

**Peacham ARPA Committee Meeting**  
**May 16, 2022, 1-2 PM (via zoom)**

**Attendance:** Richard Browne, Beatrice Ring, Gillian Sewake, Allie Webster

**Members of the Public:** Nancy Saidi

**MINUTES**

1. Call to order - 1:23pm
2. Additions to the agenda - none
3. Approval of previous meeting minutes - minutes approved (Ring motions, Sewake seconded)
4. Public comment period - Saidi attended to learn more about the ARPA process, proposals to date, and express interest in evaluating projects based on potential environmental impact
5. Review ARPA Committee proposal recommendations
  - ARPA committee members each shared initial thoughts and preliminary recommendations on the [proposals](#) received based on [ARPA key objectives and decision-making considerations](#) discussed in previous community engagement opportunities.
  - ARPA Committee unanimously approved a motion to recommend that the Selectboard accept the [NEK Broadband](#) proposal for an amount of \$30,000 in ARPA funds.
    - This decision was made earlier than others because of the upcoming NEK Broadband deadline of 5/31 and Peacham's opportunity to leverage matching funds that triple the impact of ARPA funds. The Selectboard will consider this motion at their 5/18 meeting.
  - ARPA Committee will meet again on 6/2, 8pm to continue the recommendation process and prepare the written report due to the Selectboard before 7/1/22.
6. Final ARPA Report & Communications Strategy - The Committee discussed its process for compiling a concise (~2 page) "Final Report" to SB due 7/1, with supporting documentation via addendum.
  - Ring to draft an email for updating all proposal groups before next ARPA Committee meeting on 6/2
  - After 7/1, the Town and Selectboard will be responsible for notifying and involving the public in its decision making process for ARPA funds
  - The ARPA Committee will be available to present/comment on its recommendations at the 7/20 Selectboard meeting.
7. Adjournment - 2:14pm (Ring motions, Sewake seconds)