

ARPA COMMITTEE MINUTES

Special Meeting
February 6, 2023

Pierson Library Shelburne
7:00-8:30 pm

The meeting was called to order at 7pm. In attendance were Becky Jewett, Allan Kunigus, Jeff Loiter, Patty Breneman, Matt Wormser, Don Porter, Dan McClean, and John Schold. Dan and John attended by phone initially and arrived in person later in the meeting.

The agenda was approved but minutes from January 23rd meeting were not available.

There were no public comments on any items not on the agenda or attendees from the public

Survey results and process were discussed including whether to re-market the survey for more responses vs. doing a second follow up survey. Consensus was to re-market the existing survey, leaving response time open until Wednesday Feb 15. Republicizing the survey included Dan getting it out in the SCS newsletter, Becky via library patrons and Jeff via FPF reposting.

Survey results were reviewed including Becky's analysis of the data/results. Infrastructure was a high priority while tourism/economic development was the lowest priority. All others clustered in the middle. Respondents preferred fewer projects with greater per-project funding than vice-versa by 2-1 margin

Allan explained his analysis of write-in comments from respondents including high support expressed for bike paths, sidewalks, safety and quality of life as well as community connectivity. High support expressed for infrastructure and noted support for environment, sustainability.

Discussed whether or not some scoring method is needed or feasible given the uncertainties and lack of detail for specific projects. Discussion regarding whether or not we can develop a list of specific projects without a detailed scoring. Proposed to develop a few priority project categories based on community input, assign approximate funding amount to each category and recommend a few priority projects in each category.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:45 PM.