

## **Peacham ARPA Community Input Session #2**

<https://peacham.org/arpa/>

**Sunday, April 24, 2022 at 2:00pm**

**Via Zoom**

In attendance:

ARPA Committee: Gillian Sewake, Allie Webster, Beatrice Ring

Members of the Public: Rick Scholes; Annette Lorraine; Martha Winston; Dave Edwards;

Wendy Morgan;

The committee presented a slide deck (attached) with an overview of ARPA, its purpose, what Peacham has received, and the committee's charge to provide a recommendation on how the funds should be spent to the Selectboard.

The committee invited community input about the process and the decision-making considerations:

- Dave E. asked for clarification about what funds have been received. Allie clarified that \$107k has been drawn down and the other half will be drawn this summer.
- Dave E. wondered about the consideration of reserving funds for future strategic needs. Gillian clarified that this is to allow flexibility for the committee to weigh proposals against future considerations. Wendy M. commented that she is supportive of the approach of reserving some funds for future use.
- Rick S. asked for clarification of the timeline. Allie confirmed that the town's deadline for decision-making about how to expend the funds is the end of 2024, and all funds need to be spent by the end of 2026.

The committee invited community input on the process moving forward:

- Rick S. commented that not all community members use the transfer station regularly.
- Martha W. offered to share information about the proposals with the Peacham Pond association members.
- Wendy M. suggested additional opportunities to seek feedback and recommendations, like a survey. Gillian clarified that we would not want to use a survey, because there's a risk that creates an expectation that the community can vote on the proposals, rather than the recommendations to the selectboard being the responsibility of the committee.
- Dave E. suggested that there have been many opportunities for the community to provide input.
- Dave E. wondered about the absence of the selectboard members. Allie stated that the committee will be responsible for presenting the community input in our report to the selectboard.

The committee invited community input on the proposals and recommendations:

- Dave E. recommended considering other funding sources, like ANR grants etc., for infrastructure projects submitted.
- Beatrice clarified that the committee is reserving the possibility of partially funding proposals.
- Rick & Annette will work on identifying an estimate for the Lanesboro road connection. They clarified there is no other additional source of funding, other than the town budget, as AOT grants only cover existing roads.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50pm