**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Dave Koji, Vice Chair Greg Barden, Jack Faski, Marge Mlodzinski. Stan Soby, Jennifer Cox, Denise Mizla.

**OTHERS PRESENT:**  First Selectman Andreas Bibiskos, Board of Selectman, Liaison Rosemary Coyle, UHY Consultants Stacy Farber, Claire Collins.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Dave Koji called this regular meeting to order at 5:01pm.

1. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

No additions were requested.

1. **CITIZEN’ COMMENTS**

Deanna Bouchard-Sanchez spoke in support of the work Chair Koji has done.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: 8/15/22 REGULAR MEETING**

**Motion by**: J. Faski

to accept the minutes of the August 15, 2022, Regular Meeting, as read.

**Second by:** G. Barden.

**Vote**: Abstaining: M. Mlodzinski (absent from meeting).

 In favor: All others. Approved.

1. **REVIEW TWO MONTH ARPA OUTLOOK:**
2. August 9th Email: Dave sends initial email (attached) to department heads (COMPLETE)
3. August 15th ARPA Meeting continued review and work on the FULL assessment

 and recommendation process (COMPLETE)

1. August 29th ARPA Meeting: Finalize FULL assessment and recommendation process
2. September 1st Board of Selectmen (BOS) Meeting: BOS approves assessment and recommendation process
3. August 28th – Sept 11th – Start receiving Department Head email feedback
4. September 12th ARPA Meeting: Start department head discussions and Municipal ARPA Project Assessments
5. September 27th ARPA Meeting: Continue department head discussions and Municipal

ARPA assessments

Chair Koji reviewed the above items and noted some changes will be made in the timeline. Some project requests need to be updated. First Selectman Bibiskos has had conversations with department heads and projects requests are being updated with new estimates, etc. Department heads will be invited to present their requested projects in writing for the committee members to review and then be available at future meetings for questions. G. Barden and Selectman Bibiskos will review and update the charts for review by committee members.

1. **FINALIZE FULL ASSESSMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION PROCESS TO BOS FOR FINAL APPROVAL FOR SEPTEMBER 1, MEETING**

Discussion followed on the assessment and recommendation process. The September 1

deadline will change to the September 15, 2022, Board of Selectman meeting. A change was proposed for ranking the requests. See attached documents.

**Motion by:** G. Barden

to approve the Assessments and Recommendation Process with revisions to the overall rankings for each application, as discussed, and have the process sent to the BOS for the September 15, 2022, meeting for approval.

 **Second by:** M. Mlodzinski.

 **Vote:** Unanimous to approve.

1. **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business this evening.

1. **CITIZENS’ COMMENTS**

D. Bouchard-Sanchez stated this is the people’s money and the people should have a say in how it is spent through a process, possibly Survey Monkey.

Gerrie Transue commented on the criteria to be used and on the possible dropping of the Norton Park request as the grant may not be available, asking the members to not drop Norton Park from the list. G. Transue asked if the work on Town Hall may provide space requested for police.

Jason LaChapelle agreed with D. Bouchard-Sanchez on the citizens’ input and commented on the oversight of the Board of Selectmen noting that he did not vote for this committee.

Linda Pasternak stated the grant is for remediation, not formation, of Norton Park. The

request is for $140,000, the committee has waited for the town to act and now the grant may not be available.

Krista Kardys congratulated the ARPA members for doing this important work and felt

volunteers should be spoken to in a better manner.

Katherine Paquette agreed with the previous speaker and would like to see the First Selectman try to do more to bring the town together by having relationship building conversations.

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by:** G. Barden

to adjourn this meeting.

**Second by:** J. Faski.

**Vote:** Unanimous to approve.

Chair Koji adjourned this meeting at 5:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Slade

Clerk