Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments (SCCOG), requesting \$9,576.

MOTION was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Sheehan to tentatively approve the total budget request in the amount of \$9,576.

VOTE: 4 – 0

#52630 Special Community Events, requesting \$1,000

Daniel Steward, First Selectman, was present to review and discuss this request; he reported this funding will be used for the Memorial Day Parade in association with the Waterford VFW.

MOTION was made by Mr. Sheehan and seconded by Mr. White to tentatively approve a budget request in the amount of \$800.

VOTE: 4 – 0

#58587 Literacy Volunteers, requesting \$1,500.

Susan G. Townsley, Executive Director, was present to discuss and review this request; Ms. Townsley reported this funding request is to cover the cost of the tutor manuals and the learner assessments.

MOTION was made by Mr. Sheehan and seconded by Mr. White to tentatively approve a budget request in the amount of \$1,000.

VOTE: 4 – 0

New London Homeless Hospitality Center, requesting \$3000.

Cathy Zall, Director, was present to discuss and review this request; Ms. Zall reported this funding request is for the Wintertime program for people living outdoors.

MOTION was made by Mr. Sheehan and seconded by Mr. White to tentatively approve a budget request in the amount of \$2,500.

VOTE: 4 – 0

MOTION was made by Mr. Sheehan and seconded by Mr. White to tentatively approve the total Social Service Grants/Misc Budget for FY10/11 in the total amount of \$112,717.00

VOTE: 4 – 0

There being no further business to come before the Committee and upon a motion made by Mr. Sheehan seconded by Mr. White, and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 10:49am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Nunes Peterson
Recording Secretary

