

ARPA Committee
November 17, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.
Town Clerk's office/Zoom hybrid

Lisa Larivee, Town Clerk opened the ARPA Committee meeting at 6:05.

Members Present: Lisa Larivee, Dave Bennion, Jean Richard, Mike Lawyer, Yvon Dandurand, Paula Tremblay, Kim Gates Maynard

Guests: Ethan Dezotelle, Deb Grennon, Sam Gervais, Brooks Sturtevant, Jeremy Barnum, Justin Rainville

- Lisa reviewed the priority list with costs for key items. The list had been updated and redistributed to members.
- Deb-would like to see a study of an intergenerational daycare facility for a location of the project.
- Jean-a walking path around the Homestead with tables under a roofed area would be nice.
- Paula-Rec Dept is applying for grants for a shed, if able would like to use that money rather than ARPA, security is also a concern of the shed items
- Mike-suggests to redo the town hall for the town offices to be relocated
- Jean-hate to see the town hall lost for community use and events, main gathering spot.
- Kim-should review the office space to reevaluate the layout and make it work.
- Jean-question of the water system funds with the State and how much can get? Mike-the state is still rolling out the program and funding allocation for towns.
- Kim-there is a lot of money from State and Federal for broadband coming.
- Yvon-as a long time resident and family living here; daycare, cell phone, and internet connection are the biggest items needed to enhance folks to stay in Franklin or come to Franklin.
- Lisa-agrees that a daycare facility for a large group center is a very needed community piece.
- Kim-there are many buildings in town that could be used for daycare; town hall or churches.
- Deb-need to subsidize childcare for the time as it is costly to operate and keep qualified help and rates affordable. Can contact Ms. Murphy, a consultant on this type of work to do a market study of spaces, etc.
- Sam-who are we trying to get here? A target area? Yvon feels all age groups are important for the community.
- Ethan-would NOTCH be interested in being involved in childcare facility work?

Next meeting of the committee will be on January 11, 2022 @ 6:00 pm in person and via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Larivee, Town Clerk
November 29, 2021