

## **October 20, 2021 Presentation to the Peacham Selectboard by the Appropriations Committee**

Members of the Committee: Appointed by the Selectboard for a one year term;

Dave Edwards, Chair  
Morgan Gold  
Geoffrey Sewake

### Accomplishments in 2020:

- Worked with the Assistant Town Clerk to update nonprofit contact list.
- Updated the 2020 Guidelines for nonprofit Organizations seeking Special appropriations at Peacham's 2021 Town meeting.
- Reviewed all 17 requests for funding.
- Given the Town meeting would not be held in person, we requested each organization summarize their request on one page. These summaries were made available for review by the public. They were intended to be included in the Town warning, but were not.
- Held two Zoom meetings of the Committee.

### Budget request for 2022

The Appropriations Committee has no budget and is not requesting a budget for 2022.

### Issues and Concerns

The members of the Appropriations Committee believe the current process is deeply flawed. The Committee plays basically a clerical role. We review applications for funding to determine if the nonprofit has submitted all of the required documentation. This could easily be done by the Town Clerk or Assistant Town Clerk. The Committee adds work to the Town office since applications need to be copied and collated for Committee review. All requests for funding are submitted *as presented* by the nonprofit, to the voters for approval. The only information voters have to make a determination is a one line description of the organization in the Town Warning.

The Committee is therefore recommending to the Peacham Select board that the Appropriations Committee be dissolved.