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### Meeting date:

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

### Minutes

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

Meeting Date: March 2, 2022 @ 12:00

Location: Old Lyme Town Hall – Meeting Hall

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 12:03 p.m. by the Chairman, Tom Gotowka.

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

Absent: Dave Roberge, Ed Adanti and Ralph Wood

Guest: George Krivda

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Rick motioned to approve the February 23, 2022 minutes and Phil seconded. Cheryl Poirier abstained. The motion was approved.
2. **Guest:** George Krivda, Consultant

Martha introduced George, who developed the East Windsor ARPA applications and review process. His focus and expertise are limited to Small Business and Non-Profit applicants. He underwrites the applications, presents his findings and submits a final report. He suggests the appointment of a subcommittee to oversee his process. Committee members asked his opinion on the current ARPA guidelines, he wasn't familiar with the Standard Allowance. Mary Jo asked about his knowledge of Associations, he said many may have a nonprofit designation i.e., 501(C). Dennis asked his opinion on infrastructure issues, he feels there is justification in the document.

Nicole was concerned about post grant award documentation and Martha suggested she reach out to East Windsor and Somers financial peers to see how they are proceeding. George will be sharing a copy of the Contract used in East Windsor.

He suggested the committee define Small Business by employee count. He charges \$120 per hour.

1. **Old Business:** Martha Shoemaker: Update regarding request for a legal opinion on storm water mitigation v. flooding.

Martha submitted committee members questions to Town Attorney, Jack Collins, and his associate, Michael Cleary last Friday and she has not heard back from them.

1. **New Business:** Dave Roberge: Update on RiverCOG's efforts: Dave was absent.

Rick urged committee members to review the final rule again.

There was a discussion about allocations and all agreed that monetary caps should be determined after the applications are received.

Cheryl had concerns about George being comfortable working within this committees' paradigm. They agreed George would be responsible for Small Business and Nonprofit only and mental health programs may not be considered a nonprofit.

The committee feels George Krivda will add value to the process and Rick motioned to have the committee issue a letter of intent to engage George Krivda in conjunction with an Application Subcommittee. Phil seconded. Discussion ensued around the cost of engaging a consultant, do we have any funds from the original \$1,500 administration ask? Are ARPA administration funds different than grant awards? Should the motion include a cost?

Rick negated his original motion and Martha motioned to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that the town enter into a contract with Consultant George Krivda to assist with the ARPA application process and submission of reports. Cheryl seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

1. **Public Comment:** None

**7 Adjournment:** a motion to adjourn was made by Phil and seconded by Martha. There was no discussion. The motion passed. There were no abstentions or nays. The meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne McAuliffe, Clerk

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