

SHEPHERDSTOWN GRANT COMMITTEE

MINUTES - May 20, 2021, 4:00pm - Town Hall

*CALL TO ORDER: 4:03pm - Chris S., Mary F., D.W.G.

*APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve by Mary F., Seconded by D.W.G.

*VISITORS: Andy B., Frank W., Jim A., Steve P., Matt J.

*OLD BUSINESS:

- A. CARES Act / Community Block Grant funding grant applications - State has contacted the Committee for additional information, awaiting decision;
- B. Additional committee members - division of labor? -- Matt J. has expressed interest, CPS to forward committee application to him;
- C. Community input regarding needs can be determined by email, survey, social media, and feedback from town committees and departments, community organizations, etc.

Possible projects include historic preservation, humanities - library, museum, garbage truck, bike path, website.

Discussion focused on the what grant opportunities should be pursued. It was generally determined that the goal of any community outreach is to connect with stakeholders and obtain information to determine need, and then evaluate whether this need is a good fit for the capabilities of the committee to address.

*NEW BUSINESS:

- D. Listening session - Frank Welch, Andy Beall, Fire Chief Morgan was invited by did not attend.

*Andy B. -- Has some background and experience in grant writing and has been pursuing grants in his position. He is currently pursuing a grant to extend West High Street to University Drive. This was discussed in the Rt. 45 planning conference held by HEPMO. The public portion of this conference is scheduled for June 15, 2021, from 5-7pm. Grant ideas from Andy include geo database that can be used to track zoning updates and other specific parcel info; historic preservation and/or IPMC code compliance fund; LED lights.

*Frank W. -- Grant ideas from Frank include fire hydrant repair / replacement; Chesapeake Watershed compliance for septic systems (outside Town limits), new garbage truck so used one can be transitioned to glass recycling.

*Other grant ideas discussed included an updated tree inventory, emergency alert system, historic preservation for the Tobacco Warehouse, bike path.

- E. Broadband Grant -- Based upon further research, there is no available broadband grant to apply for at this time.

*Mary F. to attend Evolve listening session in June on behalf of Committee.

*Next listening session to be scheduled with Police Chief King.

*Next meeting scheduled for June 2, 2021, 4pm, at Town Hall.

*ADJOURN: 5:30pm