

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Dave Koji, Greg Barden, Jack Faski, Marjorie Mlodzinski.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Charlie Brown, Chuck Maynard.

OTHERS PRESENT: First Selectman Mary Bylone, Board of Selectmen Liaison Rosemary Coyle, Finance Department Liaison Keri Rowley, Board of Finance Liaison Bernie Dennler.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dave Koji called this Regular Meeting of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to order at 6:30 pm.

2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

Minutes were reviewed from the September 13, 2021, meeting.

Motion by: G. Barden

to approve the minutes of September 13, 2021, as read.

Second by: J. Faski.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

3. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Motion by: D. Koji

to add discussion for possible change to time and date of ARPA Committee meetings after Item 4.

Second by: G. Barden.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

4. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

No comments received.

4.1 DISCUSSION FOR POSSIBLE CHANGE TO TIME AND/OR DATE OF MEETING

Discussion followed for possible change to time and/or date of ARPA Committee meetings. It was the consensus of the members to move to 5:00 pm and to stay with Mondays.

5. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Chair Koji called for nominations for the Vice Chair position.

Motion by: M. Mlodzinski

to nominate G. Barden for Vice Chair.

Second by: J. Faski.

No further nominations were made.

Vote: Unanimous to approve G. Barden as Vice Chair.

6. DISCUSSION OF ARPA FUNDING REQUESTS

6.1 Hayward Fire Department Co. 2 Roof - \$30,000

Chair Koji stated this item is in the "pipeline" for further review.

6.2 Town Needs - \$356,000

The Board of Selectman voted last June to allocate \$356,000 from the ARPA funds for various reductions made to the Town budget.

7. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF SECTIONS OF ARPA PLAYBOOK

Chair Koji gave a presentation on a process for reviewing applications for requests for the ARPA funds. Discussion followed regarding applications, categories, timeframes, etc.

8. COMMUNICATION WITH THE COMMUNITY

This item will be on next week's agenda. M. Mlodzinski noted that the members need to think about how to relay information on the process to the community for discussion next week.

9. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Jeffery Duigou felt the application should contain a general question on how the request is related to the impact of Covid-19.

David Wasniewski stated he would like to see Agriculture as a category by itself on the ARPA application.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by: G. Barden
to adjourn this meeting.

Second by: M. Mlodzinski

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

Chair Koji adjourned this meeting at 7:37pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Slade
Clerk