

ARPA Committee

July 8, 2022

Call to order

The meeting was called to order in person at Cole Hall and via the remote platform Zoom at 5:05 p.m. Present were chair Andrea Bacchi, Tony Krulikowski, Betsy Habberfield, and Naomi Miller. Martha Cornwell was also present, as was Town Administrator David Kiernan.

Conflict of interest

No one reported a conflict of interest with any item on the agenda.

Minutes

Ms. Miller moved to approve the July 1 meeting minutes. Ms. Habberfield seconded the motion, which passed 3-0-1.

Goals and planning

Ms. Bacchi reprised the timeline. The responses are due August 1. The boxes should be picked up on August 2. Ms. Bacchi will compile digital survey responses in a spreadsheet and Ms. Miller will compile postcard responses in preparation for the Committee's meeting on August 12. It was agreed to invite members of the public to meetings in September, after the data has been analyzed. Mr. Krulikowski suggested that two categories of funding requests – those that rank highly in the surveys, and seed money for non-profits (the Historical Society and the North Shaftsbury Community House) insofar as their requests are in conformance with the survey results.

Ms. Cornwell urged committee members to attend regional events such as Midnight Madness to publicize the availability of the survey. She said she would try to attend as many as possible.

Mr. Kiernan said he'd order more cards.

In September, the committee will start working with the schools. Ms. Bacchi suggested discussing how that will happen at the next meeting.

Ms. Habberfield presented the posters she'd created.

Other business

Ms. Habberfield suggested that when the boxes are picked up, committee members should leave a thank you note from the committee. It will contain a "stay tuned" note re future news. She will draft the letter.

Ms. Miller clarified that the state's open meeting law is designed to protect the public's right to know what actions their elected or appointed officials might undertake which could affect their lives.

The next meeting will be held August 12 at 9 a.m.

Public comments

There were none.

The Zoom connection terminated unexpectedly at this point in the meeting.