

ARP ADHOC SUBCOMMITTEE
EAST LYME BOARD OF SELECTMEN
FEBRUARY 24, 2022
MINUTES

PRESENT: Anne Santoro, Ann Cicchiello, Paul Maxfield, Rich Steel, Lee Edwards, Rita Rivera, Aileen Cahill and Pandy Wohler.

Ms. Santoro called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Delegations
There were no delegations.

FILED
March 11, 2022 AT 8 AM/PM
Brenda Stearns ATC
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

4. Approval of Minutes

MOTION (1)

Ms. Wohler MOVED to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2022 minutes. Seconded by Mr. Maxfield. Motion passed 8-0.

5. Small business and Nonprofit Applications for Assistance

It was discussed that a late application was received by the CT Fishermens Alliance, and that it will be accepted and passed along to the Board of Selectman for them to decide if it is an eligible project. The overall thought is that this request might be better suited as a town CIP project or one that might fall under the Infrastructure Bill.

There was discussion on whether or not there should be a maximum amount set when deciding how to distribute the funds.

Mr. Maxfield MOVED to put a cap on the amount of funds given to each requester. Seconded by Mr. Steel. IN FAVOR; Cicchiello and Steel. OPPOSED; Santoro, Maxfield, Edwards, Rivera, Cahill and Wohler. Motion Failed 2-6.

Ms. Cahill had to leave the meeting at this time.

The subcommittee reviewed each request and started with the request that had the highest point average.

Eastern CT Ballet – 31.5 points - \$15,000 Request

DISCUSSION: Ms. Santoro stated that she will recuse herself from this discussion and vote as she has been a student at the school for many years. Mr. Steel also recused himself from this discussion and vote. Ms. Santoro noted that this organization has received \$177,604 in federal funds so far during the pandemic.

MOTION (2)

Mr. Maxfield MOVED to recommend the full amount of \$15,000 to Eastern CT Ballet. Seconded by Ms. Wohler. IN FAVOR; Maxfield, Edwards, Cicchiello and Wohler. ABSTAINED; Rivera. Motion passed 4-0-1. (two recusals)

Safe Futures – 31.2 - \$50,000 Request

MOTION (3)

Ms. Wohler MOVED to recommend the full amount of \$50,000 to Safe Futures. Seconded by Ms. Rivera. Motion passed 7-0.

Arc – 30.2 - \$2,000 Request

MOTION (4)

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to recommend the full amount of \$2,000 to Arc. Seconded by Ms. Wohler. IN FAVOR; Santoro, Cicchiello, Maxfield, Steel, Rivera and Wohler. OPPOSED; Edwards. Motion passed 6-1.

Brian Dagle Foundation – 30.2 - \$60,000 Request

DISCUSSION: All agreed that the request for \$30,000 for services is appropriate use of these funds, but that the request for \$30,000 for capital improvements would not be recommended at this time.

MOTION (5)

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to recommend \$30,000 to the Brian Dagle Foundation for Grief Services.

Seconded by Mr. Maxfield. Motion passed 7-0.

Zen and Now – 29.7 - \$5,000 Request

MOTION (6)

Mr. Steel MOVED to recommend the full amount of \$5,000 to Zen and Now.

Seconded by Ms. Rivera. Motion passed 7-0.

TVCCA – 29.7 - \$20,000 Request

MOTION (7)

Mr. Steel MOVED to recommend the full amount of \$20,000 to TVCCA.

Seconded by Mr. Maxfield. Motion passed 7-0.

Historical Society & Library – 29.2 - \$22,000 Request

DISCUSSION: The subcommittee was not positive that this is a qualifying expenditure under the ARP final rule, but they all support this endeavor. It was also noted that this request came under the Department Head requests also, and that it should be determined which category this project falls under and not be funded twice. This item will be recommended with more information needed.

MOTION (8)

Mr. Maxfield MOVED to recommend the full amount of \$22,000 to the Historical Society & Library, with more information needed as discussed.

Seconded by Mr. Steel. Motion passed 7-0.

East Lyme Police Cadets – 28.6 - \$15,000 Request

MOTION (9)

Mr. Maxfield MOVED to recommend the full amount of \$15,000 to the East Lyme Police Cadets.

Seconded by Mr. Edwards. Motion passed 7-0.

VFW – 28.6 - \$9,500 Request

MOTION (10)

Mr. Maxfield MOVED to recommend the full amount of \$9,500 to the VFW.

Seconded by Ms. Cicchiello. Motion passed 7-0.

East Coast Taco – 27.9 - \$20,000 Request

MOTION (11)

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to recommend the full amount of \$20,000 to East Coast Taco. Seconded by Ms. Rivera. Motion passed 7-0.

American Legion – 27.6 - \$34,646 Request

MOTION (12)

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to recommend the full amount of \$34,646 to the American Legion.

Seconded by Ms. Wohler. IN FAVOR; Santoro, Cicchiello, Maxfield, Edwards, Rivera and Wohler. OPPOSED; Steel. Motion passed 6-1.

Historical Society – 27.5 - \$27,127 Request

MOTION (13)

Mr. Maxfield MOVED to recommend the full amount of \$27,127 to the Historical Society.

Seconded by Ms. Cicchiello. Motion passed 7-0.

Giving Garden – 26.7 - \$15,000 Request

MOTION (14)

Mr. Steel MOVED to recommend the full amount of \$15,000 to the Giving Garden.

Seconded by Ms. Cicchiello. Motion passed 7-0.

