



# TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK

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### AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES HYBRID MEETING

Tuesday, October 25, 2022

5:00 p.m.

Old Saybrook Town Hall – First-floor Conference Room

To access a recording of this meeting: <https://youtu.be/7WK49Hic7Do>

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. by the chair, Mr. Carlson.

Members Present: Bruce Carlson (Chair), Susan Esty (Vice-chair), Judy Sullivan, Kacie Hand, Kristin Roberts and Elizabeth McEvily. Maureen Zavatone (Secretary) joined the group late.

Members Absent: Brad Thorpe.

Others Present: Carl Fortuna, Matthew Pugliese, Jennifer Donahue, Elizabeth Steffen.

#### II. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

#### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the October 11, 2022 meeting were reviewed. Ms. McEvily made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes as submitted. Ms. Esty seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion passed.

#### IV. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Carlson gave a recap of the committee's progress on obtaining further information from applicants noting that the American Legion had clarified the information on its fundraising loss; Pier Blue had provided information on its net loss; and Himalaya Café had provided additional information. Information is still outstanding from Sandra Roberts, Maritime Education Network, and KUR Recovery.

Committee members discussed remaining applications and deemed the following ready to recommend to the Board of Selectmen: \$22,000 Himalaya Café; \$11,934 Pier Blue; and \$17,200 American Legion.

Ms. Esty made a **MOTION** to add these applications to the list previously approved as ready to recommend and to refer the complete list of applicants that are ready to recommend to the Board of Selectmen. Ms. Sullivan seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion was amended by Ms. Esty to remove the \$aybucks Giveaway, Pier Blue and the Himalaya Café from the original motion so that they could be considered separately. Ms. Sullivan seconded the amended motion, all were in favor and the motion passed.

Ms. Esty made a **MOTION** to recommend the \$aybucks Giveaway application to the Board of Selectmen. Ms. McEvily seconded the motion, all were in favor with Ms. Sullivan abstaining. The motion passed.

Ms. Esty made a **MOTION** to recommend the Pier Blue and Himalaya Café applications to the Board of Selectmen. Ms. McEvily seconded the motion, all were in favor with Ms. Hand opposed. The motion passed.

Mr. Fortuna reported that he will add these recommendations to the Board of Finance agenda on November 1 and then take them up at the Board of Selectmen meeting on November 8 with the goal of having them considered at the Annual Town Meeting on November 28. He encouraged representatives from the ARPA Committee to attend the Annual Town Meeting in case questions were presented. Mr. Carlson indicated that he is available to attend and that he would provide Mr. Fortuna with some notes for the Board of Finance.

## **V. NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Carlson discussed how the committee should proceed moving forward as there is money left over. He suggested that committee members review the “buckets” and big ideas and come up with some project ideas to be discussed at a November 15 meeting. Based on those project ideas, feedback could be solicited from those with expertise in related areas with the goal of having further discussion in the new year. It was also agreed that the remaining applications that are on hold should be given a deadline of November 10 to provide further information or forfeit their applications for this round.

## **VI. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE**

There were no additional comments from the committee.

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Esty made a **MOTION** to adjourn at 5:44 p.m. Ms. Sullivan seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

*The next meeting of the committee will be held on November 15, 2022 at 5:00 pm in the Town Hall first-floor conference room.*

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Donahue