

**TOWN OF WALLINGFORD
WALLINGFORD ARPA APPLICATION REVIEW COMMITTEE
129 Center Street (HUBCAP)
Wallingford, CT -6492**

**Wednesday, March 29, 2023
6:30 p.m.**

RECORD OF VOTES AND MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Members in attendance were Carl Bonamico; Mike Brodinsky, Chair; Craig Fishbein; Robert Fritz; Bob Gross; Jacqueline McNamee; Christopher Regan; Jesse Reynolds; and Amy Walsh.

Recusals: Carl Bonamico for Boys & Girls Club; Jackie McNamee for Coalition for a Better Wallingford and Wallingford Committee on Aging; Bob Gross for Coalition for A Better Wallingford; Amy Walsh for CT STEM Academy, Chris Regan for CT STEM Academy.

Members of the public: The Renaissance Club; New Opportunities; Coalition for a Better Wallingford; CT STEM Academy; Wallingford Committee on Aging; Boys & Girls Club of Greater New Haven; Music Parents of Mark T. Sheehan High School; Soul Friends, Inc.

Discussion and possible action on the following grant applications:

Mr. Brodinsky explained that a passing average score is 75 or above. If an application passes that threshold this committee sends a message to the government recommending funding.

The Renaissance Club

Mr. Fritz outlined the application. They provide a facility for spiritual growth and recovery from addictive behavior. Their revenue comes from rentals of their facility. The documentation includes P&L statements which look official but have no authorized CPA stamps. They took a hit from 2020 to 2021. They ask for \$25,000 to invest in the facility, including new heating and air systems. They provided quotes. They play an important role in the town.

It was noted that 501c(3)'s don't have to provide tax returns if gross receipts are under \$50,000.

Committee comments on this application included:

- The documentation is sufficient
- This is not out of the scope of an assistance application.
- This is an assistance application, not a program application.
- This is an appropriate ask.
- The quote includes tax which they don't have to pay so they really need \$23,662.
- The application says they own the building, but the documentation says they rent.
- It would have been nice to have the impact of who they serve
- The funds would improve the space.

- They need a disclaimer from the landlord
- ARPA guidelines say the funds can't be used for preaching
- This is the type of application we should be funding.
- Incomplete because the affirmations are not checked.
- Provide a much-needed service

Score sheets were handed in.

Total Scores:

Brodinsky:	85	Gross:	80
Bonamico:	80	McNamee:	100
Fishbein:	55	Regan:	80
Fritz:	85	Reynolds:	80
Glidden:	absent	Walsh:	80

The average score is 86.56

Motion, based on the average score, to recommend further favorable action in the matter of The Renaissance Club in the amount of \$25,000.

**Made by: Mr. Brodinsky
Seconded by: Mr. Fishbein**

Vote:

Brodinsky:	Yes	Gross:	Yes
Bonamico:	Yes	McNamee:	Yes
Fishbein:	Yes	Regan:	Yes
Fritz:	Yes	Reynolds:	Yes
Glidden:	absent	Walsh:	Yes

**Ayes: 9
Nays: 0
Recusals: 0
Absent: 1
Motion carries**

New Opportunities

Mr. Bonamico outlined the application. Their mission is to improve the quality of life for economically disadvantaged people by providing resources to increase their standard of living. A benefit to the community. This is a complete and concise application. They were adversely impacted by COVID.

Committee comments on this application included:

- The type of organization we should be funding
- Good alignment of goals with ARPA
- No footprint in Wallingford
- This is funding a start-up
- If the need was identified, why was it not already happening?

Score sheets were handed in.

Total Scores:

Brodinsky:	79	Gross:	75
Bonamico:	90	McNamee:	100
Fishbein:	70	Regan:	95
Fritz:	90	Reynolds:	85
Glidden:	absent	Walsh:	95

The average score is 86.56

Motion, based on the average score, to recommend further favorable action in the matter of New Opportunities in the amount of \$25,000.

Made by: Mr. Brodinsky

Seconded by: Mr. Bonamico

Vote:

Brodinsky:	Yes	Gross:	Yes
Bonamico:	Yes	McNamee:	Yes
Fishbein:	Yes	Regan:	Yes
Fritz:	Yes	Reynolds:	Yes
Glidden:	absent	Walsh:	Yes

Ayes: 9

Nays: 0

Recusals: 0

Absent: 1

Motion carries

Coalition for a Better Wallingford

Recusals: Bob Gross and Jackie McNamee

Mr. Brodinsky outlined the application. This is both an assistance and a program application. He noted that they are in line to get money from the Town as per the consent agenda item on last night's Town Council Agenda. He suggested a condition to ensure no duplication. Regarding the finances, their total revenue grew between 2019 and 2021, but there was a large deficit in 2020. He focused on the assistance application first. The proposed use of the funds is for a copier, computer, workstation, and inventory. They are requesting \$19,600. He stated that he wasn't convinced the money for inventory is the best use of the funds.

