



## **Minutes, March 19, 2024 Special Meeting (unapproved)**

### **Members Present**

Amy Donegan (Co-Chair)  
Mary Kate Williams  
Katina Marone  
Lisa Streit  
Suzanne Thomas  
Andrea Giannattasio  
Amanda Stigers  
Justin Rosen, Mayor Designee

### **Members Absent**

Lindsay Doyle  
Nicole Flanagan  
Joan Campbell  
Steve Autieri, Co-Chair and Superintendent  
Designee

### **Administrators Present**

Carole Swift – Liaison

### **Guest**

Program Director Terese Maguire

- 1. Call to Order/Roll Call:** The meeting was called to order at 5:31
- 2.** The purpose of the special meeting is for Council to determine if this year's School Readiness Grant will be a continuation year for the existing program only, or if this year will allow new programs to apply for grant funding. The next available time for new programs to apply for grant funding will be in 2026. The Liaison reviewed the responsibilities and relevant information related to the grant pertinent to today's discussion and decision making. This included the purpose of the grant, the Liaison's responsibility, Council Responsibilities.  
Grant eligible programs in Milford were reviewed.  
Council's plans for awarding grant seats during the last grant cycle were revisited.  
The impact on the existing program if it were to lose a grant seat was discussed, which included a review of the new increased reimbursement rate being awarded this grant cycle.  
  
Council discussed the pros and cons of opening the grant application to new programs, particularly the benefit to the Milford community, and the concern related to the impact of losing a funded seat for the current program.  
Justin Rosen made a motion to move to open the grant application to new programs. Lisa Streit seconded the motion. All attending members were in favor of opening the grant application process to new programs.  
  
Next steps were discussed and include:  
Posting a public notice of the RFP.  
Creating a timeline and schedule for completing the grant process which will be shared with Council members as soon as possible.
- 3. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:27.

