

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Ad-Hoc Committee  
June 9, 2022 – Special Meeting  
Via Zoom

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Dave Koji, Vice Chair Greg Barden, Jack Faski, Marge Mlodzinski, Stan Soby at 5:27 pm.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** UHY Consultant Jack Reagan.

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**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Chair Dave Koji called this Special Meeting to order at 5:18 pm.

**2. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

No additions or changes are allowed at a Special Meeting.

**3. CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

Deanna Bouchard commented on the link for the meeting being a problem and stated her support for several applications and felt the farm owners were not given enough thought.

**4. FINAL RECOMMENDATION VOTE FOR ARPA BUSINESS/MUNICIPAL APPLICATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS:**

4.1 Two Sweet Aroma applications (Equipment and new surveillance system)

4.2 Two Youth Services Applications (Counselor and Case Manager)

S. Soby arrived at this point in the agenda. As he missed the vote on applications, Chair Koji returned to those applications for S. Soby's vote and continued with the vote.

4.3 First Selectman (Youth Center Roof)

4.4 JSB Lane

4.5 Dominic & Sons Monuments Works LLC

4.6 Coastal Creations by K&S

4.7 Joe's Barber Lounge

4.8 Swider's Farm

Committee members vote on each of the above applications with a "yes" or "no" to approve the individual application to be sent to the Board of Selectmen for final funding approval.

All of the above applications received a "yes" vote to be sent on for final approval.

No motions were made as these votes are recorded on the actual application.

**4.9 All Non-Eligible Applications Review:**

Business Name	Request
Bestshot	business recovery-signage, cards, equipment
Mel's Downtown Creamery	soft serve machine Loan-Can't be used for loans
Colchester Driving Range d/b/a Bushwood Group LLC	practice/trng center
Avery	repay/expand-need to know when expenses incurred
Family Pizza	Generator
CT Trail Builders (Jeremy Struzik)	Bike Park
Colchester Dental Group	Repayment of loans

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The Colchester Urgent care Center LLC	Practice Improvement
Lily's Restaurant	Removed application
Ark Distillery	Roof and siding renovation
Malarky's Soap Co. LLC	Per the application, funds will be used exclusively for start-up costs
Gifts on the Green	Internships and staffing, Rentals, Repairs, Damages, Upgrades,
Bad Dog Thrift	Business restart post covid-retail space (rent), inventory and marketing
Herman's Diner	Remodel, all completed in 2020

Each of the above non-eligible applications were deemed non-eligible by UHY Consultants and the members of the committee. A business established after March 3, 2021, pay off of loans, etc. are reasons for ineligible applications.

Although these applications were deemed ineligible, they will be sent to the Board of Selectmen for final review.

**5. CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

D. Bouchard noted that while Family Pizza is on the agenda, it was not acted upon and she questioned the Youth Center Roof cost.

Chair Koji said the Family Pizza application had been voted on at a previous meeting and is an error on the agenda, the roof cost of \$33,000 was in the 2020-2021 budget but when estimates were received, the cost was \$75,000, so this request is to add to the already budgeted monies.

No other comments were received.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Second by:** S. Soby.

**Vote:** Unanimous to approve.

Chair Koji adjourned this meeting at 5:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Slade  
Clerk