

ROXBURY ARPA COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 17, 2022
10:08AM – 10:58AM
THIS MEETING WAS HELD IN PERSON AT THE COMMUNITY HALL

MEMBERS PARTICIPATING: Rene Bouchard, Don Randall, Elizabeth Carney

PUBLIC: Ms. Carol Randall

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:08 am
2. Additions/Deletions to Agenda - none
3. Approve Minutes of 03-Nov-22 & 10-Nov-22 – both motioned & approved
4. Discussion on Progress-To-Date on the various assigned Projects

Rene reported having moved IT Audit and 1st of two Fix Intersection requests into Pending. Discussion then turned to Open and Assigned projects.

- a. Train – a discussion was held around what we heard in our meeting with allEarth Rail (AER). It was agreed to have Rene draft a Summary like we did with CV Fiber. Don mentioned he found the follow-up to AER, with regards to setting up something like the VCBB a good one. In the end it was agreed that the ball is really in their court and as such, with nothing yet to really spend monies on, we can close it.

Elizabeth suggested that Closed items be included in our write-ups as proof that we did indeed pursue the idea and show our rationale for closing it. All agreed the way to go.

- b. Bury Overhead Lines – we have two project requests. One is for aesthetics when redoing the Village sidewalks and the other is for grid reliability for the Town. Who is responsible for burying lines? Who would pay? Can new roads be mandated to bury by the Selectboard? Can GMP be requested/mandated to bury back road lines?
- c. Solar Project – Rene reported he is waiting on cost estimates from Nicholas. He also stated that a Grant had not in fact been applied for, rather a preliminary discussion had been held. However Roxbury may be used as a pilot in the a spreadsheet being developed by VLCT and Middlebury College students to assist in helping Towns migrate away from fossil fuels. Apparently grant opportunities will be opening up under Act 172 for Municipal Energy Resilience. It would be great for Roxbury to get in on the spreadsheet pilot as well as help under Act 172.
- d. Community Garden – deferred in Sean's absence
- e. Master Plan – draft project in Kahwa's hands. Elizabeth to follow-up.
- f. Fixing Intersections – Rene sent Selectboard a question on this

- g. Burying Lines – see item b.
 - h. Civic Work Group – deferred in Sean’s absence
 - i. Incentives for Business – deferred in Sean’s absence
 - j. Community Center – in Heidi’s email to Elizabeth she said she was going to run past Carlos and Randy before submitting the “official” one. Elizabeth to follow up and see if what we have is final or if she is going to give us something else.
 - k. Emergency Disaster Site – Maybe what we know is enough to put her at ease that we have a disaster site or maybe we need to flush out a site for just a few people for a localized disaster of sorts. Don following up with Mike on a few items.
 - l. Digitizing Land Records – Rene rpted following up with proposer but not having heard back yet. A discussion was had concerning what we heard from the Town Office and the legitimacy of this request, at least in part. We are awaiting a discussion with the proposer.
5. Discussion on Open Items Remaining – see above
6. Other Business

A discussion was held on the calendar. We plan to have all summaries completed before our next meeting. We need to have the final Survey ready to open on the 6th of Dec so Rene will start looking into that when he can. Best if we can have project summaries as links in the survey for immediate lookup to those completing the survey. Worst case we’ll need to have them on the web site like we did for the Ideas2Date and Survey #1.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 10:58am.

Action Items:

- Rene to draft Train Discussion Summary like we did for CV Fiber and circulate to Committee for feedback
- Elizabeth to follow-up with Kahwa on the Master Plan for Outdoor Activities
- Elizabeth to follow-up with Heidi on the Community Center
- Don following up with Mike on the Emergency Disaster Site questions
- Rene to look at next Survey when he can