



**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF AUGUST 12, 2021
HELD ELECTRONICALLY VIA ZOOM**

Members or Representatives in Attendance:

Barkhamsted, Don Stein
Burlington, Ted Shafer
Canaan, David Barger
Cornwall, Gordon Ridgway
Kent, Jean Speck
Litchfield, Denise Raap
Morris, Tom Weik
North Canaan, Charlie Perotti
Roxbury, Barbara Henry
Torrington, Elinor Carbone
Warren, Tim Angevine
Washington, Jim Brinton
Winchester, Josh Kelly

Others present:

Jocelyn Ayer, NHCOC
Robert Phillips, NHCOC
Mike Muszynski, CCM

Call to Order. Chairman Don Stein called the meeting to order at 9:05AM. The Chairman explained that this was a forum for information sharing between NHCOC region municipalities. No votes or actions would be taken.

Information sharing on municipal ARPA funding. Members in attendance were polled on the following issues to begin the information sharing:

1. What entity or group in your town is tasked with assessing ARPA proposals, needs, or making decisions on how ARPA funding will be spent?
2. What uses are you currently considering using ARPA funding for?
3. Would it be useful for NHCOC to put together a "menu of ARPA eligible options" with specific proposals and cost estimates to include entities or projects that serve multiple towns such as possible broadband uses, Northwest Transit District, NWCT Arts Council, Recovery Navigators, etc.

Members then discussed the results of the polling questions. Mike Muszynski of CCM answered many questions around what types of activities might be eligible uses of ARPA funding. For more information, members can reference the CCM American Rescue Plan Toolkit available on CCM's website.

Information sharing on municipal COVID masking responsibilities. Members then shared their current thoughts on municipal masking responsibilities.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00AM

Respectfully submitted,

Jocelyn Ayer
Community & Economic Development Director