



TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK

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

Tuesday, November 15, 2022

5:00 p.m.

Old Saybrook Town Hall – First-floor Conference Room

To access a recording of this meeting: <https://youtu.be/bSvma91yl10>

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by the chair, Mr. Carlson.

Members Present: Bruce Carlson (Chair), Susan Esty (Vice-chair), Maureen Zavatone (Secretary), Judy Sullivan, Brad Thorpe, Kristin Roberts, and Elizabeth McEvily.

Members Absent: Kacie Hand.

Others Present: Carl Fortuna, Matthew Pugliese, Jennifer Donahue, Allison Tanner, Eric Dussault.

II. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Ms. Tanner noted that she is from KUR and was available to answer any questions. Mr. Dussault thanked the committee for its work and the balanced recommendations and noted that he hoped youth sports would be considered for future funding.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the October 25, 2022 meeting were reviewed. Ms. Esty made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes as submitted. Ms. Sullivan seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion passed with Mr. Thorpe abstaining because he had not been present.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Carlson gave a recap of the remaining outstanding applications:

- 1) KUR Recovery provided additional information regarding losses but the application is not ready to recommend at this point.
- 2) Maritime Education Network would still like to be considered at some point if possible but recognizes that it currently does not meet the committee's guidelines.
- 3) Sandra Roberts provided details of her expenses. She is requesting \$12,500. Mr. Thorpe made a **MOTION** to recommend to the Board of Selectmen in that amount. Ms. Sullivan seconded the motion. After discussion all were in favor and the motion passed.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Carlson reported that the funds for the Lions Club and the Estuary had been distributed and that all recommendations sent to the Board of Selectmen had also been recommended through the Board of Finance and will now be considered at the Annual Town Meeting on November 28 at 6:30 pm.

He asked committee members to discuss phase 2 ideas for the remaining funds. Ideas discussed included:

- 1) Workforce housing – consult/partner with HOPE Partnership
- 2) Youth sports – Ms. McEvily reported that she will be meeting with Jonathan Paradis of P & R to discuss sports fields upgrades/maintenance. Mr. Dussault's ideas related to basketball support were also discussed.
- 3) Heating assistance – coordinate with Susan Consoli from Social Services to find out if there is additional need here because of the current heating oil prices
- 4) Business development center – Mr. Carlson and Ms. Sullivan will discuss some ideas related to this and do some research on other similar facilities such as New London's new venture or Haven in Fairfield County. Other organizations that might be helpful include WBDC, SBA, SCORE.
- 5) Mr. Fortuna detailed 2 proposals from the town that were suggested for reimbursement from ARPA by the Board of Finance. The first is for new security camera software for the schools/town for \$125,000 and the second is for power and IT upgrades to the town green/new gazebo for \$20,000. Both will be considered at the town meeting and will be paid for out of the capital non-recurring fund unless they are then reimbursed by ARPA funds. The committee will take this up in January. Mr. Carlson asked Ms. Donahue to forward those applications to the committee.
- 6) Mr. Fortuna also discussed the final phase of the WPCA project and possibly using funds for that if a plan is finalized and funds are still available. This would fall under the sewer infrastructure eligibility.
- 7) Revisit other mental health needs

VI. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE

Mr. Carlson discussed the meeting schedule going forward. Committee members agreed to continue with second and fourth Tuesdays starting with the fourth Tuesday in January. A list of dates for 2023 will be provided.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Thorpe made a **MOTION** to adjourn at 5:53 p.m. Ms. Zavatone seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the committee will be held on January 24, 2023 at 5:00 pm in the Town Hall first-floor conference room.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Donahue