

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (A.R.P.A.) FUNDS
DISTRIBUTION PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of February 4, 2024 meeting

Meeting was called to order at 7:09pm. Committee members present: Alex Bresnick, Lenore Bresnick, Todd Lawrence, Irene Nadler, Martin Nadler, Dave Pollack,. Absent: Don Bierwirth, JeffDexter, Peter Van Vleck. Others in attendance: Kim Knopp, Peter Luca, Bruce Matteson, Dixie Zens.

Members of the Committee were introduced.

Minutes were approved as presented.

Public Participation: none

Marty discussed the change in the survey delivery to placing the survey distribution and collection system at the Town Office due to the shortness of the timeline and the ability to solicit a greater number of responses with ther new plan.

Marty then presented another suggestion for A.R.P.A. funds, requested by Jeff Dexter, based on an idea by Bruce Matteson, to help Sunderland residents dispose of unwanted items through a cleanup day or some other collection plan to assist the community to dispose of unwanted items. Peter Luca gave an example of an unwanted item, a broken travel trailer, that the property owner found on his property and does not know how to dispose of it. While the committee felt the idea has merit, it could not settle on a concrete funding model and Todd suggested we provide the Select Board with the idea and allow them to “flesh it out” if desired. Mr. Luca reinforced the idea of the need for storage for the Town’s heavy equipment and Bruce Matteson stated that Mark feels that his garage expansion idea may not provide enough space.

Marty then reviewed the final drraft of the resolution to be presented to the Select Board outlining the Committee’s recommendations for using the A.R.P.A. funds. Dave Pollack suggested that the funds might be best used for a single large project for the benefit of the town and residents. Mr. Luca asked if the Town Office property could be evaluated to determine if anything can be placed on it or if it can be developed in any way for any use.

Alex moved that the resolution be presented to the Select Board for their consideration. The motion passed 5-1, Dave Pollack voting against.

Marty stated that the Committee will be in recess until the results of the survey are available, in April, 2024, for tabulation and analysis.

Alex moved to adjourn the meeting; Todd seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:22pm