Regarding the two related applications, Mr. Brodinsky suggested that if the assistance application passes, there will be no need to discuss the program application. It was noted that the hardship component is only \$17,600 and the program component is \$50,000.

Committee comments on this application included:

- Specific and thorough application
- Strong core community benefit
- The organization is valuable to the town
- The proposed use seems fair

- Missing a list of partner organizations, the number of families they work with, and what impact they want to see.
- Didn't talk about how the pandemic affected services.
- Their income increased during the pandemic.
- The application of funds is disjointed with the mission.
- Taxpayers pay their rent

Mr. Brodinsky clarified that the assistance application will be scored first based on a grant of \$17,600. Then we will vote on the program component.

Score sheets were handed in for the Assistance application.

Total Scores:

Brodinsky:	76	Gross:	recused
Bonamico:	96	McNamee:	recused
Fishbein:	55	Regan:	80
Fritz	85	Reynolds:	80
Glidden:	absent	Walsh:	70

The average score is **77.43**

Motion, based on the average score, to recommend further favorable action in the matter of the Assistance application for the Coalition for a Better Wallingford in the amount of \$17,600.

Made by: Mr. Brodinsky

Seconded by: Mr. Fishbein

Vote:

Brodinsky:	Yes	Gross:	Recused
Bonamico:	Yes	McNamee:	Recused
Fishbein:	Yes	Regan:	Yes
Fritz:	Yes	Reynolds:	Yes
Glidden:	absent	Walsh:	Yes

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Recusals: 2

Absent: 1

Motion carries

Motion to condition approval of both applications for Coalition for a Better Wallingford be subject to no duplication in purpose and use of the Town funds and the ARPA grant, based on the March 28th Town Council Consent Agenda regarding the National Opioid Settlement Funds.

Made by: Mr. Brodinsky

Seconded by: Mr. Fishbein

Vote:

Brodinsky:	Yes	Gross:	Recused
Bonamico:	Yes	McNamee:	Recused
Fishbein:	Yes	Regan:	Yes
Fritz:	Yes	Reynolds:	Yes

Glidden: absent Walsh: Yes

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Recusals: 2

Absent: 1

Motion carries

Mr. Brodinsky explained that the program application is for an early intervention program for daycare, promoting programming assessment tools and counselors. The email with additional information specifies \$50,000 for this program. So there is a total of \$67,600 request, while the application shows \$19,600. The application was filled out incorrectly. Mr. Brodinsky stated that he is not sure that the application fits the criteria. The budget is appropriate but not supported by documentation. The project is speculative and has little to do with COVID.

Comments from the committee included:

- They do great work.
- The Community benefit is unparalleled.
- They are looking to apply a program to a problem caused by COVID
- Would like more documentation
- The ask is modest
- Would like to see more about the impact
- This is a shift in services, it is a start-up
- Their goal is to make educational tools available.

Score sheets were handed in for the Program application.

Total Scores:

Brodinsky:	61	Gross:	Recused
Bonamico:	90	McNamee:	Recused
Fishbein:	15	Regan:	80
Fritz:	80	Reynolds:	80
Glidden:	absent	Walsh:	55

The average score is 65.86

Motion, based on the average score, to recommend no favorable action in the matter of the program application for the Coalition for a Better Wallingford.

Made by: Mr. Brodinsky

Seconded by: Mr. Fishbein

Vote:

Brodinsky:	Yes	Gross:	Recused
Bonamico:	Yes	McNamee:	Recused
Fishbein:	Yes	Regan:	Yes
Fritz:	Yes	Reynolds:	Yes
Glidden:	absent	Walsh:	Yes

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0
Recusals: 2
Absent: 1
Motion carries

CT STEM Academy

Recused: Chris Regan and Amy Walsh

Mr. Brodinsky outlined the application. The grant will help provide positive youth enrichment, free or low-cost summer camps for grades 3 – 8, and after-school student programs. These are under-represented populations. They aim to bridge the learning gap caused by the pandemic and support students' social and emotional needs. They will work with Parks and Rec Dept for camps at local parks. This is a Programming application. It meets all the scoring criteria.

