

**Minutes of the special meeting of the  
ECONOMIC RECOVERY COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, May 4, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. via GoToMeeting

In attendance: J. Mancini, S. O'Brien, L. Hogarty, A. Stirna, D. Lefko, and K. Emerson; Richard Pleines and Eileen Unger

Mancini called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m., confirmed all persons in attendance, and confirmed there was a quorum of the committee.

**Review and approval of meeting minutes from the March 30, 2022 special meeting.** Lefko moved to approve the meeting minutes from March 30, 2022. Seconded by Hogarty.

Discussion: None.

Motion passed: Yes: Hogarty, Stirna, Lefko, Emerson, and O'Brien

**Discussion of the use of funds on the requests received.**

- 1) Mancini provided an overview of a recent request received from the Board of Selectman seeking \$25,000 of ARPA funding to cover a shortfall in the Killingworth Volunteer Fire Company's (KVFC) operating budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.
  - a. Stirna moved to recommend the use of ARPA funds to cover the operating budget shortage of \$25,000 due to additional expenses attributed to COVID for the KVFC.
  - b. Seconded by Hogarty.
  - c. Discussion:
    - i. Stirna clarified that the town supports the fire company in their day-to-day expenses, and while the operating expenses typically come out even, due to the rise in prices following COVID, the KVFC came up short this year.
    - ii. Emerson asked if the \$25,000 shortfall has already been made by the town or the KVFC. The committee discussed that the town was working to cover these expenses, but since the shortfall was due to the increased costs and supply chain issues following COVID, it would be an appropriate use of the ARPA funds to cover that shortfall.
  - d. Vote: Motion passed
    - i. Yes: Hogarty, Stirna, Lefko, Emerson, and O'Brien
  - e. Mancini advised that he would make this recommendation to the Board of Selectman.
  
- 2) Mancini raised the discussion of spending some ARPA funding to support the Killingworth Krier.
  - a. Lefko moved to recommend the allocation of a one-time payment in the amount of \$10,000 to the Killingworth Krier.
  - b. Seconded by Hogarty.
  - c. Discussion:
    - i. O'Brien provided an overview of information on the Krier including that it costs approximately \$3,000 to print each monthly issue of the Krier; the printing/issuing of the Krier is funded entirely by advertisers and donations; they currently have about 33 regular advertisers (prior to COVID they had approximately 70 advertisers); based on current funding sources, they fall short approximately \$800 each month to print the Krier; and as a result of that shortfall are currently running \$6,000 in arrears.



- iii. Mancini inquired what would happen if the Shoreline didn't get the rest of the money from other towns. Strina and O'Brien expressed that it is unknown whether all other towns have agreed to provide this \$10,000 funding request.
  - d. Vote: Motion passed
    - i. Yes: Hogarty, Stirna, Lefko, Emerson, and O'Brien
- 5) Emerson inquired as to how we should proceed with the Helping Hands requests. Stirna advised that we should speak with the Board of Selectmen first to see what their feelings are on the building itself since it is a town owned building. Mancini advised that he would review that concern.
  - a. Mancini advised that for the next meeting he wanted to provide meeting documents to the Committee that outline the remaining requests that we have so we can determine if we need any additional information from folks. If so, we could arrange for subsequent presentations as needed.

**Adjournment.** Stirna moved to adjourn. Seconded by Hogarty. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.