

Town of Corinth

ARPA Committee

April 26, 2022 Meeting Summary

Committee members in attendance: John Haney, Steve Long, Anne Margolis, and Mike Pittman

Public in attendance: approximately 26 Town of Corinth residents were in attendance

The purpose of the meeting was to provide a forum for Town of Corinth residents to directly convey ideas and concerns regarding possible projects to the ARPA Committee. The ideas/concerns included below are specific discussion points that were generated during the meeting.

- A suggestion was made to adjust the time durations for the “complexity” scoring criterion.
- It was discussed that further detail should be provided for project plans that scored favorably, and that additional public review/input should be solicited by the Committee / Selectboard. It was expressed that this would ensure accountability of how the funds were being spent.
- A discussion was had regarding the remaining steps of the selection process. The Committee indicated that they would complete the final scoring of the remaining project ideas and make recommendations to the Selectboard. However, the Selectboard will make the ultimate decision on how the funds are spent. The Selectman in attendance indicated that the expenditure of the funds may happen in phases.
- The meeting attendees asked that the final overall scoring of the remaining projects be made available to the Town residents.
- It was suggested that matching and/or alternative funding sources be further investigated before any final decisions are made.
- Several project sponsors presented their ideas, including equipment requests from the Corinth Fire Department; a request to contribute funds to the Bradford Parks and Recreation Department to help projects already in the works (dog park, skate park, expanded recreational programming, etc.); a request for funding to help restore the former Masonic Lodge into a community center; and clarification of the request made by the Corinth Community Coalition regarding the funding of nine community service organizations adversely affected by the pandemic.
- The Committee was asked if the hand outs provided at the meeting could be made available to the public through an online source.