Town of Orange

 ARPA Committee Meeting-Orange Town Hall

August 24, 2022 at 6:00pm

**ARPA committee members present:** John Barnes, Lee Cattaneo, Sue Perreault, Siobhan Perricone, Steve Simpson, Lee Youngman

Call to order:

Steve Simpson called the meeting to order at 6:09 PM.

Guest Speakers and Public Comment:

No guest speakers present.

Approve Minutes from June 29, 2022 meeting:

Tabled til next meeting. Lee will circulate draft minutes from the June meeting for committee review.

Review Budget:

Lee updated committee with budget numbers changed since the June meeting. We sent money to CV Fiber ($30,000), COTT Systems (first half of contract with remainder due at implementation), purchased the OWL and cart, Lee’s new computer. We just sent payment to Pike Industries for the $66,500 in additional Tucker Rd paving. That will show up on next month’s budget.

Discuss Establishing a feasibility expenditure account line

Lee proposed we add this as an expenditure line on the administrative budget and move items from here to project budgets if they become live projects. Siobhan made a motion to create an expenditure line with a budget of $1500.00. Lee seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

Updates on Town Forest Trails

Lee reported that Central Vt Regional Planning is coming out to do the GIS mapping on August 1, and she is soliciting estimates for trail work to ditch, drain and raise up Beard Rd from the split with the camp road to the beginning of the Hannah Hill Trail. We will have those numbers before the next meeting.

Update on Ash Trees

Lee distributed the ash tree inventory completed by CVRPC in 2019. The total scope of the project developed for the failed grant was over $400,000. We have put this on hold until further notice.

Update on Town Clerk’s office/parking lot/well projects

Lee shared the well estimate from Wragg brothers and noted we have engaged Chase and Chase to do engineering and permits for us. We had previously budgeted up to $40,000 for the well. The Wragg estimate is under $15,000. The town formed a building committee for needed repairs to the clerk’s office. Angela is writing up an RFP to include replacing the rotted sill, sheathing, siding, drainage, gutters and plumbing.

General Discussion of remaining funds

The committee looked at committed funds, expended funds and expected revenue and conclude that we have about $130,000 or so in completed uncommitted, unobligated funds. The town clerk’s office estimate will probably use up a significant portion of the remaining funds.

Date of next meeting:

The next meeting was set for Wednesday, October 26h at 6:00 pm at the Town Hall.

Adjournment: On a motion made by Siobahn and seconded by Lee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Lee Youngman, Clerk of the committee