

MINUTES FOR SPECIAL SELECTBOARD MEETING
RE: ARPA FUND REQUEST
Monday September 12, 2022

Attendees

Select Board Members (Board): Jared Cadwell (Jared) and (Chuck Martel (Chuck)

Town Clerk/Select Board Assistant: Patti Lewis

Guests: Tony Italiano (MRVTV), Michele Leibowitz (Michele), Shane Mullen (Shane)

Meeting called to order at 8:00am.

Jared introduced all in the room and on Zoom.

Jared noted two new requests for ARPA funds that have come in since the last discussion. Those being Free Wheelin for \$10,000.00 and MRVTV for \$250.00.

Jared went over projects already completed for the Town Offices such as sound panels, tv screen and cyber security updates.

Chuck noted that 85-90% of ARPA funding is allocated for municipal expenses.

Michelle, while not representing the Housing Coalition, asked about any possible funds for housing needs. Answer was that there is going to be a discussion about housing hosted by the Mad River Valley Planning District on 10/12/22 at 4:30 at the Lareau Farm. Any further discussion will be had after that meeting when the Board has a better sense of what the community at large wants.

Shane brought up #9 and Bragg Hill erosion areas and had any thought been given to funding design work. Jared explained that the Town had design work done for #9 with Dubois and King and the remedies were hugely expensive. Jared asked if Shane would be willing to look at that design and get back to the Board with thoughts. Shane said he would. As for Bragg Hill, Jared noted this is a much more complicated matter as most of the erosion area is actually in Waitsfield.

Shane asked if he could see the ARPA spreadsheet from which the Board was working from and the answer was yes. Patti will post to website.

Shane asked when the decisions would be finalized and Jared responded the Board would like to have it done by the end of this fall.

Chuck noted that while Michael Jordan was not present, he had let the Board know that his focus is on Town needs vs. nonprofits, leaning toward keeping the tax rate down.

Chuck mentioned the request from Neck of the Woods and should the Board consider other child care facilities as well but that it was not the Board responsibility to seek out requestors.

No decisions were made.

Motion to adjourn at 8:49 by Chuck, seconded by Jared. All in favor, none opposed. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Patti Lewis

Approved: Jared Cadwell