



TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK  
SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

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

**Tuesday, January 11, 2022**

**5:00 p.m.**

Old Saybrook Town Hall – First Floor Conference Room

Direct link to the recording: [https://youtu.be/Krj\\_3Me81s4](https://youtu.be/Krj_3Me81s4)

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Board of Selectmen Meetings: \_

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLKX0JMf1KPp9SQAHOQUQCR3yLtNYxKOWK>

- I. CALL TO ORDER** – All members present.
- II. ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICERS** – Chairman (Bruce Carlson), Vice-Chair (Susan Esty), Secretary (Maureen Zavatone)
- III. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC** - none
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** No minutes to be approved
- V. REVIEW OF COMMITTEE CHARGE** – Mr. Fortuna discussed various ARPA documents and reviewed certain projects and discussed program parameters. He spoke about the allocation to the town and the portion that is “county” allocated. He discussed the COG request for 15% of the county funds, the timeline of the program and allowable uses. He also briefly discussed the grant application made today by the Board of Selectmen (BOS) that potentially allocates \$250,000 of funds. He also spoke of the funds that have already been spent. Mr. Carlson made clear that the ARPA committee is advisory to the BOS. Lee Ann Palladino discussed reporting requirements that she will be required to follow.
- VI. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE** – Mr. Carlson took over the meeting and the committee introduced themselves and spoke of their interest and careers. Ms. Roberts inquired whether the funds could be used for bike paths. Ms. Zavatone would like to see projects that encourage more young families to move into town. Ms. Costello asked if it is the BOS’s intention to “freeze” additional allocation of funds for now; Mr. Fortuna said that is the BOS’s intention as this committee does its work.
- VII. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD**
  - i. **Overview of ARPA** – Discussion or materials forwarded by the Board of Selectmen
  - ii. **Projects to be considered** – Susan Beckman discussed the Community Challenge Grant that will be applied for this week. Total program is \$3.5m. Ms. Costello was very interested in seeking other programs to leverage the ARPA funds. Mr. Carlson requested we ask CCM or the COG about grants that we may be able to seek out to leverage additional dollars.

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- iii. **Assignments to the committee** - Mr. Carlson finished the meeting by asking the committee to bring to the next meeting some goals and strategies. Secondly, he stressed the public component of the ARPA project. Mr. Fortuna agreed that public hearings will be important and they can occur perhaps after the committee chooses potential areas of interest.
- iv. **Consultant discussion**

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

**X. ADJOURNMENT** – Motion to adjourn at 5:05 p.m.

***CARLSON/ESTY***

***MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

Respectfully submitted,

Carl P. Fortuna Jr.  
First Selectman