Town of Waterford

Public Meeting Regarding the Uses of ARPA and CSLFRF Funds

Citizens Committee Organizational Committee

Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at 6:30pm

Davies Memorial Library

Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Roberta Gillot, Marcia Martel, Kandis Barrett, Heather Gonyaw (ZOOM), Kathleen Hodgdon (ZOOM).

Call to Order – Roberta called the committee meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Modifications to the Agenda – No additions

Approval of meeting minutes – Marcia Martel made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the November 23, 2021 meeting as presented. Kandis Barrett seconded the motion. Motion passes.

Follow-up on questions asked at the last meeting:

* Marcia received and shared the map of the broadband plan in Waterford.
* Heather spoke with Dave at NVDA about revolving loan fund vs. grant program for Waterford small businesses. Dave’s suggestion was a grant program for businesses negatively impacted by COVID. There are future options if the town wants to create a revolving loan fund.

**Waterford ARPA Fund Suggestions**

* Ventilation system for the library building
* Investment in technology to better host public meetings virtually
* Last mile broadband project:
* Reimburse the town for the well drilled at the fire station.
* Non-profit – loss due to the pandemic – perhaps the library because if could not host its large fundraiser
* Business grants for businesses that suffered loss due to COVID
* Training for community on cyber security/digital literacy
* Wastewater / Sewer system from church to library / Waterford Preservation Trust
* Secondary Fire station (garage/shed with truck in it) – purchase on land?

Question for select board – re: revenue loss. Need revenue in order to calculate the loss.

Next Steps:

* Kandis will attend the December Select board meeting to report our progress and next steps.
* Roberta and Marcia will be at the dump from 9-11 on December 18th to talk and take further suggestions.
* During the week of January 3rd Kandis and Heather will begin to pull the survey together using Google forms.
* Survey will be online and in paper format. There will be a drop box for paper surveys at the Library and (perhaps) the school.
* Survey results will be brought to the Select board at their February meeting.

Next meeting will be a survey working meeting over ZOOM on January 4th beginning at 6:30pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm by Roberta.

Submitted by: Heather M. Gonyaw