City of Torrington

ARPA funded, Community Grants Advisory Committee

Minutes

Monday, May 25, 2022 @8 am

City Hall, Room 311

1. Roll Call

Present: Anne Ruwet, Laurene Pesce, Molly Spino and John Kissko

1. Status update of Community Impact Grants and Partnership Projects (Community Impact Program)
   1. Public meeting schedule

Once application process finalized, grant will be open and public meeting schedule set.

1. Discuss administration of Community Impact Program

Mayor Carbone and Rista Malanca will meet with NW CT Community Foundation to finalize MOU for the administration of this grant round.

1. Review of Workforce Navigator RFQ

Committee made some suggested changes to the proposed RFQ. The Committee would like proposals to allow for out of the box ideas, and encourage applicants to propose a method they feel would work best. Rista will make proposed changes to the summary for review at next meeting.

1. Discussion of Business and Non-Profit Direct Grants

The Committee would like to focus on funding capital improvements for existing businesses to expand and/or be more sustainable, façade and building improvements and assistance for start-up businesses. Rista will make proposed changes to the summary for review at next meeting.