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TOWN OF KENT
ARPA Assessment Committee

Minutes of the Special Meeting held on Aug 11, 2021

	Regular Members	Others
Present	Y Jean Speck, First Selectman	Connie Manes
	Y Barbara Herbst - Treasurer	
	N Matthew Starr, Member	
	Y Patricia Oris, Member	
	Y Joseph Agli, Member	

#1 Call to Order

4:30 PM

 # 2 - Introductions

First Selectman Speck welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked everyone to introduce themselves and give a brief statement about their interest in being on this committee.

Matt Starr shared that he has been a life long resident of Kent and has been a member of KVFD for many years. Participation in this committee is an extension of his desire to get involved, contribute to the community and learn more about the American Rescue Plan Act.

Patricia Oris has owned a home in Kent since 1998 and until six year ago was a weekender. Patricia has a background in strategic communicating and is interested in helping the Town of Kent. Patricia feels her skills will be an asset as this committee undertakes its assigned task.

Barbara Herbst is the Kent town treasurer and by law, must receive and account for all funds. Additional focus must be paid to keeping compliant with the terms and conditions of all grant funding. ARPA funding is a Federal Grant.

Joseph Agli has lived in Kent for 24 years, has Federal experience, is a member of the Republican Town Committee and the Historical Society. Joe felt compelled to volunteer in response to the BoS request for public input on this committee.

Connie Manes introduced herself and expressed interest in serving on this committee as a representative of the Kent Chamber of Commerce.

 # 3 - Orientation

Prior to the meeting, and email was sent to the members with the agenda and a 19 page document that was compiled by CCM (Connecticut Conference of Municipalities) called "American Rescue Plan Toolkit"

Discussion ensued that covered the following topics;

a) the absence of a formal charge from the Board of Selectmen
b) reporting requirements and a timeline
c) Town website page for ARPA Funds information
d) disproportionately impacted populations
e) who the final decision makers will be regarding the spending of ARPA funds

 # 4 - Schedule

Through general discussion is was agreed that initially, the committee would meet every other Wednesday at 4:30

 # 5 - Adjourn

5:08 PM

Submitted: Barbara E. Herbst
Treasurer, Town of Kent