

## Starksboro ARPA Advisory Committee

Tuesday, April 18, 2023, 5:30 p.m.

Lister's Office and via Zoom

Present: Anne Sasso (via zoom), Carrie Austgen, Katie Kuzio, Mike Shepard, Rob Liotard, Connor Timmons

Absent:

Visitors present: Katie Antos- Ketcham, Susan Thompson

Meeting called to order by Carrie Augsten at 5:38

Review and accept/decline previous meeting minutes

Motion to approve minutes by Rob. Seconded by Connor

So moved.

### **Library (Town Hall) Update**

- Katie Antos-Ketcham and Susan Thompson presented the updated Objectives
- Objective 1 has been updated, applied for American Libraries Association grant (will find out 4/19/23) to cover the first floor entrance project (crash bar, push button, parking out front, etc)
  - been connected with Selectboard continually, created a Town Hall committee
  - selectboard exploring the property line boundary
  - septic project is moving forward through the selectboard and planning commission
- Objective 2 has had more in depth information added
  - Architectural Services estimate can cover some other facets of proposal, such as Environmental Assessment
  - Option A (vertical lift inside front of building) is the preferred option
- next step is to find estimates from two companies, required for one of the grants
- current estimate for Objective 2 around \$203,000 (based on professional estimates)
- updated ARPA request is for \$203,000
  - does not include Objective 1 (crash bar, push button)
- need to receive funding from ARPA in order to leverage other grant funding opportunities
  - would like to receive at least \$100,000-\$150,000 from ARPA

### **Proposal Discussion**

-Library second floor lends itself to many different community uses, and this project presents a high return on investment benefit

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### **Team Reports**

- Carrie followed up on the Meeting House proposal, this building is not owned by the town so moneys would be allocated to the non-profit
- discussion on team reports

### **Other Discussion**

-Selectboard has a retreat coming up on May 23, committee aiming to hand the packaged report to the Selectboard before this date

-We highly recommend that the Selectboard dive deeper into the proposal from the Water Coop and work closely with the Water Coop board to support them in their ability to better serve our residents while providing safe water sources to the town.

### **Survey**

-Anne will update survey and send out to committee

-next step for committee is to complete survey and then compile final report

-results of survey and draft of final report will be presented at May meeting

### **Set Agenda for next meeting**

-Review Results of Survey

-Edit draft of Final Report

-Compile list of recommendations with allocations

Next Meetings:

Tuesday May 9th @ 5:30

Tuesday May 16th @ 5:30

Connor made motion to adjourn, seconded by Rob. Meeting adjourned at 7:39.