

ARPA COMMITTEE MEETING, WEDNESDAY AUGUST 9, 2023 AT 9:00AM

Present: Bob Best, Joanne Guyette-Worth, Denise Daigle, Barry and Jayne Sahagian, Mike Baraw

Joanne called the meeting to order at 9:00AM

Bob Best made a motion to approve the minutes of 7/11 meeting, seconded by Denise and passed on a voice vote.

Joanne asked Denise to refresh the committee's memory on what the select board has approved so far, which Denise did.

Barry brought up the culvert behind his home and Mike tried to explain to him that this had nothing to do with the ARPA committee and that this had been taken care of at the select board meeting of August 3, 2023. Barry asked Joanne and other committee members if they had read the ARPA guide lines for the spending of these funds. Joanne tried to explain to Barry that this is simply a committee to bring forth to the select board recommendations for potential uses of these funds. The select boards of towns are the ones responsible for the spending of these funds not the ARPA committee. Jayne asked about the town garage addition and Denise explained this.

Joanne made a motion to recommend to the selectboard installing a fence and gates at the upper wells on Vance Hill for safety reasons, with the ARPA funds paying for half of this and the water department paying for the other half, seconded by Denise. Some discussion followed. This passed on a voice vote.

Denise made a motion to recommend to the selectboard purchasing a gas powered driver and accessories for this at a cost of approximately \$3,470.23, seconded by Bob. Some discussion followed. This passed on a voice vote.

Bob Best contacted Rich Nichols with regard to the possibility of adding additional solar panels to our existing ones. He gave Bob the name of someone to get in touch with for more information. This will be discussed further at future committee meetings.

Joanne stated that we wanted to discuss other items with Mike, but he had left the meeting. These will be discussed at the next ARPA committee meeting which will be held on August 30, 2023 at 9:00AM at the town clerk's office.

Voted to adjourn at 9:55AM.