

Minutes – ARPA Sub Committee

Monday – November 7, 2022

Meeting called to order at 5:05. Present were Chair Diane Trapasso, Mary Dowling, Robyn Chrabasz, Robin Grimm, Pareesa Charmchi Goodwin. Absent was Ken Lacey.

Ms. Goodwin motioned to approve the minutes of April 4, 2022. Ms. Chrabasz seconded. Three in favor. Ms. Grimm abstained.

Ms. Chrabasz let a review of currently approved projects and their status. There was a discussion on the status of COVID test kits. There was also a discussion of COVID pay.

Ms. Goodwin mentioned consideration of projects that had the highest impact on the greatest number of people.

Ms. Dowling made a motion not to use ARPA funds to supplement health care payments for employees as it is part of a budgetary process. Diane Trasso seconded. Three in favor. Ms. Chrabasz abstained.

Ms. Grimm indicates that there is still 87K available from the first allocation and asks the Committee to consider using 35K to assist the Sturbridge Co-Op in upgrading its playground area to address safety concerns. Mary Dowling Mad a motion to allocate 35K to Sturbridge Co-op for restoration, repair, fencing, fire alarm, and any other incidentals related thereto. Ms. Trapasso seconded the motion. All were in favor.

A review of the current spreadsheet of requests ensued. All agreed that vehicles would not be considered. Ms. Dowling asked for consideration for beautification money for Route 20 as it is a major corridor for small businesses, etc.

The committee discussed funding for a recreation project and discussed ADA accessibility at the Rec area on Cedar Street.

Ms. Grimm indicated that she would get further clarification on several items.

Ms. Dowling made a motion to adjourn with Ms. Chrabasz seconding. All were in favor.

Next meeting is scheduled for December 5, 2022 at 5:00.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:23.

Meeting adjourns at 10:45.