Samuel Smith House – Chimney – 26.7 - \$19,950 Request

MOTION (15)

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to recommend the full amount of \$19,950 to the Samuel Smith House for the repair of the chimney.

Seconded by Ms. Wohler. Motion passed 7-0.

Puppetry Project – 26.2 - \$17,189 Request

DISCUSSION: The subcommittee decided that the part of the request for puppetry supplies falls under the final rule, but that \$5,189 of the request is more of a start-up request and not deemed recovery.

MOTION (16)

Mr. Steel MOVED to recommend \$12,000 to the Puppetry Project.

Seconded by Ms. Cicchiello. Motion passed 7-0.

Samuel Smith House – Roof – 25.6 - \$68,722 Request

MOTION (17)

Mr. Maxfield MOVED to recommend the full amount of \$68,722 to the Samuel Smith House for the repair of the roof.

Seconded by Ms. Cicchiello. Motion passed 7-0.

Niantic Main Street – 23.7 - \$75,000 Request

DISCUSSION: Ms. Rivera recused herself from this discussion and vote as she is a member of the Niantic Main Street group. The subcommittee noted that this request includes the \$30,000 for a Charette Study, which has already been allocated by the Town Meeting. They decided that they would like more information from the group before making any decision on funds to be allocated.

Serendipthriftly LLC – 23.7 - \$8,000 Request

MOTION (18)

Mr. Maxfield MOVED to recommend the full amount of \$8,000 to Serendipthriftly LLC. Seconded by Ms. Cicchiello. Motion passed 7-0.

Pollinator Pathway – 22 - \$3,000 Request

MOTION (19)

Mr. Maxfield MOVED to recommend the full amount of \$3,000 to Pollinator Pathway. Seconded by Ms. Wohler. Motion passed 7-0.

Niantic Community Church – 20.5 - \$29,445 Request

DISCUSSION: The subcommittee discussed the relevance of the items requested to the pandemic, and it was discussed that the repair of the elevator and replacement of the refrigerator were items that would qualify.

MOTION (20)

Ms. Santoro MOVED to recommend \$20,000 to Niantic Community Church for repair of the elevator and replacement of the industrial refrigerator.

Seconded by Mr. Maxfield. IN FAVOR; Cicchiello, Steel, Edwards and Wohler. OPPOSED; Santoro and Maxfield. ABSTAINED; Rivera. Motion passed 4-2-1.

Stars to Stem – 19.3 - \$107,000 Request

DISCUSSION: The subcommittee felt that this request was more development than recovery, and they also felt that the Board of Education should be a part of said development.

MOTION (21)

Ms. Wohler MOVED to not recommend the request for \$107,000 made by Stars to Stem.

Seconded by Mr. Maxfield. IN FAVOR; Wohler, Maxfield, Rivera, Santoro. OPPOSED; Cicchiello. ABSTAINED; Edwards and Steel. Motion passed 4-1-2.

Village Bake House – 19.2 - \$30,000 Request

DISCUSSION: The subcommittee felt that there was not enough information received and requested that this applicant return such information before the next meeting. The secretary will reach out to the applicant.

Veterans Council – 16.8 - \$5,000 Request

DISCUSSION: The subcommittee felt that there was not enough information received and requested that this applicant return such information before the next meeting. The secretary will reach out to the applicant.

Main Street Grille – 10.9 - \$200,000 Request

MOTION (22)

Ms. Wohler MOVED to not recommend the request for \$200,000 made by Main Street Grille.

Seconded by Ms. Rivera. Motion passed 7-0.

New Great Wall – 9 - \$150,000 Request

DISCUSSION: Mr. Steel recused himself from this discussion and vote.

MOTION (23)

Mr. Maxfield MOVED to not recommend the request for \$150,000 made by New Great Wall.

Seconded by Ms. Wohler. IN FAVOR; Santoro, Wohler, Maxfield, Rivera and Edwards.
ABSTAINED; Cicchiello. Motion passed 5-0-1. (one recusal)

Care and Share – 8.6 - \$21,000

DISCUSSION: The subcommittee felt that there was not enough information received and requested that this applicant return such information before the next meeting. The secretary will reach out to the applicant.

C&Z Properties - \$150,000 Request

DISCUSSION: The subcommittee felt that there was not enough information received and requested that this applicant return such information before the next meeting. The secretary will reach out to the applicant.

Eastsun Properties - \$200,000 Request

DISCUSSION: The subcommittee felt that there was not enough information received and requested that this applicant return such information before the next meeting. The secretary will reach out to the applicant.

Ignatiadis Realty - \$80,000 Request

DISCUSSION: The subcommittee felt that there was not enough information received and requested that this applicant return such information before the next meeting. The secretary will reach out to the applicant.

LAN LLC - \$100,000 Request

DISCUSSION: The subcommittee felt that there was not enough information received and requested that this applicant return such information before the next meeting. The secretary will reach out to the applicant.

7. Next Steps / March 3 and March 10 Meetings

Ms. Santoro reported that the next meeting is March 3rd, and they will review the applications that need more information as well as the Town Department Head requests. At the March 10th meeting she hopes to be able to wrap everything up and finalize the report to the Board of Selectmen. They discussed that at the next meeting they will also decide how much to put aside for contingency to pay for expenses incurred during this project, as well as for attorney's fees, etc.

8. Adjourn

MOTION (24)

Ms. Santoro MOVED to adjourn the February 24, 2022, meeting of the East Lyme BOS ARP Ad hoc Subcommittee at 8:51 p.m.
Seconded by Ms. Rivera. Motion passed 7-0.

Respectfully Submitted By:



Sandra Anderson
Recording Secretary