American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) November 15, 2021 – Regular Meeting Zoom Meeting

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Dave Koji, Vice Chair Greg Barden, Marge Mlodzinski, Jack Faski, Stan Soby at 5:02 pm.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Chuck Maynard.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** First Selectman Andreas Bisbikos, Board of Selectmen Liaison Rosemary Coyle, Finance Department Liaison Keri Rowley.

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dave Koji called this Regular Meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

#### 2. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

The 2022 Schedule of Meetings was requested to be added to the agenda for approval.

Motion by: M. Mlodzinski

to approve the addition of the proposed 2022 Schedule of Meetings to the agenda as Item 3.1.

**Second by:** J. Faski. **Vote:** Unanimous.

#### 3. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

No comments were received.

3.1 2022 Meeting Schedule.

The 2022 Meeting Schedule was presented for approval.

Motion by: M. Mlodzinski

to approve the APRPA Meeting Schedule for 2022.

**Second by:** J. Faski.

**Vote:** Unanimous to approve by those present.

# 4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 18, 2021

The October 18, 2021, minutes were submitted for approval.

Motion by: J. Faski

to approve the October 18, 2021, minutes as read.

**Second by:** M. Mlodzinski.

**Vote:** Unanimous to approve.

S. Soby joined the meeting at 5:02 just after the vote on Item 2, and unable to vote on Items 3.1, and 4 due to technical difficulties.

#### 5. DISCUSS THE BUSINESS APPLICATION PROCESS

Chair Koji led the members in the discussion for streamlining the business application process. Previously it was noted that the application requires a contractor's quote for work. At this time, contractors are estimating weeks for a meeting and then more time for written estimates.



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Discussion continued regarding categories and how to simplify the business applications due to the time frames mentioned above and on monetary caps on applications.

# M. Mlodzinski left during this discussion.

Motion by: G. Barden

to approve sending the proposed guidelines of \$1,000,000 for the business category with a

cap of \$25,000 per business application to the Board of Selectmen for approval.

Second by: J. Faski.

**Vote:** Unanimous to approve by those present.

## 6. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Heather Wilson commented on the business application.

## 8. ADJOURNMENT

Moton by: G. Barden to adjourn this meeting. **Second by:** J. Faski.

**Vote:** Unanimous to approve.

Chair Koji adjourned the meeting at 6:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Slade Clerk