Town of Greenwich

Working Group – American Rescue Plan

Mazza Meeting Room

Monday, March 14, 2022

Present:

Selectmen: Fred Camillo, First Selectman; Janet Stone McGuigan

Committee: Benjamin Branyan, Town Administrator & COO, Andreas Duus (telephone), Leslie Moriarty, Jeffrey S. Ramer, Leslie Tarkington

BET: David Weisbrod

Staff: Caroline Baisley, Director, Department of Health; Tyler Fairbairn, Administrator, Community Development Office; Demetria Nelson, Commissioner, Department of Human Services

1. **Call to Order**

   Mr. Branyan called the meeting to order at 2:30 P.M.

2. **Approval of the Minutes (March 4, 2022)**

   Approval of the Minutes of the ARP Working Group Meeting held on March 4, was postponed to the next meeting.

3. **Discuss Next Steps**

   Mr. Branyan reviewed the allocation changes suggested by the Group at the previous Meeting. A revised potential project list showing the allocation of the full amount of ARP grant, $31,399,117, and a budget that included the administrative and closing auditing compliance costs was discussed. With the reduction of one project from full-execution to design-phase only, additional funds were available for increasing funding to Non-Profit applications. The Group discussed the Affordable Housing appropriation component including establishment of a proposed Town Trust, anticipation of public sector contributions and lack of U.S. Treasury Department guidance on eligibility qualifications. A member of the Group questioned the vehicle for delivery of ARP’s Affordable Housing allocation, meeting the ARP timetable, the Town’s lengthy approval process or recognition of the risk factors to a developer. A discussion followed on whether some projects could be moved between the ESSER III grant program, the CIP list and ARP funding. Concern was expressed that the RTM would require a list of uses for the $10 million Administrative allocation. Additional modifications were requested that could address the balance between ARP grants to the public and private sectors.
4 Schedule Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday March 16, 2022 at 3:00 P.M. in the Town Hall Meeting Room. The First Selectman’s Public Hearing on American Rescue Plan funding is scheduled on March 21, 2022 at 10:30 A.M. via Zoom and in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

5. Adjournment

The Meeting was adjourned at 3:51 P.M.

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Catherine Sidor, Recording Secretary

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Ben Branyan, ARP Working Group