Committee comments on this application included:

- Great community benefit
- The application is specific and complete
- Good program
- Hopes all the ARPA money goes to scholarships for whoever is in need and is open to all Wallingford residents.
- Confident that it is free for Wallingford residents

Score sheets were handed in.

Total Scores:

Brodinsky:	93	Gross:	90
Bonamico:	93	McNamee:	100
Fishbein:	90	Regan:	Recused
Fritz:	90	Reynolds:	90
Glidden:	absent	Walsh:	Recused

The average score is 92.29

Motion, based on the average score, to recommend further favorable action in the matter of CT STEM Academy in the amount of \$28,750.

Made by: Mr. Brodinsky

Seconded by: Mr. Bonamico

Vote:

Brodinsky:	Yes	Gross:	Yes
Bonamico:	Yes	McNamee:	Yes
Fishbein:	Yes	Regan:	Recused
Fritz:	Yes	Reynolds:	Yes
Glidden:	absent	Walsh:	Recused

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Recusals: 2

Absent: 1

Motion carries

Wallingford Committee on Aging

Recused: Jackie McNamee

Mr. Gross outlined the program application. The funding would be for a bereavement program for older adults in Wallingford. Since it is a Town organization, there are no fees for members. This is a needed program. They only asked for part of the necessary funding.

Score sheets were handed in.

Total Scores:

Brodinsky:	95	Gross:	90
Bonamico:	91	McNamee:	Recused
Fishbein:	90	Regan:	100
Fritz:	100	Reynolds:	90
Glidden:	absent	Walsh:	100

The average score is 94.50

Motion, based on the average score, to recommend further favorable action in the matter of the Wallingford Committee on Aging, Inc. in the amount of \$25,000.

Made by: Mr. Brodinsky

Seconded by: Mr. Bonamico

Vote:

Brodinsky:	Yes	Gross:	Yes
Bonamico:	Yes	McNamee:	Recused
Fishbein:	Yes	Regan:	Yes
Fritz:	Yes	Reynolds:	Yes
Glidden:	absent	Walsh:	Yes

Ayes: 8

Nays: 0

Recusals: 1

Absent: 1

Motion carries

Boys and Girls Club of Greater New Haven

Recused: Carl Bonamico

Mr. Brodinsky outlined the Programming application. This is a complicated application with a lot of programming. It includes additions to staff, after-school instruction, opportunities for families, out of school time care. They provide a safe and positive environment as well as employment and leadership opportunities for teens. The application is well laid out with substantial detail on staffing costs but not a lot of back up.

Committee comments on this application included:

- Wonderful and much-needed services
- Appreciate the detail
- The request is for partial funding
- Meet the needs of the community as a result of COVID
- Assume no overlap with other programs and free for town residents
- Assume new programming to help additional people
- Confident that the money will be used locally

Score sheets were handed in.

Total Scores:

Brodinsky:	86	Gross:	85
Bonamico:	Recused	McNamee:	100
Fishbein:	90	Regan:	85
Fritz:	95	Reynolds:	100
Glidden:	absent	Walsh:	90

The average score is 91.38

Motion, based on the average score, to recommend further favorable action in the matter of Boys and Girls Club of Greater New Haven in the amount of \$249,692.

Made by: Mr. Brodinsky

Seconded by: Mr. Fishbein

Vote:

Brodinsky:	Yes	Gross:	Yes
Bonamico:	Recused	McNamee:	Yes
Fishbein:	Yes	Regan:	Yes
Fritz:	Yes	Reynolds:	Yes
Glidden:	absent	Walsh:	Yes

Ayes: 8

Nays: 0

Recusals: 1

Absent: 1

Motion carries

Music Parents of Mark T. Sheehan High School

Mr. Brodinsky outlined the Assistance application. Their revenue comes from competitions, food sales, bottle drives, etc. There are lots of small fundraisers to support the band program. Music is good for everyone. This is a strong application.

Committee comments on this application included:

- Hats off to the parents for putting together all the fundraisers
- It was noted that the wrong Tax ID was entered into the application. (correct is 06-1474226)

Score sheets were handed in.

Total Scores:

Brodinsky:	85	Gross:	85
Bonamico:	93	McNamee:	100
Fishbein:	85	Regan:	100
Fritz:	90	Reynolds:	90
Glidden:	absent	Walsh:	95

The average score is 91.44

Motion, based on the average score, to recommend further favorable action in the matter of Music Parents of Mark T. Sheehan High School in the amount of \$45,000.

