

**TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING
MAY 24, 2011 7:20 LEGISLATIVE CHAMBERS**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSISTANCE GRANT APPLICATION**

Public Hearing opened at: 7:27 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Scott Slifka, Councilors Brennan, Hall, Adler, Cantor, Captain, Casperson, Davidoff and Doar.
Town Manager Ron Van Winkle, Corporation Counsel Joseph A. O'Brien, Town/Council Clerk Essie S. Labrot

President Slifka: I'm going to call the 7:20 Public Hearing to order. For those of you that are here for our meeting, hold on, we're going to start officially in a few minutes. This is a resolution authorizing submission of the Neighborhood Assistance Grant Application and the roll call please Ms. Labrot.

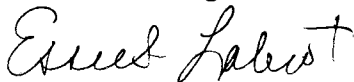
Roll Call.

President Slifka: Mr. Van Winkle, this is submitted by the administration, perhaps you could discuss it.

Mr. Van Winkle: Absolutely. This is something that we do every year. The Neighborhood Assistance Act has been around for more than twenty years, it is a state program of tax credits to individuals or businesses that make a donation to a specific charity. They'll get a credit up to 60% of their contribution. The state sets aside five million dollars in tax credits. Our own Kevin Sullivan, Commission of Revenue Services, is the head of that department. Each year local non profits work with individuals who are willing to make a cash donation to that non profit, they then submit those there's a form that they submit to the Town of West Hartford which gets on to our list, and then this hearing is held because this body has to approve that application to the State. Now, no, you are not approving any individual award or anything along that line, you're just approving a list of various non profits that could receive a cash donation and that person would receive a tax credit based upon that. It's something we've done for the last twenty plus years.

President Slifka: Thank you Mr. Van Winkle. Are there any questions for the Manager? OK, there's a sign up sheet Mr. Alair? No one is on the sign up sheet, does anybody wish to speak to the subject matter of this public hearing? OK, seeing none and seeing no further comment from my colleagues, we will close the Public Hearing.

Public hearing closed at 7:29 p.m.



Essie S. Labrot
Town/Council Clerk

APPROVED AT JUNE 14, 2011 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING