



Moretown ARPA Advisory Committee
Moretown Planning Commission (*a quorum participated*)
Minutes
Wednesday, April 13, 2022
6:30 – 8:00 PM

Present: Committee Members Deb Carroll, Karen Horn chair, Stefan Pratt, John Schmeltzer vice chair, Ned Farquhar, Dara Torre

Guests: Katie Buckley, Director ARPA Coordination and Assistance Program

Public: Travis Blodgett, Jason Arnowitz

Karen called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Katie Buckley gave a presentation regarding what ARPA funds may be spent on, reasons to take the “standard allowance” option to replace lost revenue and the need to make that one-time choice by April 30, and the helpfulness of parameters of an advisory committee to the selectboard. She clarified that the legislative body is the ultimate arbiter of how funds are spent and urged the committee to think about transformative change.

According to the Vermont Agency of Administration, Moretown will receive ARPA Direct Aid of \$497,711.85 in two separate payments.

Jason Arnowitz asked could the town use ARPA Aid to replace funds in the budget. Travis stated that Moretown has a lot of committees already and that they don't take minutes or post minutes or agendas in a timely and accurate manner.

Stefan inquired about spending ARPA Direct Aid to fund or write down the cost of a new piece of fire apparatus. Other proposals are funding wastewater, municipal building upgrades and fuel switching, broadband, or outdoor recreation resources. Katie cautioned that the town should investigate all other funding opportunities before committing to a specific project.

The next meeting of the ARPA Advisory Committee will be April 26 at 6:30 and thereafter, the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month.

Ned moved to adjourn at approximately 8:30 pm. The motion was seconded by Deb.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Horn, April 18, 2022

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