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Meeting date:

Wednesday, February 23, 2022

Minutes:

Meeting of the Old Lyme American Rescue Plan (ARP) Committee

Meeting Date: February 23, 2022 @ 12:00

Location: Old Lyme Town Hall – Meeting Hall

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m. by the Chairman, Tom Gotowka.

Present: Mary Jo Nosal, Dennis Powers, Dave Roberge, Mary Seidner, Martha Shoemaker, Nicole Leger, Rick Stout, Ross Higgins and Phil Parcak

Excused: Jennifer Datum and Cheryl Poirier

Absent: Ed Adanti and Ralph Wood

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Rick motioned to approve the February 16, 2022 minutes and Dennis seconded. The motion was approved. There were no abstentions or nays.

2. **New Business:**

Development of Application and Review Process for ARPA Funds Requests:

Phil presented a draft copy of a proposed application. The committee reviewed the draft and agreed on a few amendments. Phil will draft an Instruction Cover sheet with a list of Definitions and recipient post-award requirements to append to the application.

The committee anticipates that the final application materials will include the estimated allocation percentages/dollar amounts by “bucket” category.

1. **Old Business**

Martha Shoemaker: a.) Update regarding request for a legal opinion on storm water mitigation v flooding.

Martha reached out to Town Attorney, Jack Collins, and his associate, Michael Cleary. They both continue to work on this issue. Martha requested that all committee members send their questions for the attorneys to her, she will forward.

b.) Update on Consultant Contacts. Martha has been in touch with a consultant, George Krivda, who developed the East Windsor ARPA applications and review process. Mr. Krivda is very interested in meeting with us and will attend the next meeting on Wednesday March 2, 2022. She asked all committee members to send their questions for the consultant to her and she will forward in advance of the meeting.

Dave Roberge: Update on Consultant Contacts. Dave reported that RiverCOG reports that they are working on a long term recovery service and partnering with the South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCRCOG)

Phil started the process of looking into Broadband & Internet performance at the Senior Center and other areas and will be putting together some proposals.

Mary Jo asked Nicole if the town has officially accepted the first ARPA grant. Mary Jo knows that it was not brought to the Board of Selectman for approval. Nicole isn't sure, but does recall that Tim did have to sign some paperwork.

1. **Public Comment:** None

7-Adjournment: a motion to adjourn was made by Phil and seconded by Dave. There was no discussion. The motion passed. There were no abstentions or nays. The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne McAuliffe, Clerk

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