

Town of Wallingford
ARPA Application Review Committee
Special Meeting Tuesday May 9, 2023
6:30pm Wallingford Town Hall Room 315

I. Call to Order

Members Present: Vice Chair Mike Glidden, Christopher Reagan, and Jackie MacNamee
Vice Chair Glidden called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Application Review

Vice Chair Glidden reviewed the process with the applicants present and the scoring criteria will be used for the program request.

A. Session I - starting at 6:30PM

1. Beth Israel Synagogue

J.MacNamee began the review of the application. She reviewed the safety improvements were being planned as part of the request. The organization was requesting a total of \$158,448.00 for the improvements. She noted that economic loses that the organization experienced based upon the tax returns provided with the application. C.Regan felt that the application was complete however there was one concern regarding the payments for a consultant associated with the work. It was unclear based on the documentation on whether this work was already performed and therefor may not be eligible. M.Glidden noted that this would need to be reviewed by legal counsel and could be subtracted from the total awarded to the applicant. M.Glidden asked that if there were no further comments that the group use Program request scoring sheet.

M.Glidden reviewed the scores: **Mike Glidden 75, Christopher Reagan 75 and Jackie MacNamee 90. The average score for this application was 80.**

MOTION: C.Regan made a motion to send a positive recommendation to the Town Council for the application behalf of Beth Israel Synagogue in the amount of \$158,448, J.MacNamee seconded the motion. The motion passed (3-0).

2. SCOW

C.Reagn discussed the application. He noted that the application was very complete. The service provided by the organization serves a need in the Town of Wallingford. The request is for \$226,603.26. He summarized portions of the project and noted that a 10% overage cost was included with the application. J.Macnamee verified the request is a program. M.Glidden noted that the activity clearly meets the standards of ARPA. M.Glidden asked if there were no further comments that the group use the program scoring sheet.

M.Glidden reviewed the scores: **Mike Glidden 90, Christopher Reagan 100, and Jackie MacNamee 90. The average score for the application is 93.333**

MOTION: C.Regan made a motion to send a positive recommendation to the Town Council for the application behalf of SCOW in the amount of \$226,630.52, J.MacNamee seconded the motion. The motion passed (3-0).

45 3. Yalesville Little League

46 M.Glidden presented this application. Yalesville Little League is requesting \$15,000 for the
47 replacement of an awning at the Yalesville fields. He noted that like other youth sport programs
48 that have come before the board that group experienced negative economic impacts during the
49 pandemic. C.Reagan questioned clarification of the location of the fields, awning, etc. M.Glidden
50 noted the fields are behind Parker Farms School and like the Wallingford Little League request
51 these are technically owned by the Town of Wallingford. C.Reagan questioned whether to grade
52 this as a program request or need. M.Glidden suggested the committee use the need request
53 like what was done for Wallingford Little League's request.

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55 M.Glidden reviewed the criteria for a need request for not for profits since it is different from the
56 program requests that was previously discussed for the benefit of the applicants. M.Glidden
57 asked that if there were no further comments that the group use Program request scoring sheet.
58 M.Glidden reviewed the scores: **Mike Glidden 80, Christopher Reagan 75 and Jackie**
59 **MacNamee 80 The average score for this application was 78.333.**

60 **MOTION:** C.Reagan made a motion to send a positive recommendation to the Town Council for
61 the application behalf of Yalesville Little League in the amount of \$15,000, M.Glidden seconded
62 the motion. The motion passed (3-0).

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64 4. Wallingford Girls Softball

65 C.Reagan reviewed the request on behalf the Wallingford Girls Softball. He noted the service
66 which is like Yalesville Little League to the community. He was concerned on the extent of
67 improvements were being made and whether the league has the rights to make these
68 improvements to property that is technically owned by Gaylord. He asked whether this request
69 should be combined with Gaylord. M.Glidden noted that after the town made improvements to
70 Pragmen Park, the Girls Softball League left that location and Gaylord donated the area of the
71 fields for the league to move to. This league is the slow pitch one because there is another
72 league that plays at Pragmen Park after the change was made. M.Glidden noted that is his
73 understanding that the girls softball league and gaylord have a long standing agreement for the
74 use of the fields. He suggested like the other youth sports leagues that the need request criteria
75 should be used for the scoring of this application. C.Reagan suggested that a condition be
76 included should the application be considered for award that the applicant is to validate they
77 have permission from Gaylord to make the planned improvements.

