

2016 Neighborhood Assistance Act. We are very fortunate to be included in the non-profits which have been approved by the State Legislature. However the timetable for business applications (NAA-02) is extremely restrictive. It allows only fifteen days to file an application to get a little extra tax credit! It should be a much more simple process with much less restriction.

The 2015 timetable was as follows:

July 1, 2015 -- Grant request must be submitted by the local Grant Administrator.

Aug. 17, 2015 -- Letter of acceptance was sent to the Wallingford Grant Administrator

Aug. 24, 2015 – Notice of our acceptance was emailed to the cemetery email address and then forwarded to the President of the Cemetery Association.

Sept. 15 – Oct. 1 – Businesses must submit a form NAA-02 to DRS during this **two-week** span.

This Assistance Program applies only to volunteer, non-profit groups. This is a very short time for volunteer groups to contact local businesses to request their support. In fact, many of the larger businesses have a minimum time frame of four to six weeks for such requests. Even allowing businesses a full month to respond would make a substantial difference.

I appreciate this issue being considered by the Legislature.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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