

Joint Meeting – Board of Selectmen Special Meeting
& ARPA Ad-Hoc Committee Regular Meeting
April 25, 2022
via Zoom

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ARPA MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Dave Koji, Vice Chair Greg Barden, Marjorie Mlodzinski, Jack Faski, Stan Soby.

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MEMBERS ABSENT: Chuck Maynard.

BOS MEMBERS PRESENT: First Selectman Andreas Bisbikos, Selectman Rosemary Coyle, Denise Turner, Deborah Bates at 5:10 pm.,

BOS MEMBERS ABSENT: Jason LaChapelle

OTHERS PRESENT: UHY Consultants Stacy Farber and Jack Reagan.

1. Call to Order – Board of Selectmen

First Selectman Andreas Bisbikos called this Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 5:02 pm.

2. Call to Order – ARPA Ad-Hoc Committee

Chair Dave Koji called the ARPA Ad-Hoc Committee Regular Meeting to order at 5:03 pm.

3. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

No additions/deletions were requested for the ARPA Committee and none for BOS as this is a Special Meeting for the BOS

4. Citizens Comments

No comments were received.

5. ARPA Ad-Hoc Committee

- A. Approve minutes of 4/11/22 Regular Meeting and April 18, 2022, Special Meeting
The April 11, 2022, ARPA meeting was cancelled, no minutes to approve.

Motion by: G. Barden

to approve the April 18, 2022, Special Meeting with a correction to the date of April 8, to read April 18, 2022.

Second by: M. Mlodzinski

Vote: Abstaining: S. Soby, J. Faski. (absent from meeting).

In favor: D. Koji, G. Barden, M. Mlodzinski. Approved.

6. UHY Update on the Assessment Process on Business and Non-Profit Applications

- A. Status update on Businesses and Non-Profits

S. Farber noted that the total requests from businesses is at approximately \$1.4 million and non-profit requests are at approximately \$250,000. D. Koji said there are about 55 business applications in hand. First Selectman Bisbikos stated there are new applications that are not in that count.

7. Review of the Colchester Come Back Grant Program (CCBGP) Draft

- A. Additions/Deletions/Revisions to Draft

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A review of the CCBGP draft led to some changes. All members had a chance to contribute to this document. Chair Koji noted that this is not a new document, but what the committee has been working under and the process information is now in a document form to be viewed by all. Changes discussed will be incorporated and a second review will be held.

8. Board of Selectmen & ARPA Ad Hoc Committee Collaboration

- A. Open Discussion
- B. Process & Understanding of Goals Moving Forward
- C. Strengthening Collaboration Moving Forward
- D. Timeline on ARPA Projects – First Selectman

Item 8 was tabled to an additional joint meeting of the ARPA Committee and BOS due to the length of the discussion on Item 7.

9. Citizens Comments

Gerrie Transue had several questions regarding the document being reviewed, the attestation agreement and the under 500 employee business classification.

Taras Rudko questioned the establishment of this committee and the lack of advertising to the businesses.

Deanna Bouchard echoed the concerns about the committee, is concerned about the accounting process and felt the business owners should have to reveal previous loans or grants they have received.

Katie Yu commended the ARPA members and the First Selectman on the work they have done and felt the ARPA funds are for the future and previous loans business owners may have had should not be considered.

10. Adjourn the Board of Selectmen Special Meeting

Motion by: D. Turner

to adjourn this Special Meeting.

Second by: D. Bates.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

First Selectman Bisbikos adjourned this Special Meeting at 7:08 pm.

11. Adjourn the ARPA Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting

Motion by: J. Faski

to adjourn.

Second by: G. Barden.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

Chair Koji adjourned this Regular Meeting at 7:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Slade
Clerk

Andreas Bibiskos
First Selectman