

# ARPA Committee

Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 8.25.22 10:00 AM  
Held via ZOOM - meeting ID 828 8828 1261

## Members

Diane Beebe	Joseph Pryor
Heather Dinneen	Elizabeth Russ
Barbara Herbst	Gordon Ridgway, First Selectman
Jennifer Markow	

### Others

**Richard Bramley, Treasurer**  
Gini Block, Cornwall Housing Corporation  
Margaret Cooley, Cornwall Housing Corporation

# 1

### Minutes from 4.4.22

Minutes from the 4.4.22 meeting were distributed to all members prior to the meeting and were available at the meeting.

**Motion** Joseph Pryor Made a motion to approve the 4.4.22 minutes as presented.  
Diane Beebe Seconded the motion.

### Motion passed unanimously

# 2

### Review Grants

Barbara Herbst reported that to date 17 grants totaling \$153,670 and 52 honorariums totaling \$45,000 have been disbursed. A listing is attached.

Total ARPA funds allocated to Cornwall	\$403,084.68
Total funding released to date	\$198,670
Undistributed balance of ARPA funding	\$204,414.68

However, of that balance, \$132,276.26 has not been received by the Town of Cornwall as of this date.

General discussion was contemporaneous with the reporting and included the following topics.

- a) Larger community programs and using Cornwall's ARPA funding to make a meaningful impact for local Non Profits that serve the Cornwall Community.
- b) Allowable uses of ARPA funding.

**Motion** E Russ Made a motion to utilize the remaining ARPA funding for larger community wide initiatives.  
J Pryor Seconded the motion.

### Motion passed unanimously

# 3

### Review New Requests

The following additional disbursement requests were reviewed and discussed.

#### i Food and Fuel Fund

Social Services Administrator, Heather Dinneen presented a funding request for the *Food and Fuel Fund*, a copy of which is appended to these minutes.

General discussion was contemporaneous with the reporting and included the following topics.

- a) Availability of other financial resources to help support Cornwall residents in need.

**Motion** E Russ Made a motion to approve a grant in the amount of \$25,000, payable to the Cornwall Food and Fuel Fund.  
J Pryor Seconded the motion.

### Motion passed unanimously

#### ii Cornwall Housing Corporation

Maggie Cooley presented a funding request from the *Cornwall Housing Corporation*, a copy of which is appended to these minutes.

General discussion was contemporaneous with the reporting and included the following topics.

- a) Fundraising initiatives for Cornwall Housing Corporation.
- b) Predevelopment and construction costs for four Parcel Program lots.
- c) Status of affordable housing in Cornwall and the state recommendations.

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**Motion** J Pryor Made a motion to approve a grant in the amount of \$100,000, to be used for predevelopment costs on four Parcel Program lots.  
E Russ Seconded the motion.

**Motion passed unanimously**

iii **Others / Irene Mardal**

A request was received from Irene Mardal on 4.25.22 and an email response was sent to her in early May indicating that her request would be considered when the second round of funding had been received.

General discussion ensued and included the following topics.

- a) The first round of funding has been expended and the balance is now intended for larger community initiatives.
- b) Small Business Administrative programs that may address this request.
- c) Cornwall Social Services support in looking for other programs for financial help.

**Motion** J Pryor Made a motion to deny this request and to connect Ms. Mardal to the Cornwall Social Services department via an email response / letter.

H Dinneen Seconded the motion.

**Motion passed unanimously**

# 4

Public Comment

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There was no public comment however the committee did discuss the next meeting date and it was decided that the next meeting would be called after the final funding has been received from the Federal Treasury.

Adjourn

11:00 a.m.

*Minutes recorded by: Barbara E. Kerbat*

Minutes remain "Draft" until accepted at the next regular scheduled meeting, please see subsequent meeting minutes for any corrections to these minutes.

**Town of Cornwall**  
**8.25.22 ARPA Disbursements to date**

1	03/24/2022	80321	Cornwall Inn & Lodge	ARPA Grant 2-403085	12,968.00
2	03/24/2022	80322	Cornwall Child Center	ARPA Grant 1-403085	15,000.00
3	03/24/2022	80323	Greenwoods Counseling Referrals	ARPA Grant 7-403085	4,031.00
4	03/24/2022	80324	Cornwall Historical Society	ARPA Grant 9-403085	6,000.00
5	03/24/2022	80325	Cornwall Library	ARPA Grant 11-403085	15,000.00
6	03/24/2022	80326	HVA - Housatonic Valley Association	ARPA Grant 10-403085	3,034.00
7	03/24/2022	80327	HYSB - Housatonic Youth Service Bureau	ARPA Grant 8-403085	15,000.00
8	03/24/2022	80328	The Little Guild	ARPA Grant 6-403085	15,000.00
9	03/24/2022	80329	NW CT Arts Council	APRA Grant 5-403085	4,031.00
10	03/24/2022	80330	West Cornwall Public Library	ARPA Grant 3-403085	5,000.00
11	03/24/2022	80331	United Church of Christ	ARPA Grant 4-403085	8,900.00
12	04/14/2022	80368	Friedman, Robert A	ARPA grant 12-403085 (re: 14 Great H	4,200.00
13	04/14/2022	80369	Cornwall Food and Fuel Fund	ARPA grant 13-403085	15,000.00
14	04/14/2022	80370	Wish House	ARPA grant 14-403085	8,700.00
15	04/14/2022	80371	Chore Service	ARPA grant 15-403085	10,000.00
16	04/14/2022	80372	Greenwoods Counseling Referrals	ARPA Grant 16-403085	5,000.00
17	04/14/2022	80373	Bonney Brook	ARPA Grant 17-403085	6,806.00
18	08/04/2022	80789	Barrett, Tom	service honorarium	400.00
19	08/04/2022	80766	Beebe, Diane	service honorarium	1,200.00
20	08/04/2022	80767	Berry, Jonathan M	service honorarium	1,200.00
21	08/04/2022	80790	Berry, William D	service honorarium	1,200.00
22	08/04/2022	80791	Bevans, John	service honorarium	400.00
23	08/04/2022	80788	Bigos, Barbara	service honorarium	400.00
24	08/04/2022	80887	Bottom, Stephana	service honorarium	400.00
25	08/04/2022	80792	Bouteiller*, Jean D	service honorarium	400.00
26	08/04/2022	80768	Burke, Terry	service honorarium	1,200.00
27	08/04/2022	80793	Cadwell, David B.	service honorarium	400.00
28	08/04/2022	80812	Carano, Mike	service honorarium	1,200.00
29	08/04/2022	80795	Cheney, Ted	service honorarium	400.00
30	08/04/2022	80769	Dinneen, Garrick	service honorarium	1,200.00
31	08/04/2022	80770	Dinneen, Heather	service honorarium	1,200.00
32	08/04/2022	80796	Dinneen, Vera L	service honorarium	400.00
33	08/04/2022	80797	Dodge*, JoAnne D	service honorarium	400.00
34	08/04/2022	80798	Dolan, Richie	service honorarium	400.00
35	08/04/2022	80799	Dzenutis, Ralph J.	service honorarium	400.00
36	08/04/2022	80800	Griswold-Nelson*, Karen M	service honorarium	400.00
37	08/04/2022	80817	Hall, Jane	service honorarium	200.00
38	08/04/2022	80771	Hart, Joyce	service honorarium	1,200.00
39	08/04/2022	80773	Hedden Connie	service honorarium	1,200.00
40	08/04/2022	80772	Hedden, D. Stevenson	service honorarium	1,200.00
41	08/04/2022	80801	Herbst, Barbara	service honorarium	400.00
42	08/04/2022	80802	Johnson, Kayla B.	service honorarium	400.00
43	08/04/2022	80774	Kosciusko, Skip	service honorarium	1,200.00
44	08/04/2022	80803	Kotchoubey, Marina A	service honorarium	400.00
45	08/04/2022	80775	LaPorta, John (Great Hollow)	service honorarium	1,200.00
46	08/04/2022	80776	Larson Ted	service honorarium	1,600.00
47	08/04/2022	80777	Lindholm, Patience	service honorarium	1,200.00

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48	08/04/2022	80820	MacNeil, Roderick J.	service honorarium	1,200.00
49	08/04/2022	80805	Malahan Jr., John A	service honorarium	400.00
50	08/04/2022	80778	Markow, Jennifer ~	service honorarium	1,200.00
51	08/04/2022	80806	Preston, Jack	service honorarium	400.00
52	08/04/2022	80807	Prindle, Paul	service honorarium	400.00
53	08/04/2022	80811	Ridgway, Elizabeth	service honorarium	1,200.00
54	08/04/2022	80779	Ridgway, Gordon	service honorarium	1,200.00
55	08/04/2022	80780	Ridgway, Ian	service honorarium	1,200.00
56	08/04/2022	80781	Ridgway, Jayne	service honorarium	1,600.00
57	08/04/2022	80782	Ridgway, Rebecca	service honorarium	1,200.00
58	08/04/2022	80813	Russ, Will	service honorarium	1,200.00
59	08/04/2022	80783	Saccardi, Steve	service honorarium	1,200.00
60	08/04/2022	80808	Scoville II, Frederick R	service honorarium	400.00
61	08/04/2022	80784	Scoville, Fred ~	service honorarium	1,200.00
62	08/04/2022	80785	Sears, Richard	service honorarium	1,200.00
63	08/04/2022	80809	Slaven, Jessica	service honorarium	400.00
64	08/04/2022	80814	Tyler, Earle	service honorarium	1,200.00
65	08/04/2022	80786	Tyson, Josh	service honorarium	1,200.00
66	08/04/2022	80787	Vanicky*, James R	service honorarium	1,600.00
67	08/04/2022	80794	Weigold, Cara	service honorarium	400.00
68	08/04/2022	80810	Whitford, Robert G	service honorarium	400.00
69	08/04/2022	80815	Williamson, David	service honorarium	1,200.00
					198,670.00

