Agenda Item VII.2

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RESOLUTION FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021, the President of the United States signed into law the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to provide continued relief from the public health and economic impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, ARPA created the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) that provided direct funding to state, local, and Tribal governments across the country to support their response to and recovery from the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Bristol has accepted an allocation of SLFRF in the amount of \$1,148,473.79, paid in two tranches; and

WHEREAS, SLFRF provides needed fiscal relief for recipients that have experienced revenue loss due to the onset of the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, Treasury presumes that up to \$10 million in revenue has been lost due to the public health emergency and recipients are permitted to use that amount (not to exceed the award amount) to fund "government services."; and

WHEREAS, Recipients may elect a "standard allowance" of \$10 million to spend on government services through the period of performance; and

WHEREAS, All recipients may elect to use this standard allowance instead of calculating lost revenue using the formula provided by the U.S. Department of the Treasury, including those with total allocations of \$10 million or less; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Bristol has the need to fund government services while in the recovery phase of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Bristol Selectboard voted at its May 8, 2023 meeting to allocate \$1,000 of the ARPA principal balance to Bristol CORE's fundraising effort for the Farmers Market and Pocock Rocks events and earmark approximately \$65,000 for creation of a new Grant Writer staff position; and

WHEREAS, the available principal balance of the ARPA funds is now \$1,082,473.80;

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, the Selectboard of the Town of Bristol, Vermont authorize the following allocation of ARPA funding to fund government services under the replacing lost public sector revenue spending category as follows:

\$130,000 to Bristol Rescue Squad, Inc., for new ambulance and training:
\$ 52,000 to Mason's Libanus Lodge #147 for installation of elevator and appurtenances;
\$200,000 to Willowell Foundation for Wren's Nest Pre-School and housing expansion;
\$ 55,565 to Turning Point Center for programming support.
\$437,565 TOTAL for this allocation.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that the available principal balance of the ARPA funds is now \$644,888.80.

Passed and adopted by the Selectboard of the Town of Bristol, Vermont on the 22nd day of May, 2023.

LEGISLATIVE BODY

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ATTEST: