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**TOWN OF RANDOLPH
ARPA FUNDING COMMITTEE
APRIL 12, 2022
DRAFT MINUTES**

****NOTE: THIS MEETING WAS HELD REMOTELY ONLY; ALL ATTENDEES LISTED
WERE ON ZOOM***

*****This draft is intended for open meeting law compliance only, and will be revised to include additional details.***

Members Present: Perry Armstrong, chair; Ramsey Papp (5:40 p.m.); Mary Richter; Maria Puglisi (5:55 p.m.); Michael Abadi; Jeff Grout.

Staff Present: Trevor M. Lashua, Town Manager

Public/other Present: None.

Perry called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

There was no public comment.

Michael moved to approve the agenda. Jeff seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

Mary moved to approve the minutes, with line 64 fixed (the date corrected to 4/12, rather than 4/13). Michael seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

The committee discussed the presentation by and conversation with Katie Buckley of VLCT. Katie is the ARPA Coordinator.

The committee discussed the standard allowance, and whether or not it made sense to declare during the reporting portal. The allowance, which gives municipalities the choice to declare all ARPA funds received up to a maximum of \$10 million as lost revenue, needed to be chosen by the April 30, 2020 deadline. The committee's discussion focused on the ability to use funds broadly for the allowed "government services" provision. There was additional discussion about prioritizing projects or funding ideas that focused on elements tied to the original funding. One such project or connected set of projects was the Town website, digitization, and further enabling of remote/online payments.

The committee decided to recommend the standard allowance declaration to the Selectboard, scheduled to discuss the allowance at its April 14 meeting.

Ramsey moved to recommend that the Town of Randolph chose the standard allowance option for ARPA funds. Mary seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

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45 The committee had a robust conversation about intake. There was discussion about different
46 modes, such as social media, radio, newspapers, email or other electronic distribution lists, and
47 face-to-face/live events.

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49 The committee discussed equity elements, including geographic equity when thinking about
50 Randolph's physical spread. Projects with broad appeal and applicability, that hit multiple
51 regions, were discussed as a goal. Focusing on resiliency and the future, and using ARPA funds
52 to leverage other funds, were also discussed.

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54 The draft intake forms from an earlier meeting can be used to begin collecting ideas and
55 feedback; those forms will need to be paired with explanatory or "guardrail" text. Committee
56 members discussed and determined who would work on that, along with how to ensure open
57 meeting law compliance.

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59 The next, takeaway, task, is the drafting of that guardrail text. Jeff, Mary, and Ramsey stepped
60 forward to volunteer to help.

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62 The committee determined that its next meeting would be May 19th. June is the target for the first
63 public meeting. There was some discussion about that meeting's shape; additional conversation
64 will occur at the May meeting.

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66 *Jeff moved to adjourn at 6:31 p.m. Mary seconded. The motion passed 6-0.*