Cornwall Social Services  
26 Pine Street // PO Box 97  
Cornwall, CT 06753

August 24, 2022

Dear Cornwall ARPA Committee Members,

On behalf of the Cornwall Food and Fuel Fund, I am writing to request consideration of a \$25,000 request in ARPA Funds to support the Food and Fuel Fund.

In March 2020, Cornwall rallied, and the Food and Fuel Fund quickly raised more than \$100,000 to support Cornwall's most vulnerable, as Covid has lingered, the Food and Fuel Fund (sponsor of the Food Pantry) is experiencing somewhat of a "perfect storm":

- Donations (both financial and food) have diminished greatly
- Demand for the Pantry and Food & Fuel Fund (rent, utilities, and other essential bills) has increased
- Federal subsidies that many families benefitted from have ended
- Prices have risen on products and services
- Eversource has ended account protection and service is being terminated with the full balance being required to be paid prior to reinstatement
- The State Energy Assistance Program does not begin paying for deliveries until November and many who received a fuel delivery in the spring are now without or very low on oil and in need of assistance in getting 100+ gallons (the state minimum)
- Cornwall applied to become at CT Foodbank Partner Pantry one year ago. This application was stalled due to a merger between CT Foodbank and FoodShare, which lead to delays in processing our application

At this time, we have worked to scale back Pantry operations (and expenses) and contracts between Cornwall and the CT Foodbank have been signed and submitted and we anticipate being able to access the Foodbank bulk, free food from the State, in the next 3-4 weeks. We are seeking \$25,000 in ARPA funds to support the Food and Fuel Fund during this period of transition for the Food Pantry and State programs.

Thank you for your consideration, and I welcome the opportunity to answer any questions at tomorrow's meeting.

Best,

Heather Dinneen, Director of Social Services

**CORNWALL HOUSING CORPORATION**  
**Post Office Box 174**  
**Cornwall, Connecticut 06753**

To the ARPA Committee  
Town of Cornwall  
Pine Street  
Cornwall, CT 06753

This is to request that the Committee consider granting \$100,000 of the funds available through ARPA to the Cornwall Housing Corporation to be used for site development on four Parcel Program lots.

We now have applicants interested in these parcels that have remained empty because of marked increases in construction costs and decreases in income, both due to the pandemic.

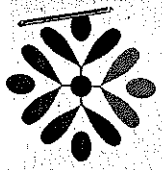
We would like to be able to contribute our usual help by paying for driveways and wells, but the costs for these have climbed in the same way. Getting the assistance from the federal monies will allow us to use our own funds to help in other ways with the provision of affordable housing opportunities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Margaret Cooley, President  
Cornwall Housing Corporation

Ginni Block Rocco Botto Will Calhoun Hugh Cheney Margaret Cooley Bill Fairbairn  
Beth Frost Paul Prindle Kate Sandmeyer Ward Wayde Wolf



Mardal Method  
Therapeutic Massage & Education  
Irene Mardal, LMT, CLT, CE

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Breathe Peace - Create Balance

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TOWN OF CORNWALL

Covid Relief Funds

Good day,

I am applying for the ARP funds. I have moved to West Cornwall August of 2019. I have a home office for Therapeutic Massage. I have been a licensed massage therapist since 1994 and a licensed Esthetician since 2017.

I am a full time employee at High Watch Recover Center in Kent (nonprofit, essential worker) since April 2019.

I moved from Bethel for the High Watch job. Covid halted my home office business. I started to get to know people and begin to build clientele along with my previous clients. March 2020, massage therapy was closed by the state until mid-June. Clients were reluctant to return (some still are). Esthetics (facials) have not resumed. With different strains, I was not able to build through 2021.

My home is 200 years old and needs many repairs that I expected to be able to pay for with supplemental income from massage and facials. If I receive the ARP funds, I would use the funds for:

- Painting exterior
- Front steps and walkway
- Replace windows in basement
- Storm doors (4)

I am requesting 15K.

Thank you for your consideration.

Irene Mardal

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