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ARPA Committee Minutes
Thursday, August 11, 2022
5:00pm via Zoom &
Clifford B. Green Memorial Center

Present: Austin Tanner, David Lee, Ken Dykstra, Lou Brodeur, Joe Voccio and Melissa Bradley, Recording Secretary

Lyn Lacharite: 5:05

Also Present: Patti Buell, Daniel Carlson, Sharon Loughlin

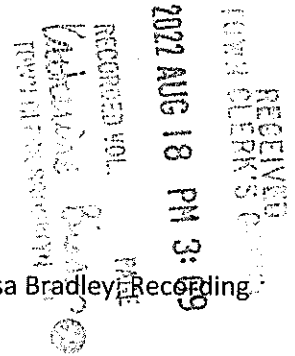
1. **Call to Order:** A. Tanner called the meeting to order at 5:00pm
2. **Approve Minutes:** L. Brodeur made a motion to approve the minutes of 7/14/22 as presented. A. Tanner seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Discussion on Rating Applications:** D. Lee created a worksheet that separated the requests by less than \$10,000 and over \$10,000. The less than \$10,000 criteria are community need; response to impact of COVID; operational sustainability; project feasibility and implementation; availability of alternative non-ARPA State or Federal funding; availability of other funding; and community identified priorities. The over \$10,000 criteria are all the above and budget reasonableness; monitoring progress and measuring impact; focus on impacted or undeserved communities; and transformative impact.

Discussion held on using some funds to increase the reserve. The committee agreed this is not the intent of these funds.

The phones at the school were struck by lightening and are not working. A couple fax lines were able to be prepared so there is access to a couple phones during the day. An insurance claim has been submitted. If the \$135,000 is approved by the Town and insurance approves the claim, the money would come back to the Town.

D. Lee made a motion to approve the school request to repair/upgrade the phone system in the amount of \$135,000, and additional funds can be requested if needed. J. Voccio seconded the motion. P. Buell will report back the progress of the insurance claim. Motion passed 6-0.

5. **Discussion on Prioritizing Applications:** The committee will review and rate each project with the spreadsheet provided and send to D. Lee who will compile all responses.



6. **Discussion on Reserve Funds:** Discussed above.
7. **Schedule Next Meeting Date:** August 16th @ 5pm.
8. **Public Comment:** None
9. **Adjourn:** D. Lee made a motion to adjourn. L. Brodeur seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 5:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted;



Melissa J. Bradley
Recording Secretary