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Meeting date:

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

Minutes

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

Meeting Date: March 16, 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, Mary Seidner, Martha Shoemaker, Nicole Leger, Rick Stout, Phil Parcak, Cheryl Poirier, Jenn Datum, Ross Higgins and Dave Roberge

Absent: Ed Adanti and Ralph Wood

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Phil motioned to approve the March 9, 2022 minutes and Rick seconded. Ross Higgins abstained. The motion was approved with the amendment of Item #1 to include Jenn Datum as present.

Martha motioned to add Preview of ARPC Town Meeting Presentation as Item #3 on today's Agenda. Jenn seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

1. **Preview of ARPC Town Meeting Presentation:** Martha has prepared a presentation for the upcoming March 21, 2022 Town Meeting. The presentation defines the ARPA Standard Allowance and summarizes the Ledge Light grant and the need for a consultant. Martha asked for feedback from the committee.
2. **New and Anticipated Requests for ARPA Funds: None**
3. **Old Business:**

Martha Shoemaker:

Update regarding legal opinion on storm water mitigation: Martha received a response from the attorneys and shared their opinion with committee members. The committee has many questions and opted to invite Jack Collins and Michael Carey to the next ARPC meeting on March 23, 2022.

Any update regarding “Will the Krivda proposed contract with funding applicants/ recipients require review by Collins and Carey?”. Martha will check in with Jack again, she believes the answer is no. (Note that the attorney’s name is “Carey”, not Cleary’.)

March 21 Town Meeting: Martha will be presenting and Mary Jo suggests that First Selectman Griswold co-present.

ARPC: Continue Development of ARPA Application Process: The draft Community Initiative application was reviewed and Mary Jo will be making the agreed upon amendments. She asked committee members to submit comments/changes to her by Monday so she can get a draft copy to the attorneys for their review prior to next Wednesday’s meeting.

The George Krivda draft application review was favorable. He will be invited to next Wednesday’s meeting. Application delivery and timeline is TBD.

1. **New Business**: Begin Development of Outreach Program for prospective applicants.

The committee agreed to the following methods of community outreach:

Notification of Applications available soon on the Town Hall website

Postcards to all town residents (Cheryl will design)

Press Releases (Cheryl will draft)

1. **Public Comment**: None
2. **Adjournment**: a motion to adjourn was made by Phil and seconded by Dennis. There were no abstentions or nays. The meeting adjourned at 1:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne McAuliffe, Clerk

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