

The LRP Committee met March 14 to discuss the status of ARPA Projects (initial list; those already approved and those remaining to be considered). Also, to identify and discuss other potential ARPA Projects not yet on the "official:" list. In attendance were six LRP Committee members, other RTMers Nancy Kail and RTM HHS Chair Jessica Bram. The LRP had a quorum.

Initial discussion was centered around status of the current list and remaining projects to be considered. There was strong support for designing a process whereby the relevant RTM Committees (chairs at least) and LRP Committee could play a role in the development of the project specs, objectives and details where deemed critical BEFORE the final Project reached the BOF. It was noted by the LRP Chair that the full RTM had already been briefed by the Selectwoman re criteria for selection at our December meeting. This resulted in a discussion from the perspective of why were not more HHS and people projects included. That subject was tabled, and in a return to RTM "early intervention", by a unanimous vote the the LRP Chair was empowered to meet with the RTM Moderator and First selectwoman to see if such a process could be developed commencing with the next 3 or 4 projects in line.

Discussion then ensued re how new ARPA Projects could be identified and become replacements for some in the current list (especially Tranche #2). A list of over 20 new projects was distributed with the objective that a procedure could be developed to rank order these ideas. However, it was obvious that before moving to accomplish that, it was important to find out if the BOS would be willing to work with the LRP on such a list. It was noted that the BOS had already met with Education officials to encourage a list of supplemental school related projects to be presented. At this time, per the January ARPC Project deck, there are already school projects accepted estimated at over \$500M. The LRP Committee unanimously empowered the LRP Chair to meet with the RTM Moderator and First Selectwoman to see if a list of new projects related to HHS and benefits to underserved and needy population segments in Westport would be well received and considered. It seemed to me most feasible to add more replacement projects in light of several uses of ARPA funds in Tranche 2 being removed or in doubt (ambulance donation \$200M; removal of River Walk project for lack of approvals and the \$2.0MM Health district estimated cost.

Therefore, Jeff and Jen, I would really appreciate a chance to meet at your earliest convenience.

Jack Klinge