

**TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD PUBLIC HEARING**  
**MAY 26, 2015**  
**7:25 p.m. Legislative Chambers**  
**NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE GRANT**

**Public Hearing opened at 7:29 p.m.**

President Slifka: Okay, we're gonna call the 7:25 Public Hearing to order. This is a, regarding a Resolution Authorizing Submission of the Neighborhood Assistance Grant Application. Can we have a roll call, Ms. Labrot?

Present: Councilors Barnes, Cantor, Captain, Casperson, Davidoff, Doar, Hall, Kindall and Slifka.

President Slifka: Here. And you beat the rest of us to the birthday wishes. Okay. We have a presentation from the Administration, I believe?

Mr. Van Winkle: Sure. I'll...

President Slifka: And, Mr. Van Winkle, I know you passed out this document saying 2015 NAA Proposal Received, which I think goes with this?

Mr. Van Winkle: Yes. This is an actively State legislature going back many years - The Department of Revenue Services provides tax credits to businesses that make donations to programs sponsored by nonprofit agencies through the Neighborhood Assistance Act. In order to receive or be eligible for the funding allocated for those tax credits, you have to have a list approved by the local Town Council. Each of these nonprofits will work with a donor, who will agree to provide assistance of some form, and that, that once they have that agreement from that local donor, those names are given to our Department of Social Services and compiled in a list and then each year you receive that list for your approval to be able to pass on to the Department of Revenue Services, which they then allocate the dollars based on how much, how much dollars have been allocated in the budget, allocate the credits to the various projects that come from towns all over so nothing different than we've done for probably the last 20 years that we do each time about this, about this time of year.

President Slifka: Is that a heart monitor on Mr. Van Winkle or? [Laughter] It's very calm.

Mr. Van Winkle: Very calm. It's still working.

President Slifka: Good. Okay. Thank you for the update, Mr. Van Winkle. Is there any discussion from the Council at this time? Mr. Doar, go ahead.

Councilor Doar: Mr. Van Winkle, are there any parameters with respect to the, the program titles and the program descriptions in this program?

Mr. Van Winkle: No. You know, what it, what it is is, out of practice, it works that a nonprofit organization has a project that they're seeking funding for and then they will go out and find a donor and that donor will agree to fund that project and once that is done, those projects are then submitted to our Department of Social Services and they appear on this list and that list then goes to the Department of Revenue Services and they allocate the funding as they have in their budget.

Councilor Doar: Thank you. The reason I ask you the question is in Item 11, it says the fund for Special Needs to the Jewish Community Foundation. Is that for children with special needs or children with disabilities? Is there, it strikes me as somewhat different than some of the other program titles you see down through the list.

Mr. Van Winkle: Yup. I don't think there's any restriction on the use. It's not for a capital project, a roof or something like that. It's for a program or an effort by that nonprofit, so although that would be different than some of the things we're looking at here, I think it's still just as a way, we're a nonprofit and we're looking for someone to fund a program here.

Councilor Doar: Thank you very much.

President Slifka: Okay. Any further discussion? Okay. No one had signed up on the signup sheet. Does anybody who is here for school credit who wants to get up and talk? No? Okay. Just kidding. Is there anybody who did not sign up who wished to speak to the subject matter of this Public Hearing? Okay. With nothing, then if there's nothing further from my colleagues, we will close the 7:25 Public Hearing. Thank you.

Public Hearing closed at 7:34 p.m.

Essie S. Labrot  
Town/Council Clerk  
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