Made by: Mr. Brodinsky

Seconded by: Mr. Regan

Vote:

Brodinsky:	Yes	Gross:	Yes
Bonamico:	Yes	McNamee:	Yes
Fishbein:	Yes	Regan:	Yes
Fritz:	Yes	Reynolds:	Yes
Glidden:	absent	Walsh:	Yes

Ayes: 9

Nays: 0

Recusals: 0

Absent: 1

Motion carries

Soul Friends, Inc.

Mr. Fishbein outlined the Assistance application. Interactivity with pets and children was difficult to do during COVID. The tax returns show a dip but are not significant. Their financial reporting seems to have changed over time. The income appears to go up. They are looking to expand staff. The narrative is detailed but there is no documentation.

Committee comments on this application included:

- Looking at the program part of the application, it is not limited to Wallingford, though they are located in Wallingford.
- Thorough narrative, but would have appreciated more metrics
- A huge need for these services, and they have a waiting list.
- Not Wallingford-centric.

The consensus was to score on the program part of the application.

Score sheets were handed in.

Total Scores:

Brodinsky:	80	Gross:	75
Bonamico:	81	McNamee:	80
Fishbein:	75	Regan:	82

Fritz 90 Reynolds: 85
Glidden: absent Walsh: 95
The average score is 82.56

Motion, based on the average score, to recommend further favorable action in the matter of Soul Friends, Inc. in the amount of \$24,750.

**Made by: Mr. Brodinsky
Seconded by: Mr. Bonamico**

Vote:

Brodinsky:	Yes	Gross:	Yes
Bonamico:	Yes	McNamee:	Yes
Fishbein:	Yes	Regan:	Yes
Fritz:	Yes	Reynolds:	Yes
Glidden:	absent	Walsh:	Yes

**Ayes: 9
Nays: 0
Recusals: 0
Absent: 1
Motion carries**

In a Heartbeat

Mr. Reynolds outlined the application. The group provides defibrillators to organizations and does training. They were affected by COVID. Most of their revenue is from fundraisers. They are asking for funds for the purchase of 15 defibrillators for donation and a screening event at the two high schools. The application is detailed. The financials clearly show a downturn during the pandemic and the documentation is good.

Committee comments on this application included:

- This application is for program and assistance.
- The programming is not necessarily related to COVID.
- This will help the residents of the town
- Tax returns show their revenue increased, so there is no financial hardship.
- Looking at it from the programming side, it is very valuable
- There is no case for continuing hardship and they were not impaired because of the pandemic.
- The project is not related to the pandemic.
- Incredible community benefit
- Kids have long-term COVID and this allows screening them.
- Effects of COVID include a weakening of hearts and lungs.
- Having more AEDs around is valuable.

The consensus was to score on the programming application.

Score sheets were handed in.

Total Scores:

Brodinsky:	70	Gross:	85
Bonamico:	86	McNamee:	90
Fishbein:	95	Regan:	100
Fritz:	90	Reynolds:	80
Glidden:	absent	Walsh:	90

The average score is 87.33

Motion, based on the average score, to recommend further favorable action in the matter of In A Heartbeat, Inc. in the amount of \$25,000.

Made by: Mr. Brodinsky

Seconded by: Mr. Fishbein

Vote:

Brodinsky:	Yes	Gross:	Yes
Bonamico:	Yes	McNamee:	Yes
Fishbein:	Yes	Regan:	Yes
Fritz:	Yes	Reynolds:	Yes
Glidden:	absent	Walsh:	Yes

Ayes: 9

Nays: 0

Recusals: 0

Absent: 1

Motion carries

Square Foot Theater

Mr. Fritz outlined the application. This is a small theater that had to shut down for most of the year. They do a dozen or so shows a year and work with Lyman Hall's theater program. They cater mostly to teens. They are an important asset to the community. They will use the funds to purchase equipment for hearing and visually-impaired participants. There is a lot of good back up.

Committee comments on this application included:

- They received a shuttered venue grant, but don't know how much.
- They struggled.
- Modest proposal
- Behind in rent
- Will do the labor themselves
- Good community member
- Numbers in the tax returns don't seem to compare to the application.
- Gross in the last year is about the same as the first year. In the last year rents and salaries went up.
- Great organization, great community benefit

The consensus was to score it as a program application.

Score sheets were handed in.

