

Craftsbury ARPA and Select Board Minutes 10/18/2022

Present: Select Board Members Jim Jones, Susan Huston, Bruce Urie. ARPA Committee Members Lise Erickson Chair, Heidi Krantz, Alan Turnbull Co-Chair, Rudy Chase, Phil Lovely

Meeting called to order at 6:pm by Lise

Tonight's meeting was focused on sharing the funding recommendations of the ARPA committee with the Select Board. Lise presented a document of her design, listing the 15 applicant groups, their requests, and a capsule of the purpose of each request. This tool was very useful in the subsequent discussion.

ARPA members, in turn, spoke to each proposal, describing the group's process in arriving at the funding decision. A rich discussion followed.

The ARPA committee has, at this time, fulfilled its charge to the Select Board. The group developed a process for informing the community utilizing FPF, the town website, town wide mailing, an open house, direct person contact, of the availability of ARPA funds; it solicited applications, designed a rating system and criteria for evaluating applications, hosted a two evening "Pitch" event to the ARPA and SB members, wherein applicants were invited to present, live, their proposals; the group then individually rated each application, before which members self-identified any conflicts of interest re: applicant organizations.

At this time, the group has turned over its information to the Select Board for their final consideration. The committee would function on an ad hoc basis going forward.

The SB asked that the committee be available to help to more fully develop the concept of Project Manager suggested by Rudy at an earlier meeting. The SB also noted that the ARPA grant implementation extends through 2026.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.

Submitted by Phil Lovely

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