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MEETING MINUTES

Social Service Grants Review Committee Special Meeting

Thursday, January 18, 2024

3:00 PM

Waterford Town Hall (Auditorium)

PROCEDURE: The Committee will hear budget requests beginning at 3:00 PM and in accordance with the following schedule. The Committee will consider and act tentatively on these budget requests 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 by Friday, January 19, 2024. An appeal can be mailed to the Board of Selectmen at 15 Rope Ferry Road, Waterford, CT 06385, or sent via email to firstsel@waterfordct.org. The Board of Selectmen will hear appeals at their meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at 5:00 pm, at the Waterford Town Hall.

Members Present: Robert Brule, First Selectman; Ronald Fedor, Board of Finance; Thomas Dembek, RTM and Lindsay Khan, RTM.

BUDGET HEARINGS

First Selectman Brule called the meeting to order at 3:03 pm. Mr. Brule introduced the members of the Committee and explained the Social Service Grant process to those present.

Standing Motion: was made by Thomas Dembek and seconded by Lindsay Khan to tentatively approve the budget requests for the FY24 Social Services Grants Committee.

- 1. Waterford Shellfish Commission:** To consider and act the Social Service Grant request in the amount of \$1,290. Audrey Ulmer was present to review and discuss this request.

MOTION by Ron Fedor, seconded by Tom Dembek to tentatively approve a total budget request in the amount of \$1,290. VOTE 4-0

- 2. Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission:** To consider and act the Social Service Grant request in the amount of \$1.

MOTION by Ron Fedor, seconded by Tom Dembek to tentatively approve a total budget request in the amount of \$1 VOTE 4-0

- 3. Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments (SCCOG):** To consider and act the Social Service Grant request in the amount of \$10,764. Amanda Kennedy was present to review and discuss this request.

MOTION by Ron Fedor, seconded by Tom Dembek to tentatively approve a total budget request in the amount of \$10,764. VOTE 4-0

- 4. Historic Properties Commission:** To consider and act the Social Service Grant request in the amount of \$400. John O'Neill was present to review and discuss this request.

MOTION by Ron Fedor, seconded by Tom Dembek to tentatively approve a total budget request in the amount of \$400. VOTE 4-0

- 5. Thames Valley Council for Community Action, Inc. (TVCCA):** To consider and act the Social Service Grant request in the amount of \$6,244. Josh Kelly was present to review and discuss this request.

MOTION by Ron Fedor, seconded by Tom Dembek to tentatively approve a total budget request in the amount of \$6,244. VOTE 4-0

- 6. Disabled American Veterans:** To consider and act the Social Service Grant request in the amount of \$250.

MOTION by Ron Fedor, seconded by Tom Dembek to tentatively approve a total budget request in the amount of \$250. VOTE 4-0

- 7. Veterans of Foreign Wars, including (VFW) POST 6573, 9975, & AL 161:** To consider and act the Social Service Grant request in the amount of \$2,000. Gail Gagnier was present to review and discuss this request.

MOTION by Ron Fedor, seconded by Tom Dembek to tentatively approve a total

budget request in the amount of \$2,000. VOTE 4-0

- 8. Safe Futures:** To consider and act the Social Service Grant request in the amount of \$6,500. Margaret Soussloff was present to review and discuss this request.

MOTION by Ron Fedor, seconded by Tom Dembek to tentatively approve a total budget request in the amount of \$6,500. VOTE 4-0

- 9. South East Area Transit (SEAT):** To consider and act the Social Service Grant request in the amount of \$42,695. Michael Carroll was present to review and discuss this request.

MOTION by Ron Fedor, seconded by Lindsay Khan to tentatively approve a total budget request in the amount of \$42,695. VOTE 3-0, Rob Brule Abstained

- 10. Eastern CT Conservation District Inc.:** To consider and act the Social Service Grant request in the amount of \$1,500. Dan Mullins was present to review and discuss this request.

MOTION by Ron Fedor, seconded by Lindsay Khan to tentatively approve a total budget request in the amount of \$1,500. VOTE 4-0

- 11. Municipal Town Historian:** To consider and act the Social Service Grant request in the amount of \$800. John O'Neill was present to review and discuss this request.

MOTION by Ron Fedor, seconded by Tom Dembek to tentatively approve a total budget request in the amount of \$800. VOTE 3-1, Ron Fedor against

- 12. Waterford Historical Society:** To consider and act the Social Service Grant request in the amount of \$3,000. Jeffry Shrallow was present to review and discuss this request.

MOTION by Ron Fedor, seconded by Lindsay Khan to tentatively approve a total budget request in the amount of \$3,000. VOTE 4-0

- 13. United Community & Family Services:** To consider and act the Social Service Grant request in the amount of \$8,000. Cheryl Munoz was present to review and discuss this request.

MOTION by Ron Fedor, seconded by Lindsay Khan to tentatively approve a total budget request in the amount of \$8,000. VOTE 4-0

14. The Arc of Eastern Connecticut: To consider and act the Social Service Grant request in the amount of \$1,800. Penny Newbury was present to review and discuss this request.

MOTION by Ron Fedor, seconded by Tom Dembek to tentatively approve a total budget request in the amount of \$1,800. VOTE 4-0

15. NL Homeless Hospitality Center: To consider and act the Social Service Grant request in the amount of \$15,000. Annah Perch was present to review and discuss this request.

MOTION by Ron Fedor, seconded by Lindsay Khan to reduce total budget request from \$15,000 to \$10,000. VOTE 1-0

MOTION by Ron Fedor, seconded by Tom Dembek to tentatively approve a total budget request in the amount of \$15,000. VOTE 3-1, Ron Fedor against

16. Sexual Assault Crisis Center of Eastern Connecticut (SACCEC): To consider and act the Social Service Grant request in the amount of \$1,250. Georgette Katin was present to review and discuss this request.

MOTION by Ron Fedor, seconded by Tom Dembek to tentatively approve a total budget request in the amount of \$1,250. VOTE 4-0

To recap, the amounts requested and tentatively approved:

Services - \$72, 444, VOTE 4-0

Contributions to Outside Agencies - \$29,050, VOTE 3-1, Ron Fedor against

Department Totals - \$101,494, VOTE 3-1, Ron Fedor against

17. Adjournment: 4:42 pm

MOTION by Ron Fedor, seconded by Tom Dembek to adjourn. VOTE 4-0

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Withey
Recording Secretary