

Joint Meeting Board of Selectmen and  
American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Ad-Commission  
July 11, 2022 - Special Meeting  
Via Zoom

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**ARPA MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Dave Koji, Vice Chair Greg Barden, Marge Mlodzinski, Jack Faski, Jen Cox, Denise Mizla.

**ARPA MEMBERS ABSENT:** Stan Soby.

Gayle Furman  
TOWN CLERK

**BOS MEMBERS PRESENT:** First Selectman Andreas Bibiskos, Denise Turner, Rosemary Coyle, Jason LaChapelle, Debbie Bates at 5:33 pm.

**OTHER PRESENT:** UHY Consultants Stacy Farber, Claire Collins.

**1. CALL TO ORDER – BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

First Selectman Andreas Bibiskos called this Joint Special Meeting to order at 5:02 pm.

**2. CALL TO ORDER – ARPA AD-HOC COMMITTEE**

Chair Dave Koji called this Joint Special Meeting to order at 5:03 pm.

**3. CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

Deanna Bouchard stated that the agenda for this meeting was not filed in the Town Clerk's office and suggested the meeting be postponed or be in violation of the Freedom of Information Act. First Selectman Bibiskos went to the Town Clerk's office and verified the agenda was stamped and posted in the proper timeframe. The meeting continued.

M. Mlodzinski said she wanted to give a shoutout to Chair Dave Koji for an outstanding job, providing guidance and countless hours of work.

Cathy Russi thanked Dave for his leadership, and all the members for their dedication and for volunteering their time.

**4. ARPA BUSINESS GRANT DISBURSEMENT FINALIZED DOLLAR AMOUNT CALCULATIONS**

Chair Koji shared the chart showing the applications, amount requested and final amount that will be distributed to each business after the calculations were made to give every applicant funds. The limit for the business applications was set at one million dollars, however, all the applications totaled \$1,930,830.40. A formula was derived to allow all applicants to receive funds. Those requesting \$10,000 or less, would receive the total amount requested. The formula was applied to all others and the list is attached to these minutes.

**Motion by:** G. Barden

to fund business applications as presented on the worksheet (attached).

**Second by:** M. Mlodzinski.

**Vote:** Abstaining: D. Mizla (due to being a new member).

**Motion by:** A. Bibiskos

to approve funding the applications, as presented, for a total of \$1,000,000 for local businesses.

**Second by:** R. Coyle.

Discussion followed when Selectman J. LaChappelle questioned why some businesses were approved with more than one application and why one was denied. There was one application that the ARPA Committee and the UYH Consultants felt did not meet the criteria set forth.

**Vote:** Unanimous to approve.

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First Selectman Bibiskos thanked the committee members for their hard work and for rising above the bad press and thanked the BOS members for working together. Also a thank you to Stacy, Claire and Jack from UHY for a great job

Chair Koji explained the total amount of business applications was \$1,930,830.40 but the cap was \$1,000,000. The Board of Selectmen passed a motion to approve all applications of \$10,000 or less. The applications above \$10,000 were reduced by an equitable amount that would not drop below the \$10,000. The reduction was 51.91161 percent.

First Selectman Bibiskos will call each applicant to inform them of the need to sign the Attestation Agreement before the check will be issued.

#### **5. MUNICIPAL PROJECTS DISCUSSION**

Discussion followed on some of the items that the town departments have listed.

Selectman Coyle requested copies of the Capital Improvement Plan to be given to all for review. An updated list of the requests will be sent out to be reviewed at the next ARPA meeting. Also requested is a list of the encumbered amounts, what is available, etc.

D. Bates arrived during the above discussion.

#### **6. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS**

Gerrie Transue stated she was glad that municipal items would be prioritized and would be looked at how to enhance/improve public safety and looking at the impact on the budget.

#### **7. ADJOURNMENT**

ARPA Ad-Hoc Committee

**Motion by:** G. Barden  
to adjourn this meeting.

**Second by:** M. Mlodzinski.

**Vote:** Unanimous to approve.

Chair Koji adjourned this meeting of the ARPA Ad-Hoc Committee at 5:45 pm.

Board of Selectmen

**Motion by:** First Selectman A. Bibiskos  
to adjourn this meeting.

**Second by:** D. Turner.

**Vote:** Unanimous to approve.

First Selectman Bibiskos adjourned the meeting of the BOS at 5:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Slade  
Clerk

Anderas Bibiskos  
First Selectman

Sky dog kites
DIY Garage
Fresca Tequila Bar & Grill
Hop culture
Marvin's Midway Auto
Hair Magic school (Seitz)
Mad hatter (Seitz)
Family Pizza
Black Sails Brewery and Tap room Stranger Tides Brewing (Jeremy Struzik)
CT Trail Builders (Jeremy Struzik)
Rishaan, LLC (DBA - Westchester Marketplace)
Hallelujah Sports, LLC
S&S Worldwide, Inc.
Skyview Realty
Eagle Manufacturing
CPJ Technologies, LLC
Colchester Dental Group
Pawfessional K-9 Training, LLC
S & R Associates, LLC dba Action Services Company
The Colchester Urgent care Center LLC
Professional Protection LLC

Lily's Restaurant
Shannon Mack DBA Body in Balance Massage and Yoga
Smarter Appliance, Est 2018
Ark Distillery
Sharr Realty, LLC
Honeycomb Salon 167 Lebanon Avenue Suite A
Standish Brook Farm CT
Julianna Design
Sweet Aroma
Sweet Aroma
Jane Ryan Insurance Group (JRIG)
Straight Line Design, LLC
Liza Sivek Marketing
All Perfectly Polished
Lauries Creations LLC
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Angelo's Bakery
Malarky's Soap Co. LLC
Gifts on the Green
Affordable Services, LLC

Nickle Family Farm
Thomas Construction LLC
Colchester Eye Care
Happy at Home Pet Sitting
Rustic Streats LLC
Elements of the Earth (Earth Element) Therapeutic Touch Center
Mama Bear's
Dominic & Sons Monument Works LLC
CrossFit Playground (Break Ground Fitness LLC)
The Jewelry Connection
Green Valley Glass LLC
360 Defense
SMS Photo, LLC
Colchester Kids
Spite Shine Cleaning
Robbie B's Barbershop LLC and Sanzone's Barbershop
First Class Land Scaping and Tree Service
Quality Consignments
Essential Tradings Systems Corp
Ginnys Cleaning Business Plus
Sugar and Spice Dog Grooming and Bakery LLC
Coastal Creations by K&S

Jumping Cow Ice Cream
Colchester Florist LLC
Enchanted Jungle Learning Center, LLC
Joanne's Hair Connection
Vintage, LLC (Restaurant)
Hydro-pure water treatment
Goldi-Locks Self Storage (Rodney Goldberg)
Diamond Sparkle Car Wash (Rodney Goldberg)
The Hair Tree Salon
Colchester Mill Fabrics & Quilting
Rj's Lawn Care LLC
Chanticlair Golf Course
Bad Dog Thrift
Golden Goddess Tanning
Marks United Auto Parts
Przekopski Sand & Gravel
Przekopski Farm
Joe's Barber Lunge
Freaks of Nature
Colchester Commons Management Corp
Mr. Lockout