

**Town of Richmond ARPA Committee
Minutes for the meeting of August 10, 2022
Via Zoom**

Members Present: Josh Arneson, Jay Furr, Jeff Forward, Rebecca Starks

Members Absent: Molly Dugan, Cara LaBounty, Sacha Mailloux, Linda Donovan,

Others Present: Kendall Chamberlin, Thomas Lyle

Call or Order: 7:00pm

Welcome by Furr.

Public Comment:

Thomas Lyle expressed his interest in joining the ARPA Committee.

Forward: I know Tom and I am thrilled that he wants to join the committee. He then reviewed the work of the committee and the exciting public outreach.

Furr: We are planning to hold a few outreach meetings for feedback.

Forward: I have a commitment for ice cream for the meetings. The September 10 meeting will be at the Riverview Commons neighborhood.

Furr: We have permission from the mobile home park owner to use the property for a meeting. It will be pretty informal. We will have the same meeting at the bandshell at Volunteers' Green on September 13. We are not there to vet the ideas, only to compile a list of suggestions.

Update on status of mailing

Furr: Updated that Cara is printing the mailing at Staples because the printer in the Zoning and Planning office does not print well in color. Staples will also fold the pieces for us. She has worked on the mailing list and started to organize the labels. She also said she will do the stuffing and folding herself and is not asking for help. We were going to add the word ARPA to the reply card but we were not able to do this due to Duncan having the original and it not being able to be edited in time for printing.

Arneson: The total budget for this project had been \$1,800 but it will now increase a bit more than \$1,000 and we will ask the Selectboard for approval at their meeting on Monday.

Tabling at the Richmond Farmer's Market on August 19

Furr: We have a table at the market on August 19. Committee members are welcome to attend but do not have to be there the whole time. I can supply tables, chairs, and a tent.

Forward: Will there be extra cards?

Furr: No but we can provide the infographic and barcode links to the survey. Mostly though I want to talk with people about what ARPA is about.

Forward: The mailing that is going includes a card for feedback. I had suggested printing extra cards but there was concern that people from out of town may submit suggestions on how to spend Richmond's money.

Furr: I could always run off 50 – 100 copies to have on hand at the Farmer's Market

Starks: Will there be a way to respond online?

Furr: Yes.

Furr: I will attend the Market and welcome anyone from the Committee to join me.

Forward: I will try to be there if I can.

Public forums in September -- logistics and planning

Furr: I don't want to go into too many logistics at this point because we do not have many members here.

Status of recruitment of an additional committee member

Furr: Thomas Lyle has volunteered to join the Committee.

Starks: I can only really attend the Committee through September. So you may want to open recruitment to fill my seat.

Forward: I suggest we keep recruitment on the agenda to discuss Rebecca's seat and also check in with Molly on if she can continue.

Furr: Yes, we should discuss this again and formalize recruitment.

Forward: I will reach out to Molly to see if she would like to continue or not.

Starks: I cannot make the August 24 meeting.