

**Town of Scituate
Grant Committee Meeting
Wednesday May 3, 2017
Town Hall Chambers – 6:30PM
195 Danielson Pike, North Scituate, RI 02857
Meeting Notes**

Grants Committee Membership: Carolyn Dias, Kristin Polseno, Deborah Garneau, Kim Smith (excused)

6:30pm Meeting was called to order by Carolyn Dias.

6:35pm Discussed organization of committee; Kristin Polseno was elected Chair of Committee; Deborah Garneau was elected Secretary.

6:45pm Discussed goals and operations of the committee.

Goal 1. To provide assistance to the Town of Scituate in securing grant funding for town purposes. Grant areas to be explored include but are not limited to the following: education, arts, health, safety, housing, elder services, capital improvement, prevention, and planning grants.

Action Taken: Ms Dias distributed "Municipal Grants Handbook for Rhode Island Cities & Towns" ¹ to committee members. Ms Dias reviewed status of the following opportunities that were brought to the committee:

Education Grant: Rhode Island One of Ten States Awarded Competitive Grant to Support Career Readiness and Postsecondary Attainment – **Awarded \$50,000** (application submitted by Scituate School Department)²

DEM Grant: Recreation Acquisition and Development Grants ³ due in October 2017. Action Taken: Ms Dias to request overview of 2016 funded projects and provide to committee. Prior to next meeting, committee members will engage Scituate Department Heads and Town Council to identify town request.

Two other grants were reviewed that Scituate is not eligible for: Small, Rural School Achievement Program (Ineligible)⁴

Main Street Rhode Island Streetscape Improvement Fund (Expired)⁵

¹ <http://www.municipalfinance.ri.gov/documents/resources/GrantHandbook2008.pdf>

² <http://www.ride.ri.gov/InsideRIDE/AdditionalInformation/News/ViewArticle/tabid/408/ArticleId/371/Rhode-Island-One-of-Ten-States-Awarded-Competitive-Grant-to-Support-Career-Readiness-and-Postseconda.aspx>

³ <http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/bpoladm/plandev/pdf/recgrants16.pdf>

⁴ <https://www2.ed.gov/programs/reapsrsa/eligible16/index.html>

⁵ <https://us-mq6.mail.yahoo.com/neo/launch?.rand=cli8hc0o9a9n0>

Next Steps: Prior to next meeting, Ms Dias to explore current version of municipal grants resource by connecting with State of RI, Division of Planning; Ms Garneau will explore municipal health grants; Ms Polseno will explore educational and arts grants.

Goal 2: To catalog potential and current Scituate grant awards.

Proposed Action: Propose policy through Town Council that Grants Committee will be notified of grant intention or application. Catalog current grants received through Budget process.

8:00pm Public Comment - None

8:05pm Next meeting date selected as 6/14/17; 6:30pm. Meeting Adjourned