Total Scores:

Brodinsky:	77	Gross:	80
Bonamico:	93	McNamee:	90
Fishbein:	80	Regan:	75
Fritz:	90	Reynolds:	85
Glidden:	absent	Walsh:	95

The average score is 85.00

Motion, based on the average score, to recommend further favorable action in the matter of Square Foot Theater in the amount of \$25,000.

Made by: Mr. Brodinsky

Seconded by: Mr. Fishbein

Vote:

Brodinsky:	Yes	Gross:	Yes
Bonamico:	Yes	McNamee:	Yes
Fishbein:	Yes	Regan:	Yes
Fritz:	Yes	Reynolds:	Yes
Glidden:	absent	Walsh:	Yes

Ayes: 9

Nays: 0

Recusals: 0

Absent: 1

Motion carries

Church of the Resurrection

Mr. Fishbein outlined the application. Churches were closed during the pandemic. They couldn't do the carnival that was to pay for this work. The cost of the door replacement went up. They didn't submit financial back up. The P&Ls for 2021 and 2022 were provided but not signed by a CPA. This application should probably be sent back.

Committee comments on this application included:

- Looking from an Assistance angle, their ability to provide services was impaired by the pandemic.
- The net income increases over the period. Don't see the impairment
- They had the funds to do the project.
- Churches have a health impact
- Some of the money reported in the financials could be endowments.
- Certainly impacted
- Worthy cause
- Maintenance issue that could have been taken care of with available funds?
- No documentation of the estimate for the door.

- There is an additional ask for \$10,000 to fill the food pantry.
- The total request seems to be \$75,000
- They received PPP
- Would like more backup
- They did the repairs and maintenance during the period

Consensus to score as an assistance application for \$75,000.

Score sheets were handed in.

Total Scores:

Brodinsky:	45	Gross:	75
Bonamico:	85	McNamee:	90
Fishbein:	90	Regan:	75
Fritz	90	Reynolds:	70
Glidden:	absent	Walsh:	68

The average score is 76.44

Motion, based on the average score, to recommend further favorable action in the matter of Church of the Resurrection in the amount of \$75,000.

Made by: Mr. Brodinsky

Seconded by: Mr. Bonamico

Vote:

Brodinsky:	Yes	Gross:	Yes
Bonamico:	Yes	McNamee:	Yes
Fishbein:	Yes	Regan:	Yes
Fritz:	Yes	Reynolds:	Yes
Glidden:	absent	Walsh:	Yes

Ayes: 9

Nays: 0

Recusals: 0

Absent: 1

Motion carries

The Pink Ladies Sisters for Hope Foundation, Inc.

Mr. Fritz outlined the program application. This organization caters to people with cancer. They distribute almost all the funds that they get. There was a significant impact on their fundraising for two years. They provided simple financials showing they took a significant hit.

Committee comments on this application included:

- Worthy cause
- Run very lean
- Financials don't meet the requirements.
- If it's a pass-through, it is not a project.

- Not an expansion of existing programs
- Not a highly structured organization
- Health impacts related to COVID?
- Wallingford focused.
- One charity can't give ARPA money to another charity.
- We can condition that the funds are given to patients that have cancer and were impacted by the pandemic
- Criteria are that the organization is impacted by COVID
- If an assistance application is because they couldn't raise money then it's appropriate.
- If it's a program application, it's not related to COVID.
- No tax returns or P&Ls
- They provided a crude P&L which is acceptable for a 501c(3) at this level.
- They claim all the money goes to local individuals undergoing cancer treatment

Motion to condition that the funds only go to cancer patients who have had an adverse health impact from COVID.

Made by: Mr. Brodinsky

Seconded by: Mr. Bonamico

Amended Motion that the funds go to individuals that have cancer.

Made by: Mr. Fishbein

Seconded by: Mr. Gross

Vote:

Brodinsky:	Yes	Gross:	Yes
Bonamico:	Yes	McNamee:	Yes
Fishbein:	Yes	Regan:	Yes
Fritz:	Yes	Reynolds:	Yes
Glidden:	absent	Walsh:	Yes

Ayes: 9

Nays: 0

Recusals: 0

Absent: 1

Motion carries

The consensus was to score it as a program application.

Score sheets were handed in.

Total Scores:

Brodinsky:	70	Gross:	80
Bonamico:	95	McNamee:	100
Fishbein:	82	Regan:	90
Fritz:	100	Reynolds:	75
Glidden:	absent	Walsh:	83

The average score is 86.11

Motion, based on the average score, to recommend further favorable action in the matter of The Pink Ladies Sisters for Hope Foundation, Inc. in the amount of \$36,000.

