

TRUSTEES OF THE MERRIAM FUND  
MEETING ON TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2019  
WESTON TOWN HALL  
11 TOWN HOUSE ROAD

MINUTES

Meeting came to order at 3:05 PM, with no residents in attendance

Present: Jack Doyle, Jill Lenhardt, Mary Shaw, Nancy Allen, Kara Fleming. Hannah Peters by phone

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss a potential request for funding from the Merriam Fund. While the potential grant recipient's children attended the Weston public schools through the METCO program, she herself is not a Weston resident. She has had financial setbacks, including the loss of child support from her ex-husband. She has no income this summer, and won't have get her first paycheck from her teaching job until early fall. She's been looking for any stopgap financial assistance she could get to cover her living expenses. Given the limitations of what we as Merriam Fund trustees can offer, it was suggested we consider a one time grant of \$1,125 (\$375/month) to cover three months of car lease payments.

While the woman's situation is one that generated much sympathy, the sticking point with the trustees is her not being a Weston resident. It's very clear from the original documents establishing the Merriam Fund, grants are meant for Weston residents.

After extensive discussion, a motion was made and passed 4-1 not to grant the request since the individual is not a Weston resident. Hannah Peter was not in favor of the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted by  
Nancy W. Allen, Recording Secretary