

ARPA Committee
June 16, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.
Town Clerk's office/Zoom hybrid

Lisa Larivee, Town Clerk opened the ARPA Committee meeting at 6:07.

Members Present: Lisa Larivee, Dave Bennion, Mike Lawyer, Paula Tremblay, Yvon Dandurand, Pete Benevento, Stacey Tremblay, Jean Richard

Guests: Pam Greene, Pierrette Bouchard

- Lisa reviewed the invite, survey and list of projects to be sent to voters for discussion at the Aug 20th public forum. Mike-should we narrow down to the items being championed and that are important as suggested by Kim. Childcare for this meeting might be a good option for folks to be able to attend; Stacey T will work on.
- Fire Dept project-Stacey asks if there will be enough parking there. Describe as a board conference room, not community room.
- Yvon-like to have the large list to have folks consider all projects, the top ones will show by people's input.
- Pete B-lake front enhancements can vary depending on project.
- Pam G-agrees the grader is a topic that has been brought up.
- Jean-the purchase of Minister Hill by the town would be a huge liability, should not be on the list.
- Childcare survey is a concern with being on the survey info as being pushed; need to qualify this area with another sheet or stated differently.
- A tax credit or incentive to open a daycare or enlarge your current home site; we are losing two home daycares that are moving out of town.
- Solar project with the life of the panels about 25 years, what will be the cost to dispose of them, may want to remove at this time.
- Yvon-seems to be two different objectives of where we are going; to enhance Franklin to get folks to come live here or reduce taxes to help folks that are already here. Need to pinpoint an objective of where we're going. Pam-thoughtful comment, keeping Franklin vibrant helps keep Franklin taxes low. Jean-we are giving the community the opportunity for input on which decision to follow.
- Lisa-have spoken with VT Community Rural Development (VCRD) to facilitate a community gathering to discuss and review the towns goals and vision of Franklin, such as Highgate has done. Will assist to continue with the goals of using the ARPA funds.
- Stacey-the well drilling cost, is this covered? Mike-we have applied for state funds with loans/grants, do not know yet on amount to receive.
- Pete B-remove the lake wastewater project as we are looking for state funds for this.
- Lisa-would like to mail out the invite and information the first few weeks of July to all registered voters/homes. I will update with tonight's discussions and resend for a final review before putting the mailing together.

Next meeting of the committee will be on July 21, 2022 @ 6:00 pm in person and via Zoom.
Adjourned the meeting at 7:25 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Larivee, Town Clerk
June 21, 2022