ARPA Working Group Meeting Minutes 3/16/2022

ARPA Meeting commenced at 6:15pm, Lise Erickson presiding.

Attending: Lise Erickson, Rudy Chase, Heidi Krantz, Alan Turnbull, Gina Campoli, Phil Lovely

Alan offered to co-facilitate the group meetings. Phil agreed to be note-taker.

Agenda reviewed: Annie McLean, who was invited to present for the first 30 minutes, is unable to attend because of impassable, muddy roads. Lise will reschedule Annie. Alan noted that Annie will be very useful by informing the group about process and towns where it is working.

The timing and purpose of Vince's presentation was discussed and clear statement from chair that presentation was to educate group only. Vince is working under severe time constraint to submit grant proposal for funding for a proposal from the Energy Committee.

Re: Selection Criteria, Gina stated that a calendar with deadlines could be useful to block out time, with gates. She would like to see community proposals in real time.

Extended discussion led by Gina to work out criteria for selection. The results of this productive discussion will be included with these notes.

Lise raised question of how to solicit input. Target groups would be other town boards, clubs, organizations who would offer their ideas and/or areas of concern. Committee members would reach out to these groups.

The goal for completing this phase of the task would be June 30, 2022.

July 30 would be deadline for completing and submitting applications

The ARPA Group would use August and September to review applications

September 30 would be the end date for the ARPA Group to make its recommendation to the Select Board.

Vince presented the Craftsbury Energy Committee's proposal for a renewable energy microgrid project which would produce energy for the Academy buildings and provide electricity in an emergency to the school and part of Sterling College which has signed onto the project.

Date for next ARPA Group meeting is 6pm on April 6th.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Phil Lovely, Note Taker