

## ARPA Funding Steering Committee

### Minutes

June 30, 2021

Present: Jeff Kristal, Skipper Manter, Bill Rossi, John Cahill, Don Leopold, R. Peter Wharton

Meeting was started at 3:05pm

Don share presentation with updates (attached). Updates from individual members followed. Bill reported that he and Don updated the Chilmark Board of Selectmen. Jeff reported input from MV Hospital and School System on lack of sufficient connectivity for students north of State Road. Peter and Bill reported progress on Input Form. Peter will send to the Committee members for review.

The Committee agreed on five criteria to be used when evaluating inquiries for funding:

1. Demonstrated need for COVID-19 impact,
2. Ability to mitigate such impacts,
3. Ability to multiply/leverage ARPA investment, through matching funds, grants, state aid, etc.
4. Potential Return on Investment (to be defined)
5. Opportunity to make fundamental change on a regional level.

Discussion followed on process. Bill advised to keep the process simple. Don and John will draft press release for papers, Select Boards, towns and County website. Martina to add email information and instructions.

**Bill moved, John seconded to elect Don Leopold as chair of the ARPA Steering Committee. So voted. Jeff – yes, Bill – yes, Skipper – yes, John – yes, Peter – yes. Don abstained. Motion carries.**

There were no questions or comments from the public or press.

Meeting was adjourned at 4pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for July 21<sup>st</sup> at 3pm.