

Town Council Meeting in its Capacity as
Trustees of the Amey Tucker Spencer Fund
Monday, May 6, 2013 at 6:45 P.M.
Council Chamber, Barrington Town Hall

Present: June Sager Speakman, Kate G. Weymouth, Cynthia Armour Coyne, William C. DeWitt, Ann P. Strong and Dean M. Huff, Jr.
Also Present: Town Manager Peter A. DeAngelis, Jr., Town Solicitor Michael Ursillo, Finance Director Dean M. Huff, Jr., Assistant Clerk Meredith DeSisto and Town Clerk Linda H. James

Council President Speakman called the meeting to order at 6:45 P.M.

ADOPT MINUTES OF JANUARY 28 AND MARCH 4, 2013 MEETINGS

Motion by Mr. DeWitt and seconded by Mrs. Coyne to adopt the minutes of the January 28 and March 4, 2013 Amey Tucker Spencer Fund meetings. Passed five in favor, Mrs. Speakman, Mrs. Weymouth, Mrs. Coyne and Mr. DeWitt; Mr. Huff did not vote.

PROPOSAL FROM KRISTEN HOWARTH ON BEHALF OF HEARTWORKS

Amy Ames, Kristen Howarth and Julie Gaffney, representing Heartworks, Inc., were present to request \$10,000 from the Spencer Fund for their organization. Ms. Ames explained that Heartworks is a private non-profit non-denominational 501 (c) 3 charitable organization recognized by the State of Rhode Island. They perform acts of kindness to residents experiencing unexpected life challenges and not served by state agencies. None of their members are compensated and they all participate in raising funds and in spending them. There are no financial guidelines. Mrs. Speakman questioned the actual meaning of "poor and unfortunate" as stated in Mr. Spencer's will. The Solicitor said the intent is clear, the trust is intended to help poor people in town who are unfortunate. The Council must balance, weigh each request; it is up to the Council to make the decision. Kristen Howarth added they do not ask for an applicant's yearly income. Mrs. Weymouth would be in favor of a smaller amount. Mrs. Speakman invited Heartworks to return with a couple years history, including a list of projects/recipients funded. At the next meeting Mrs. Strong would also like to include a discussion of standards, procedures and criteria of the Trust. Mr. Huff added that this is the second request received, he has one from Tap-in which should be considered at the next meeting. He would like to add budget procedures to the next meeting agenda.

ADJOURN

Motion by Mrs. Strong and seconded by Mr. DeWitt to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 P.M. Passed unanimously.

Linda H. James, Town Clerk