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79 M.Glidden asked that if there were no further comments that the group use Program request
80 scoring sheet. M.Glidden reviewed the scores: **Mike Glidden 80, Christopher Reagan 85 and**
81 **Jackie MacNamee 80 The average score for this application was 81.667**

82 **MOTION:** C.Reagan made a motion to send a positive recommendation to the Town Council for
83 the application behalf of Wallingford Girls Softball in the amount of \$35,000,with the condition
84 that the applicant is to validate that they have permission to make the site improvements with
85 the property owner (Gaylord) J.MacNamee seconded the motion. The motion passed (3-0).

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88 **B. Session II - approximate start time - 7:30PM**

89 1. Wallingford Land Trust

90 C.Reagan reviewed the application. The applicant is requesting \$20,000 for the purposes of
91 improvements such as picnic benches and walking bridges. He noted the request is consistent
92 with ARPA and that the organization provides a service to the community. M.Glidden noted that
93 the installation of bridges may trigger an approval with the Inland Wetland and Watercourse
94 Agency and a condition should be placed on this request that the applicant is responsible for
95 securing the appropriate approval from the Inland Wetland and Watercourse Agency for any
96 work that needs their approval.

97 M.Glidden asked that if there were no further comments that the group use Program request
98 scoring sheet. M.Glidden reviewed the scores: **Mike Glidden 80, Christopher Reagan 90 and**
99 **Jackie MacNamee 90 The average score for this application was 86.667**

100 **MOTION:** C.Reagan made a motion to send a positive recommendation to the Town Council for
101 the application behalf of Wallingford Girls Softball in the amount of \$20,000,with the condition
102 that the applicant is responsible for securing necessary approvals with the Inland Wetland and
103 Watercourse Agency for work that requires their approval. J.MacNamee seconded the motion.
104 The motion passed (3-0).

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106 2. Wallingford Community Theater

107 M.Glidden reviewed the application. The request from the Wallingford Community Theater is for
108 \$50,000 for the purposes of funding some productions. He noted that the organization provided
109 a detailed budget with the request. He compared the organization to Wallingford Symphony in
110 the sense that they were not able host their productions/events during COVID. He commented
111 on all the activities noted on the application which would be considered services provided to the
112 Wallingford community.

113 M.Glidden asked that if there were no further comments that the group use Program request
114 scoring sheet. M.Glidden reviewed the scores: **Mike Glidden 85, Christopher Reagan 95 and**
115 **Jackie MacNamee 90 The average score for this application was 90.**

116 **MOTION:** C.Reagan made a motion to send a positive recommendation to the Town Council for
117 the application behalf of Wallingford Community Theater in the amount of \$50,000.
118 J.MacNamee seconded the motion. The motion passed (3-0).

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120 3. United Way of Meriden and Wallingford

121 C.Reagan suggested that the group first discuss the Church of Nazarene's request which is
122 related to the United Way. According to the application, the United Way is the financial
123 supporter of the request. He questioned whether applicant had legal standing and whether it
124 was more appropriate to award the request with the United Way since they are related for
125 financial purposes. M.Glidden and J.MacNamee agreed.

126 4. Church of Nazarene

127 **MOTION:** C.Reagan made a motion that the committee recommend to take no further action on
128 the Church of Nazarene's request as a stand alone application due to the fact that the United
129 Way is the financial sponsor for the application. M.Glidden seconded the motion. The motion
130 passed (3-0).

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132 C.Reagan noted that both applicants (the United Way and Church of Nazarene) are providing
133 services which are consistent with the ARPA guidelines.

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135 M.Glidden asked that if there were no further comments that the group use Program request
136 scoring sheet. M.Glidden reviewed the scores: **Mike Glidden 95, Christopher Reagan 100 and**
137 **Jackie MacNamee 100 The average score for this application was 98.3.**

138 **MOTION:** C.Reagan made a motion to combine the United Way and Church of Nazarene's
139 application and recommend approval for the amount of \$240,442 to the Town Council.

140 M.Glidden seconded the motion. The motion passed (3-0).

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142 **IV. Discussion of scheduling next meeting**

143 M.Glidden suggested that the committee meet next Tuesday May 16 at 6:30 pm to finish
144 reviewing the not-for-profit applications. He suggested then scheduling meetings the following
145 two Tuesday (May 23 and May 30) to review business applications. C.Reagan noted that he has
146 a conflict on the May 23 but can attend via zoom. M.Glidden suggested that the meeting for the
147 23rd could be remote so that everyone can attend. M.Glidden stated that he would try to
148 schedule the meetings to be held at room 315 in town hall moving forward. If the location needs
149 to be changed the group will be notified.

150 **V. Adjournment**

151 **MOTION:** C. Reagan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, J.MacNamee seconded the
152 motion. The motion passed (3-0), the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 pm.

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