

ROXBURY ARPA COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2022
10:01AM – 10:54AM
THIS MEETING WAS HELD IN PERSON AT THE COMMUNITY HALL

MEMBERS PARTICIPATING: Elizabeth Carney, Don Randall, Rene Bouchard, Via MS
Teams: Brock Freyer
PUBLIC:

Call Meeting to Order at 10:01am

#2 Additions/Deletions

- Front Porch Forum notices
- Informational Mtg notice & posters
- Minutes of Sep 3rd

#3 A discussion was held concerning the minutes of Aug 25th & 31st as well as Sep 3rd. It was noted that the correction by Brock had been incorporated into the minutes of the 3rd. With no other changes cited, a motion was made to approve the minutes, seconded and so approved.

#4 A discussion was held on Survey Monkey and the survey Rene circulated. After review it was agreed to leave the matrix rating as is and to flip the survey reason language to be primarily scoring and then accepting ideas. When asked about updating Front Porch Forum (FPF), both Elizabeth and Brock have done so. Elizabeth volunteered to publish entries on FPF for both introducing the Survey and advertising the next Informational Mtg on Sep 17th. Rene will send her something to work with. He will also send the Survey link to Tammy for adding to our ARPA page.

Brock mentioned the Roxbury listserv that some folks still use and offered to put something out there as well. He will also share the link with the Committee if any of us want to join.

#5 A discussion was held concerning Projects and the conversation turned to attendance and wondering if those not at several of our recent meetings still want to participate on the Committee. It was mentioned that we have a lot of work to do and perhaps getting others who have more time to assist might be something to look at. It was further mentioned that Elizabeth has been on Committees who have taken these steps. Rene said he knew Thursdays were tough for one. It was agreed that given there does exist a precedent, we should each of us take a project or two off our current list, then Rene should send along the remaining projects to Bill and Sean for them to select one or two themselves and also tell us if they still want to participate.

Looking at the Projects, Rene noted that when he spoke with Nicholas the High-Speed Internet project was him just looking for information on Roxbury's progress on the subject. So this is really not an ARPA project, per se given the support to CV Fiber Match.

Don mentioned that he was working with Chief Mike on two Fire Department requests. One is for a generator and the other is the one for truck radio repeater gear. Rene asked he send along an email so that we can include on the list of known projects.

Elizabeth asked if she should do the Park. Rene said he could think of no one better given her access to the Chairman and that we basically have 2.5 months. Fact is that the sooner we start working our way through the list of projects we already have, then we can tackle newer additions after Sep 30th and maybe be able to run our 2nd survey sooner and so hand our final report to the Selectmen sooner and be done. All agreed a good goal.

A discussion was held on the Loop trail request and it really morphing into a Master Plan on Outdoor Recreational Activities given the feedback from Katie at VLCT. She counseled that Towns with a plan like this get higher priority when applying for grants. Elizabeth noted that it was on the agenda for the Planning Commission's upcoming meeting. Brock said that he has many contacts with the Department of Environmental Conservation and others who could assist. The thought is that maybe between the Planning Commissions know how on Master Plans and Brocks contacts we might be able to produce a workable Master Plan without or without a lot of consultant time. It was agreed that Rene would speak with Debra on this and that Brock & Elizabeth would work on this project together.

After more discussion on who wanted to work on what:

Elizabeth – Park request

Elizabeth & Brock – Master Plan on Outdoor Recreational Activities

Don – Two Fire Department requests

Rene – Speed Signs, Solar

Next meeting is set for Saturday 17-Sep @ 12:30pm-ish, following our Informational Mtg.

Action Items:

- Rene to circulate Draft minutes for today's mtg
- Rene to send approved final minutes to Tammy
- Rene to update the Survey language as noted in #4
- Rene to send Elizabeth language for her to work with on both the new Survey & the upcoming Informational Mtg.
- Elizabeth to handle FPF publishing
- Brock to investigate publishing on the Roxbury listserv and share info on joining with the Committee
- Rene to send link for our ARPA Survey to Tammy for adding to our web page
- Rene to send projects to Bill & Sean and see if they still want to be on the Committee
- Don to send Rene an email request for the two RVFD projects
- Rene to speak with Debra Rogler on her Loop Trails project

Meeting Adjourned at 10:54am.