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Meeting date:

Wednesday, June 8, 2022

Minutes

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

Meeting Date: June 8, 2022 @ 12:00 p. m.

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: Martha Shoemaker, Nicole Leger, Mary Jo Nosal, Jenn Datum, Phil Parcak,

Dennis Powers, and Rick Stout

Via Phone: Cheryl Poirier

Absent: Mary Seidner, Dave Roberge, Ross Higgins, Ed Adanti and Ralph Wood

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Cheryl motioned to approve the June 1, 2022 minutes and Rick seconded. Discussion: There is one correction on Page 3, Motions for the Community Incentive proposals by numerical order. "The Town of Old Lyme ARPAC recommends that the Old Lyme Board of Selectmen grant the Community Initiative (CI) proposal under motion #1 the Audubon Society amount is \$157,095. The change corresponds with the number on the spreadsheet. Cheryl amended her motion to correct the typo. The motion passed with the corrected typo. 7 Ayes – Mary Jo Nosal, Phil Parcak, Cheryl Poirier, Rick Stout, Dennis Powers, Martha Shoemaker. 0 - Opposed 2 abstentions – Jenn Datum & Nicole Leger

1. Unfinished Business:

- Presentation to BOS and BOF

Martha said there is a conflict with the presentation date and she is working with First Selectmen Griswold to find a date. A sub-committee was formed (Cheryl, Rick, Martha). They will consider using the Economic Development Forum template and adjust accordingly. The process for preparation was discussed and the committee will create a draft, circulate via email and ask for committee feedback within 48 hours. The spreadsheet will not be a part of the presentation, but handed out. Mary Jo said if there is a majority of the committee gathering, there needs to be an Agenda for the public to view and provide minutes of their meetings. This topic was discussed by all and the committee agreed that when the draft is ready to be reviewed by all committee members an Agenda will be posted and minutes taken for posting.

Cheryl asked if a reason for denial should be added to the spreadsheet. The committee agreed on standard wording. "the applicant did not meet ARPA parameters". There will be no specific feedback to individual applicants. Cheryl wanted to clarify that the David Griswold application was not rejected because it applied for both the Economic Recovery and Community Initiative applications. The marketing restructuring plan submitted would not have benefitted the community at large. All agreed that it had nothing to do with 2 applications being submitted.

- Press Release

There was a discussion about when to issue a press release, before after or commensurate with the BOS meeting. The committee agreed that 2 are required, one before the BOS and one after. Rick will field press calls and asks that the presentation be near ready form before he fields calls.

Martha reported the BOS & BOF meeting will be June 22 and presented at the Town Meeting on July 5th. Mary Jo doesn't agree that it has to go to Town Meeting, but the BOS need to present at the Town Meeting the ARPC should be present. She expects there will be residents opposed and would like to see ID's checked at the door.

- Request from the First Selectman for a list of approved projects

Martha will provide the list minus scores and reasons.

- Acknowledgement Letters from the First Selectman to Grant Applicants

The committee agreed that the BOS should be responsible for drafting the letters. Committee members will research other towns letters, and offer their input through Martha. The Applicant and Town contract is BOS responsibility and Martha will follow up with George Krivda to see what he has used.

Mary Jo asked if the spreadsheet should be dated and then motioned that the ARPA Committee approve the Spreadsheet dated June 8, 2022. Rick seconded the motion. Discussion: A few clarifications were made to the spreadsheet that included column heading name changes, asteriks showing that Ledge Light has been paid along with partial consultant fees. Color shading will be removed.

Mary Jo amended the motion that the ARPA Committee approve the Spreadsheet dated June 8, 2022 to recognize that the Economic Recovery grant will have modifications based on the George Krivda report. The motion passed with the amendment. 6 Ayes – Mary Jo Nosal, Phil Parcak, Rick Stout, Dennis Powers, Martha Shoemaker, Jenn Datum.

0 - Opposed 2 abstentions – Cheryl Poirier & Nicole Leger

The ?? Spreadsheet will be appended to the minutes

1. **Adjournment:** a motion to adjourn was made by Phil and seconded by Jenn. There were no abstentions or nays. The meeting adjourned at 1:07 p.m.

Appended : Title of the Spreadsheet

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne McAuliffe, Clerk

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