

ARPA Committee Meeting Minutes

February 14, 2022 at 11:00AM

Zoom Teleconference

Attendees:

John Kaufman
Kate Reid
Scott Triola

Other – None

- **Approve prior meeting minutes**
 - Prior meeting minutes were not distributed for this meeting. Minutes will be reviewed/approved at the next meeting.
- **Select Board Feb 8th joint meeting debrief**
 - ARPA Committee debriefed February 8th joint meeting with the Select Board in which the Select Board expressed its support for the following prioritization criteria:

Draft ARPA Prioritization Criteria (not in order)

- Amount of request, availability of alternative funding and cost-benefit ratio of request.
- Funding recommendations support multiple functions and communities in Carlisle that have been negatively impacted by COVID.
- COVID related requests that are discrete, will be completed within the funding timeline and do not require ongoing expense.
- Air quality and other infrastructure projects that have been vetted and prioritized by MFC/CPS/FinCom. They are nonrecurring expenditures targeted towards strategically important long-term assets that provide benefits over many years.

- **Funding Request Review**
 - The ARPA Committee reviewed funding requests and had an initial discussion about which requests each member supported/did not support. This was an initial discussion only and no position/vote was taken on any individual request.
 - The next opportunity to meet with the Select Board is March 8 and the ARPA Committee would like to begin making recommendations on funding requests at this meeting. Funding recommendations that have a potential impact on Town Meeting Warrant Articles will likely need to be made at this meeting.
 - An update will be sent out to those requesting ARPA funds as recommendations are made.
 - The ARPA Committee would like to meet with the Council on Aging at its next meeting on February 28 to discuss additional funding opportunities given the increased flexibility under the revenue replacement option in the Final Rule. John Kaufman will contact the COA to invite them to the next meeting.

- The ARPA Committee would also like to meet with the Municipal Facilities Committee (MFC) on March 7 to discuss potential infrastructure funding opportunities. Scott Triola pointed out that using ARPA funds for infrastructure may impact the MFC Town Meeting Warrant Article, making this discussion time sensitive. Triola will contact Jerry Lerman to invite the MFC to the March 7 ARPA meeting.
- In considering ARPA requests from non-profit organizations, the Committee needs a better understanding of whether such funding can be done under the standard allocation revenue replacement option. If not, the reporting requirements and potential administrative costs need to be assessed for such requests. Scott Triola will contact Tim Goddard and Kelly Beyer on this topic to get more information.

Meeting adjourned at 12:39pm. Motion made by Kate Reid; seconded by John Kaufman. Motion passed 3-0.

(These minutes include all motions made and votes taken during this ARPA meeting.)

Minutes taken and submitted by Scott Triola.

Minutes approved on February 28, 2022 (3-0 vote).