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AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES HYBRID MEETING

Tuesday, October 24, 2023

5:00 p.m.

Old Saybrook Town Hall – First-floor Conference Room

To access a recording of this meeting: <https://youtu.be/3Q6IYLEIhf0>

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:29 p.m. by the chair, Mr. Carlson, after a delay caused by the Board of Selectman meeting that preceded this meeting running over.

Members Present: Bruce Carlson (Chair), Susan Esty (Vice-chair), Brad Thorpe, Kacie Hand, Judy Sullivan, and Maureen Zavatone (Secretary).

Members Absent: Kristin Roberts, Elizabeth McEvily

Others Present: Carl Fortuna, Matt Pugliese, Scott Giegerich, Bill Rochette, Ray Allen and Jennifer Donahue.

II. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the September 26, 2023 meeting were reviewed. Ms. Esty made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes as submitted. Ms. Sullivan seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion passed.

IV. REVIEW APPLICATIONS RECEIVED TO DATE

- i. The addendum to the application from the Old Saybrook Little League as requested at the committee's last meeting was discussed. Commissioners reviewed program needs and losses. Mr. Carlson made a **MOTION** to recommend to the Board of Selectmen approval in the amount of \$15,000 for the purpose of funding the development of the Little League program in support of youth sports. Mr. Thorpe seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion passed.
- ii. The application for the Back River Living Shoreline was discussed again as clarification had been received confirming there was not another source for the \$25,000 matching funds for a grant they hope to receive by the end of the year. Mr. Carlson made a **MOTION** to recommend funding in the amount of \$25,000 to the Board of Selectmen. Ms. Zavatone seconded the motion. Commissioners discussed reallocating the funding

in the event the group is not awarded the grant that the match would be used towards. All were in favor and the motion passed.

- iii. The application for the Ambulance Association was reviewed showing that the association had made paving repairs to their town-owned property to preserve ambulance function and maintenance; they are seeking reimbursement for those expenses. Mr. Rochette was present to answer any questions. Mr. Carlson made a **MOTION** to approve \$17,294 in funding to the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Thorpe seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion passed.
- iv. Mr. Allen was present to answer questions about the proposal to correct the drainage at Parks & Rec's Ferry Road soccer field as requested by the committee in the spring. He detailed the problems with the field. After discussion, committee members agreed that the proposal should be put out to bid to obtain accurate cost estimates. Committee members also agreed that other land in town should be investigated for field development. Mr. Allen will come back to the committee when he has bids to present.

V. DISCUSSION CONCERNING EXPENDITURES FOR PREVIOUSLY APPROVED PROJECTS

Mr. Carlson proposed discussing this item at the November meeting because of the late start of the meeting and the late hour. Committee members agreed.

VI. COMMENTS FROM ARPA COMMITTEE MEMBERS

There were no comments from ARPA Committee members.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

The next meeting of the committee will be held on November 28, 2023 at 5:00 pm in the Town Hall first-floor conference room.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Donahue