

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

Minutes of April 7, 2024 meeting

Meeting was called to order at 7 pm. Committee members present: Alex Bresnick, Lenore Bresnick, Jeff Dexter, Todd Lawrence, Irene Nadler, Martin Nadler, Peter Van Vleck. Absent: Don Bierwirth, Dave Pollack. No others in attendance.

Minutes were approved unanimously with no corrections.

No public Comment.

Surveys were tabulated with the following conditions: Comments rather than tabulatable responses were not counted: Alpha & numeric responses counted as: A, B or #1,#2 responses would = V, C or #3 responses=S, D,E or #4,#5 responses=N.

Survey results:	<u>V</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>N</u>
A. Improves Fiscal Responsibility	68 55.3%	46 37.3%	9 7.3%
B.Imporove Quality of Life	42 33.1%	28 22%	47 37%
C.Health and Safety of Community	91 71%	30 23.4%	7 5,4%
D.Improve Sunderland’s Infrastructure	37 30.5%	66 54.5%	18 14.9%
E.Historical and Cultural Features	30 24.4%	57 46.3%	36 29.3%

<p>Conclusions: <u>Very important ranking</u> Health and Safety Improves Fiscal Responsibility Improve Quality of Life</p>	<p><u>Very Important+Somewhat Important</u> Health and Safety Improves Fiscal Responsibility Improve Sunderland’s Infrastructure</p>
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Jeff Dexter reported that he has been in contact with consultants regarding town hall property and wetlands restrictions. It appears that the wetlands and buffer zone are east of town hall and there is a different reason for the placement of the building. We need to research whether the placement restrictions continue to restrict development of the property.

Jeff Dexter also requested a 1 time grant of \$500 from ARPA funds to finance window inserts for residents who would have difficulty with the cost.

Jeff also volunteered to work with Bruce Matteson on a potential yard clean-up project.

A discussion of a rental tax on short term rentals occurred. It seems that the Planning Board has rejected the idea.

In follow-up to a suggestion from a resident at a recent Select Board meeting, Alex shared that the VODEC grant application window is closed and it seems that the grant criteria do not fit the project.

The Planning Board has recommended the purchase and installation of 5 "Welcome to Sunderland" signs. ARPA funds will be requested for the purchase of these signs.

The Meeting adjourned at 8pm.