

**ARPA Committee Meeting
Tuesday November 21, 2023, 6:00pm
Cavendish Town Meeting Room**

Present: George Timko (Chairman), Wendy Regier, Jen Leak, Rick Chambers (Town Manager), Peter Labelle, Betty McEnaney

Absent: Julia Gignoux

1, Call Meeting to Order

George Timko, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

2, Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting

Wendy Regier moved/Betty McEnaney seconded to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. George noted that there were two corrections to be made – “dead” should be deadline, “agenda” should be minutes. *George Timko moved/Jen Leak seconded a motion to amend the minutes to read “minutes” and “deadline”. All voted in favor.*

3, Review Final Round Applications

The Committee reviewed the final round of applications:

Barbara Dickey - submitted a revised budget requesting \$58,000 for the purchase and first year operation of the Gethsemane Church for a community center

Cavendish Streetscapes – requests \$10,000 for benches for the Proctorsville Green and the Cavendish playground behind the Town Office

Town Office – requests \$24,800 for digitizing the parcel maps

Town Office – requests \$36,000 for building upgrades for ADA compliance

The Committee discussed what the remainder of the funds could be used for and what role the ARPA committee might play.

Betty McEnaney moved/Wendy Regier seconded a motion to accept all the applications in the total amount of \$324,150. All voted in favor.

4, Discussion of Application Submissions to Select Board

George asked if the Committee wanted to make a presentation to the Select Board. Wendy suggested having the applicants come to a Board meeting. Jen suggested letting the applicants know that the Committee will be recommending their applications to the Board and said she would do that. The Committee agreed that the Board could contact the applicants if they had questions. Rick said that he thought the Select Board might review applications in February after the Town budget process.

Betty asked if any money should be held aside for Greven Field. Rick said that the clean-up and rebuild would be part of the Town's FEMA claim. Betty commented that she thought adding some fitness equipment along the nature trail would be a good addition.

5, Discussion on Vacant ARPA Committee Seat

George said that there is a vacant seat on the Committee since Stephen Plunkard has passed. The Committee discussed the vacancy and decided not to appoint a replacement since the application review is complete.

6, Other Business/Next Meeting Date

George suggested meeting on Tuesday, December 19th, to make any changes or suggest uses for the remainder of the money.

7, Adjourn

Pete Labelle moved/Betty McEnaney seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:00 pm. All voted in favor.

Approved: _____

Date: _____