

To: Westport RTM
From: Westport RTM Health & Human Services Committee
Subject: Committee report on Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act (CNAA)
Tax Credit Program
Date: July 1, 2020.

The Committee met electronically over Zoom on July 1, 2020. In attendance were Committee members Jessica Bram (chair), Kristin Schneeman, Jack Klinge, Karen Kramer, Wendy Batteau, Lauren Soloff, and Arlene Gertzoff. Committee members Chris Tait and Andrew Colabella did not attend. Elaine Daignault, Director of the Westport Department of Human Services (DHS), attended and presented the request.

The RTM Committee met to review and vote to recommend to the full RTM Item 1 on the July 7, 2020 RTM Agenda:

"To take such action as the meeting may determine, upon the request of the Human Services Director, to approve applicants to the Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) Tax Credit Program pursuant to CGS 12-630aa et seq."

Discussion:

The Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) Tax Credit Program provides funding for municipal and tax-exempt organizations that the Town certifies as eligible for the program, while providing donors with business tax credits for their donations. The program enables donors to choose among specific, Town-approved projects in their granting of funding requests.

The purpose of this motion is to approve applicants for the 2020 Neighborhood Act Tax Credit Program by certifying them as eligible nonprofit tax-exempt organizations.

- The Westport Country Playhouse submitted two applications for:
 - (1.) HVAC Hardware Replacement for the purpose of Energy Conservation \$22,000
 - (2.) Driveway and Parking lot/area paving \$82,650

- 399 VFW – CONN Veterans of Foreign War for:
 - (3.) Roof Improvements and Energy Conservation \$80,000

The above applications have been reviewed and approved by the Westport Department of Human Services. The program is publicized on the Town website and by press release distributed to Westport news outlets.

Committee Action:

Following a motion to approve by Jack G. Klinge and seconded by Kristin Schneeman, the Committee voted unanimously 7-0 to approve the two above-named applicants to the Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) Tax Credit Program.

Submitted by Jessica Bram, Health & Human Services Committee Chair
July 1, 2020