

TOWN OF LEICESTER
ARPA GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 17, 2023 4:30 PM - LEICESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

1. CALL TO ORDER/OPENING

Paul Fontaine called the meeting to order at 4:38 PM. Sam Chatterton, Linda Colby, Cheryl Cooney, Paul Fontaine, Regan Fortune, Paul McCarthy, Maureen Whitney, and Rose Wolanski attended.

2. APPROVE 08/010/23 MINUTES

Paul McCarthy moved to approve the minutes from the 08/010/23 meeting. Maureen Whitney seconded the motion. The motion passed 8 to 0.

4. GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS AND JUSTIFICATIONS

The committee voted separately on each application that was recommended to the Select Board for funding. Paul McCarthy moved to vote on each application and Maureen Whitney seconded the motions. Both committee members recused themselves from voting for applications in which there could be a conflict of interest. The voting results were as follows:

Businesses

- P&H Property Consulting #10 - The motion passed 8 to 0.
- Subway Leicester - The motion passed 8 to 0.
- Breezy Gardens - The motion passed 8 to 0.
- Paul and Dave Realty, LLC. - The motion passed 7 to 0 with Paul McCarthy abstaining.
- Castle Cantina - The motion passed 8 to 0.
- Atlantic Athletics - The motion passed 8 to 0.
- Salon Superior - The motion passed 8 to 0.
- Bri's Sweet Treats - The motion passed 8 to 0.
- The Hair Force - The motion passed 8 to 0.
- Morin Funeral Home - The motion passed 8 to 0.
- Farmhouse Diner - The motion passed 8 to 0.
- Everlast Nursery - The motion passed 8 to 0.
- Bill's Pizza - The motion passed 8 to 0.
- Orloff Tree Service - The motion passed 8 to 0.
- Classic Automotive - The motion passed 8 to 0.
- Barber's Crossing - The motion passed 8 to 0.
- Mill Town Wine Company - The motion passed 8 to 0.
- GSTC Realty - The motion passed 8 to 0.
- G&L Auto Sales - The motion passed 7 to 0 with Sam Chatterton abstaining.

Nonprofits and Associations

- Friends of Leicester Public Library - The motion passed 7 to 0 with Maureen Whitney abstaining.
- Swan Tavern - The motion passed 7 to 0 with ?? abstaining.
- Leicester Girls Softball - The motion passed 8 to 0.
- Cherry Valley Sewer District - The motion passed 8 to 0.
- McAuley Nazareth - The motion passed 7 to 0 with Maureen Whitney abstaining.
- Leicester Lions Club - The motion passed 8 to 0.
- Summer Concert Series - The motion passed 8 to 0.
- Common Ground Land Trust - The motion passed 8 to 0.

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- Leicester Special Olympics - The motion passed 8 to 0.
- Leicester Food Pantry - The motion passed 5 to 3.
- Boy Scouts Troop 125 #1 - The motion passed 8 to 0.
- Cherry Valley American Legion - The motion passed 8 to 0.

Town Committees

- Leicester Parks & Recreation - The motion passed 7 to 0 with Paul Fontaine abstaining.
- Leicester Bark Park - The motion passed 8 to 0.
- Burncoat Park Sports Committee - The motion passed 8 to 0.

5. REVIEW EXHIBITS FOR SELECT BOARD MEETING

The committee reviewed and came to consensus on two exhibits to give to the Select Board:

- A cover letter for the Select Board regarding recommendations
- A recommendation exhibit

The committee also developed a non-recommendation exhibit.

6. COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

The committee will ask to get on the Select Board agenda for August 21.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

There were no public comments and/or suggestions.

8. NEXT MEETING

The committee did not set a date and time for the next meeting. It will depend on Select Board inquiries and potential votes.

9. ADJOURN

Regan Fortune moved to adjourn the meeting. Cheryl Cooney seconded the motion. The motion passed 8 to 0. Paul Fontaine adjourned the meeting at 6:24 PM.