

July 18, 2022 ARPA Committee Notes

Seven committee members attended along with Valerie Capels, Town Administrator, and Jessica Teets, community volunteer/note-taker: Elizabeth Blair, Porter Knight, Alison DaBica, Kris Perlee, Robert Rooker (PC), Helen Young, Diane Cushman.

Not present: John McCormick (EC), Mike Dash

Administrative Business

- Ali DaBica asked for a break from taking notes, and Jessica Teets volunteered to take notes.
- Members accepted notes from last meeting with the addition of Diane's name which was omitted
- Valerie updated the committee that Vtrans said that ARPA funds could be used as the town's match to certain projects, but are checking to see which ones would be eligible
- Valerie has been maintaining a matrix of ideas, and the committee plans to go through all of these plus the ideas collected by the committee in the fall to sort them into similar concepts (or buckets) to see if there are synergies

Collecting Input from Community via cards/website:

- Kris Perlee has created a postcard to collect ideas more broadly from the community – the postcards can be mailed, completed online via QR code, or dropped in a drop box. The committee will staff tables to hand out the cards, as well as posting the survey on Front Porch Forum.
 - Kris will have these printed at Kimball's and will order clipboards and pencils to put together in a kit committee members can take when administering the survey. Porter will including a short description of ARPA and our committee's task
 - Committee members will solicit input as soon as the kits are ready:
 - **Diane – Band concerts Wednesday nights**
 - **Helen – Monday night music on the park (starting Aug 8)**
 - **Betsy & Porter – at the Dump 8-noon on Saturday 7/30 (weather permitting)**
 - **Alison – Senior meals (2nd Thursday of the month)**
 - **Jessica – at the Creemee stand**
 - **Mike and John – can you cover Shaws?**
 - **Alison will email Federated Church to see if they can help us get postcards to all 3 major congregations in town**
 - **Helen will make 2 boxes where people can drop off completed cards – one for the Library and one for the Town Office**
 - We will determine whether or not to have a presence at the Harvest Festival at our September meeting

Collecting Input from Community via Spaghetti dinner

- Kris and Ali met to begin planning
- Date set for Tuesday September 8 at Bristol Elementary School

- Next meeting: August 1st
 - Share experiences so far with collecting postcards at events; update plan for August postcard collection events
 - Begin discussion of criteria and process committee should use to evaluate ideas submitted