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Meeting date:

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Minutes

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

Meeting Date: March 9, 2022 @ 12:00

Location: Old Lyme Town Hall – Meeting Hall

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 12:04 p.m. by the Chairman, Tom Gotowka.

Present: Mary Jo Nosal, Dennis Powers, Mary Seidner, Martha Shoemaker, Nicole Leger, Rick Stout, and Phil Parcak. Via Phone: Cheryl Poirier

Excused: Ross Higgins and Dave Roberge

Absent: Ed Adanti and Ralph Wood

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Phil motioned to approve the March 2, 2022 minutes and Dennis seconded. Cheryl Poirier was opposed. The motion was approved.

Mary Jo motioned to move New Business up from Item 6 to Item 4 on today's Agenda. Phil seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

1. **New and Anticipated Requests for ARPA Funds:**

Jenn Datum: LymeWood: LymeWood will be seeking funds, via the application process to improve their property outdoor space, which includes landscaping, picnic tables and ADA improvements to encourage outdoor socialization. The septic system has leaching field issues.

Mary Jo Nosal: Affordable Housing Commission: Mary Jo said Michael Fogliano was unable to attend and AH will be seeking ARPA funds to support their acquisition of one town-owned or bank-owned property to refurbish as an affordable home in Old Lyme.

The committee agreed that Applicants need to consider the ARPA required one year timeline for spending and project completion. The Application will need to define the ARPA specifications.

1. **New Business: Begin Discussions of Allocation of Funds by Category**

The one percent ARPA grant to LLHD will be on the March 21 Town Meeting agenda.

Committee members assigned the prioritized survey results to the ARPA defined categories.

- I. For the provision of Government Services to the extent of reduction in revenue due to Covid-19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year prior to the emergency or up to a standard allowance of \$10,000,000.

#4 Mental Health#5 Government Services#9 Early Childhood#10 Tourism#11 Affordable Housing

- I. To respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses & nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality:

2 Small Business#3 Nonprofits#8 Assistance to Families

- I. To respond to workers performing essential work during the Covid-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers.

#7 Premium Pay

- I. To make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

#1 Infrastructure #6 Broadband

Rick motioned to have the ARPC adopt a cap of up to \$10,000 per applicant in the Economic Development/Revenue Loss category (II). Mary Jo seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

1. **Old Business:** Martha Shoemaker:

Response from BOS regarding George Krivda: There was general agreement from the BOS. Contracting with him will be on the March 21Town Meeting agenda.

Mr. Krivda's request to work with a focused sub-group of the ARPC: Martha, Jenn and Mary Jo have volunteered.

Update regarding legal opinion on storm water mitigation: Martha has not received a response.

Continue Development of ARPA Application Process: The Community Initiative Application is in development.

1. **Public Comment:** None

7 Adjournment: a motion to adjourn was made by Phil and seconded by Rick. There were no abstentions or nays. The meeting adjourned at 1:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne McAuliffe, Clerk

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