

ROXBURY ARPA COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES OF November 3, 2022
10:02AM – 11:15AM
THIS MEETING WAS HELD IN PERSON AT THE COMMUNITY HALL

MEMBERS PARTICIPATING: Rene Bouchard, Elizabeth Carney, Don Randall, Sean Cummings.

Meeting Called to Order at 10:02am

Survey monkey

The final two paper participants have been spoken to and their results were entered into the online survey. The Survey is now final with 39 verified & completed responses. So looking at the voter checklist with 517 names we ended up with a 7.54% response rate.

Municipal Rec Grant

It was discussed that the project request for Loop Trails has been rescinded. The project owner did this as they had discovered that their State Forest trails have been cleared and so are now open again for non-motorized use. That leaves the 12A parallel hiking/biking path idea left. Elizabeth to speak with the project owner to see if they wish to sponsor the VLCT recommended Municipal Grant for developing a Town of Roxbury Master Plan for Outdoor Activities.

Train

It was discussed that the Roxbury School Principal has not returned our call as we are looking to ascertain the number of children riding the bus in the AM/PM and late-bus. Looking at the Roxbury Bus Schedule it appears the train idea for a Montpelier-Roxbury commuter line project will not replace the bus because a bus would still be required to circulate students around the various town roads to/from Roxbury village. People cannot be required to drive via personal vehicle their children all the way to RVS.

Thinking more broadly, MRV has no rail corridor. If Roxbury were to relocate the town garage and build a real park and ride for a commuter train service were it to start, this could prove a real economic draw to spur development in the Roxbury village.

Community solar

Project owner said no companies would come out to discuss or evaluate sites in town to put solar installations (free estimates anyway). He feels a Selectboard permissioned RFP process needs to happen so no significant progress on this to-date.

Community Garden

Sean is getting estimates for major expenses: parking area (which could be used whether it becomes a community garden or not), water, etc.... The possibility of using town trucks was quickly mentioned as something to consider when getting quotes for delivery. Building the list of interested people.

Civic Work Group

Sean reported on his chat with the project owner. He has asked to be provided with more specifics on their thoughts which are kind of like a New Deal approach. This was well recv'd and the project owner is working on it for him.

Encourage Incentives for Creation of Businesses in Town

Sean is following up on this.

Community Hall

The recently recv'd proposal/budget was discussed. It includes moving a wall to increase the bathroom size for ADA compliance as well as adding a ramp for ADA access. Another item is dealing with lead paint. It seems there exists a corporate entity, "Community Hall Committee Inc." or something like that, which performed fund raising pre-covid and in fact has \$19,000. The town has money allotted as well.

Emergency location

This is about developing/maintaining/questioning the status of RVS as an emergency shelter. The project suggestion notes that Roxbury has the highest proportion of power outages in GMPs service area (!) They also asked about: transport for seniors who don't drive, in case of emergency.

Don agreed to follow-up with Mike Dickinson about this project to see what his report is on the status of shelter and supplies. Possibly what may be needed is simply an awareness campaign about emergency preparedness and what the Roxbury resources are.

Action Items

Elizabeth – to follow-up with Kahwa on her 12A project
Don – to follow-up with Mike on Disaster preparedness project
Sean – to follow-up on Business Incentive project
All – continue work on project summaries

11.15 meeting adjourned.