

Guilford ARPA Committee Meeting Minutes, 6.29.22, 6:35PM-8:02PM

Present ARPA Committee Members: Jaime Durham, Julie Holland, Vickie Sterling, Patty Bullock, Dan Killay

Selectboard Representatives: Zon Eastes, Verandah Porche

I. Call to Order

II. Recognition of Public

Dunham Rowley, Jeannie Eastman, Julie Beet, Anna Klein

III. Approval of 6.1.22 Minutes

Meeting minutes approved

IV. Recap of Katie Buckley Meeting (Jaime)

Jaime met with Katie Buckley (ARPA Coordinator, VLCT). She shared eligibility guides and is available to meet with the group. Potentially will look to invite her to the next meeting. Slides presented from her presentation (available in Zoom recording).

\$546,769.13 available in funding. There are a wide range of options for the ARPA funds. They can be used in funding to match other grants to maximize value. Veranda mentioned resources published in the Gazette available. There are many grants/funding available outside of the ARPA funds that this committee could help build awareness of.

V. Discussion of Items in Google Drive Folder

Discussed educational items (charge of group, ARPA educational materials, priorities). Funding may be used for mailings, etc surveying/providing information surrounding the ARPA charge.

2013 VT Council of Rural Development recommended items to the town that were of need that should be considered (Develop a Small Business Incubation Space in Guilford, Redevelop the Grange Building, Support the Development of the Church as a Community Center and Early Childhood Education Center). The committee will be keeping in mind all organizations who presented at the FAC meeting in October 2021.

VI. Processes Moving Forward

Committee to align on key guiding questions to ask each group who may bring a project/need forward. Committee to brainstorm questions to be discussed at next meeting.

Need to survey the town to understand needs of community and what organizations are available to address these needs. Committee to brainstorm questions for potential survey next meeting.

Other communities are utilizing surveys to get community perspective on where funds could be most valuable. Newfane did a similar exercise. Jaime will be reaching out to Katie for other towns to

discuss. Patty to research Vernon. Once Jaime discusses with Katie, Dan, Julie, and Vickie also to research a town to get details to understand how they are handling process/utilizing ARPA dollars.

Discussed how we could bring in organizations interested in funds to present ideas. Process TBD at next meeting.

a. Strategies for Surveying the Town

a. Hopeful to have town surveyed done by end of August

b. Committee Ideas for ARPA Funds

a. Decision to provide our initial input via survey to try to be as objective as possible for recommendations.

VII. Other business

Jaime to email Patty details from Google Drive folder.

Jaime to create 'Google Sheets' for committee to submit questions for survey and to ask potential organizations interested.

Zon to check on process needed to obtain funds for a potential mailing.

Next meeting planned for July 13th at 6:30PM to discuss survey questions (will still have July 27th meeting).

VIII. Adjournment