ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Ad-Hoc Committee November 23, 2021 – Special Meeting Zoom Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Dave Koji, Vice Chair Greg Barden, Marge Mlodzinski, Chuck Maynard, Jack Faski, Stan Soby

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: First Selectman Andreas Bisbikos, Board of Selectmen Liaison Rosemary Coyle, Finance Department Liaison Keri Rowley, Town Planner Matt Bordeaux, Parks & Recreation Director Tiffany Quinn.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dave Koji called this Special Meeting to order at 5:02 pm.

2. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

No comments were received.

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINTUES FOR NOVEMBER 15, 2021

Minutes of the November 15, 2021, Regular Meeting were presented for approval.

Motion by: M. Mlodzinski

to approve the minutes with a correction to Item 5 motion to read, "to approve sending

the proposed guidelines of up to \$1,000,000 for the business category . . . "

Second by: J. Faski.

Vote: Abstaining: C. Maynard (absent from meeting).

S. Soby present but had no audio for this vote.

In favor: All others. Approved.

4. DISCUSS THE OUTSTANDING BUSINESS APPLCATION PROCESS QUESTIONS

4.1 Back taxes or any financial delinquencies prevent ARPA funding?

Discussion led to K. Rowley noting that State Statutes read that building permits may not be issued for properties with outstanding taxes. The timeframe from approval at this level and then from the Board of Selectman (BOS) could allow time for delinquencies to be paid or incurred. As the BOS will make final decision, it will be left to the BOS and/or tax collector to make that determination.

Motion by: J. Faski

to not take back taxes or financial status into consideration at the time of the application, to leave that to the Board of Selectmen at the time of decision.

Second by: S. Soby.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

4.2 After funding recommendation approval or denial of a business application, do we send application immediately to the Board of Selectmen for funding review?

Motion by: G. Barden

to expedite the applications by sending them to the next BOS meeting.

Second by: J. Faski.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

5. APRP APPLICATION REVIEWS

5.1 Colchester Parks and Recreation Applications (P&R)

The assessment applications require individual members of the committee to confirm a yes or no decision to a series of questions that are then documented on the application. Chair Koji led the members through this process for each application submitted by Parks & Recreation. P & R Director T. Quinn was available for questions.

This method will be used for all applications.

Discussion followed on the application questions being filled out by each member offline, sent to the Chair and the Chair will aggregate the answers for the mandatory questions to be more efficient during the meeting.

Motion by: J. Faski

to have members fill in assessment tool offline, then send to the Chair to aggregate the information for review and discussion at the next meeting.

Second by: M. Mlodzinski.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

5.2. C3 Applications

Due to time constraints C3 applications will be reviewed at a future meeting.

6. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

No comments were received.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by: M. Mlodzinski to adjourn this meeting. **Second by:** J. Faski.

Vote: Unanimous to approve

Chair Koji adjourned this Special Meeting at 6:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Slade Clerk