

Starksboro ARPA Advisory Committee

Tuesday May 9, 2023, 5:30 p.m.

Town's Clerk Office and via Zoom

Present: Anne Sasso, Carrie Austgen, Katie Kuzio, Rob Liotard, Connor Timmons

Arrived late: Mike Shepard

Absent:

Visitors present:

Meeting called to order by Carrie Augsten at 5:37

Review and accept/decline previous meeting minutes

Motion to approve minutes by Rob. Seconded by Connor.

So moved.

### **Priority Survey**

-Anne reviewed the priority ranking survey, completed anonymously by committee members.

-worth noting that the Committee was evenly split on the #1 priority: half ranked the Fire Dept as top priority, and the other half ranked the Preschool proposal as the top priority

- the scores aligned broadly with the categorized rubric provided to us by the Selectboard

-conversation centered around how to present the Committee recommendations

-Selectboard has asked for percentage, we will provide both percentage and financial allocation

### **Review and Decide Allocation Requests**

-Anne presented multiple scenarios for funding options, Committee discussed financial options

-worth noting that we should keep in mind the "balls in the air" (MERP funding, matching grant monies, unknown amount allocated to Town Administrator position)

-Discussion on how to move forward on voting

-Committee came to agreement as a group on allocations and voted as follows:

Fire Dept- approved unanimously

Preschool/Meeting House- approved unanimously with condition

Lead Remediation- approved unanimously

Library Renovation- approved with Connor abstaining

Library HVAC- approved with Connor abstaining

Town Pavilion- approved unanimously

Project READ- approved with Connor and Katie abstaining

Town Pavilion Solar- approved unanimously

Architect Fees- approved unanimously

Water Coop- approved unanimously with conditions

Digitizing Land Records- 5-1 approved  
Playground- approved unanimously with conditions

**Calculate Percentage of Allocation Funding**

Anne will calculate percentage of total funding for the final report for the Selectboard

Agenda for future meeting:

-Review Final Report

Motion to adjourn made by Connor

Seconded Mike

Unanimously approved

Meeting adjourned at 7:01