

TOWN OF WILLINGTON

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) COMMISSION

May 2, 2022, 1:30pm

Town Office Building, Lower Level

1. Call Meeting to Order

C.Mailhos called the meeting to Order at 1:32pm

2. Roll Call

Christina Mailhos

Erika Wieceński

Michael D'Amato

Stuart Fisher (via Zoom)

Troy Sposato

Donna Latinscics

Stuart Cobb (not present)

Jennie Arpin

Robin Campbell

Tom Smith

Samantha Hills (via Zoom)

3. Approval of Minutes:

4/18 Minutes- Tabled to next meeting.

4. Correspondence:

None

5. Present to Speak:

None

6. New Business

a. Requests to be RECEIVED:

1. ARPA-31 Historical Society Archival Storage

E.Wieceński made a motion to receive ARPA-31. Second by, R. Campbell

All in Favor. Motion Passes

b. Requests to be HEARD:

- i. ARPA-31 Historical Society Archival Storage

M.Mascinda presented to the Commission about the current status of the archive storage at the old Town Hall and the garage portion of the Glazier Tavern. He indicated the types of items that would and would not be stored in these areas based upon best practices. He further explained why he felt the project met the ARPA project criteria. The Historical Society would get more precise quotes if the funding were to be approved.

The Commission held a general discussion about what funding category the project could be eligible for the non-profit status of the Society.

The Commission further discussed that some of the other projects that Society were hoping to complete could be eligible for funding under the EDC's Small Business and Non-Profit Assistance Program.

E.Wieceński indicated that she felt that the Town should clarify the best category for funding this request prior to sending the project to public hearing.

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E.Wieczenski made a motion to table the application until additional information and pricing was provided. Second by T.Smith.

<i>All in Favor Motion Passes</i>

7. Unfinished Business:

a. Updates on PREVIOUSLY FUNDED requests:

- i. ARPA-3—C.Mailhos provided the update as written on the agenda for the group.
- ii. ARPA-4— C.Mailhos provided the update as written on the agenda for the group.
- iii. ARPA-5— C.Mailhos provided the update as written on the agenda for the group.
- iv. ARPA-6— C.Mailhos provided the update as written on the agenda for the group.
- v. ARPA-10— C.Mailhos provided the update as written on the agenda for the group.
- vi. ARPA-11— C.Mailhos provided the update as written on the agenda for the group.
- vii. ARPA-14— C.Mailhos provided the update as written on the agenda for the group.
- viii. ARPA-15
J.Arpin: Indicated that they'll need \$41,790 which is more than originally anticipated. Due to that, she will likely be submitting a request for an additional appropriation to fund the position at the full amount.
- ix. ARPA-16— C.Mailhos provided the update as written on the agenda for the group.

b. Updates on PREVIOUSLY HEARD AND TABLED requests:

- i. ARPA-7: AC for HMS Band Room
E.Wieczenski made a motion to approve in the amount of \$20,000 to be funded using the first tranche of funding. Second by T.Sposato.

<i>All in Favor. Motion Passes</i>

- ii. ARPA-17 and 18: Walking Track Improvements, Drainage and Lighting at RRAC

A.Humphrey gave a brief update. He indicated that he had received the two cost estimations from the Town Engineer, K. Acimovic. One cost estimate includes just the necessary drainage fixes and the lighting upgrades, and the other cost estimate includes light and the fixes to the whole field. Respectively, those cost were \$121,379.00 and \$189,379.00. Alan further explained that the Parks and Rec Commission did review the requests a well and that their recommendation was that the Town proceed with the higher-cost proposal to ensure the fields were fixed correctly.

The Commission held a general discussion about the increased costs, how the project would be completed and if the Town's Public Work's Department could assist with the project to reduce the costs. The Commission felt that additional information was necessary before a decision could be made including the preparation of a plan which would include the project sequencing.

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- iii. ARPA-20: New Furnace at Fire House: No Update
- iv. ARPA-21: Fuel Bank and HH Heating Expenses: Project will be on heard at the May 24, 2022 Public Hearing
- v. ARPA-23: Summer Camp Supplement
J. Arpin provided an update and outlined the camp costs for families from 2022 to 2027. The specific funding structure proposed would provide a five-year plan to make the summer camp self-sustaining.

S. Hills asked why the summer camp funding was not being done on a "need" basis.

J. Arpin indicated that this was covered by the ARPA-24 Campership Proposal funding request. She also indicated that for a number of reasons, the camp would be capped at 50 campers per week, which would also ensure this request would not be exceeded.

E. Wiczenski made a motion to move ARPA-23 to public hearing. Second by R. Campbell.

All in Favor. Motion Passes

- vi. ARPA-24: Campership Proposal
J. Arpin indicated that this will be withdrawn based on the availability of an alternative funding source.
- vii. ARPA-30: Emergency Generator and Direct Emergency Call Line at Button Hill: No New Update

c. Updates on requests PREVIOUSLY HEARD AND APPROVED TO MOVE TO PUBLIC HEARING

- i. ARPA-13: Devices for Town Staff and Senior Center: No New Update
- ii. ARPA-26: Forestry Plan for Mason Road Tract: No New Update
- iii. ARPA-27: Building Materials for Park Structure Maintenance: No New Update
- iv. ARPA-28: Technology Upgrades for Senior Center: No New Update
- v. ARPA-29: ARPA Commission Public Hearing Expenses: No New Update

8. Opportunity to Call a Public Hearing

E. Wiczenski made a motion to conduct the next public hearing on Tuesday, May 24th at 6:30pm in the Town Hall Common Room. Second by M.D'Amato.

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9. Present to Speak

None

10. Adjourn

R. Campbell made a motion to adjourn. Second by T. Sposato.

All in Favor. Motion Passes. The Meeting was adjourned at 3:02pm


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