**Made by: Mr. Brodinsky
Seconded by: Mr. Fishbein**

Vote:

Brodinsky:	Yes	Gross:	Yes
Bonamico:	Yes	McNamee:	Yes
Fishbein:	Yes	Regan:	Yes
Fritz:	Yes	Reynolds:	Yes
Glidden:	absent	Walsh:	Yes

**Ayes: 9
Nays: 0
Recusals: 0
Absent: 1
Motion carries**

Operation Fuel

Mr. Brodinsky outlined the program application. This organization provides fuel to low-income homes in Wallingford. We may need to double-check their status as they were shut down for a while.

Score sheets were handed in.

Total Scores:

Brodinsky:	89	Gross:	90
Bonamico:	100	McNamee:	100
Fishbein:	80	Regan:	100
Fritz:	100	Reynolds:	100
Glidden:	absent	Walsh:	100

The average score is 95.44

Motion, based on the average score, to recommend further favorable action in the matter of Operation Fuel in the amount of \$10,000.

**Made by: Mr. Brodinsky
Seconded by: Mr. Fishbein**

Vote:

Brodinsky:	Yes	Gross:	Yes
Bonamico:	Yes	McNamee:	Yes
Fishbein:	Yes	Regan:	Yes
Fritz:	Yes	Reynolds:	Yes
Glidden:	absent	Walsh:	Yes

**Ayes: 9
Nays: 0
Recusals: 0**

Absent: 1
Motion carries

Procedural and administrative matters: Discussion and possible action.

Mr. Brodinsky noted that at the last meeting, there was some sentiment to wrap up our efforts tonight. We only have business applications left.

Mr. Gross stated that he is in favor of pausing to see if we get better direction from the Council. But he is okay if we decide to close up tonight.

Mr. Fishbein stated that Council has not yet dealt with the applications that were rejected. He is willing to do the work but doesn't think it makes sense. He is okay with closing.

Mr. Bonamico added that he supports closing.

Ms. McNamee stated that she wants to finish the job. Whatever the Town Council decides to they will do.

Mr. Fritz stated that he committed to this committee. The rules changed so it is right to reconsider. He wants to continue but we don't need three groups (consultant, us, and Council) working on the same paperwork. It makes us redundant. He supports closing.

Mr. Regan supports continuing. These businesses have asked for assistance and we have the ability to approve their applications. We owe it to them and the Town. If we give some back to Council, we are telling these businesses that the government isn't working. All these businesses have been waiting. That's a shame.

Mr. Reynolds asked why we are bothering to do this. Does it matter? Yet, if we don't do anything, nothing will happen for the businesses that are waiting. The Council won't review the applications. He will support what the rest of the group wants to do, but would rather continue.

Ms. Walsh stated that Council has always had an issue with the things we voted no action on. She stated that she is reluctant to stop. Council hasn't discussed the applications yet. Let's keep going and get these businesses their money faster.

Mr. Fishbein added that Council did not look at the substance of the applications. He has no problem if there is an appeal process. He predicted that they will move the goalposts again and fund those that were rejected. He reported that the Law Department has stated that it will be months before they put contracts together. No one has received any money yet. Council has not yet acted on any of our recommendations.

Mr. Gross stated that some of the applications that were passed by the Council using the standard deviation are not eligible for ARPA funds. Council is likely to decide to fund everyone.

Mr. Brodinsky stated that Council could solve this in a special meeting or two. This is an exercise in futility. There are 24 or 25 business applications left. He stated that there is no leverage in pausing so the options are to 1) keep going or 2) stop.

Mr. Fritz stated that Council will do it anyway.

Mr. Fishbein stated that the committee shouldn't have to do the work of the Consultant.

Motion to take no further action on any application from here on out.

Made by: Mr. Brodinsky

Seconded by: Mr. Gross

Vote:

Brodinsky: Yes Gross: Yes

Bonamico: Yes McNamee: No

Fishbein: Yes Regan: No

Fritz: Yes Reynolds: No

Glidden: absent Walsh: Yes

Ayes: 6

Nays: 3

Recusals: 0

Absent: 1

Motion carries

Mr. Brodinsky will report back to Council. He thanked everyone for their efforts.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 9:40 pm

Made by: Mr. Brodinsky

Seconded by: Mr. Bonamico

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl-Ann Tubby
Recording Secretary