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**Subject:** Select Board Meeting - Scheduled for October 11, 2022

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

Julia, Kirk, Carol,

This communication is an effort to comply with requests made of our group to provide some detail of the ARPA matters that we would like to have discussed at the upcoming meeting of the Select Board.....which understanding is will now be a joint meeting of the Select Board and the ARPA committee.

That effort to comply notwithstanding...there exists in our group's minds...some confusion or at least a considerable amount of reference....to our group providing the 'questions' which we may have. Such reference to that matter of 'questions' is made in the email that I received that trails below, as well as, in the Select Board meeting minutes of September 12, 2022.

Our groups recollection is....that while the matter of 'questions' was discussed....our position was that our providing a full and complete list of questions was impractical....as any ensuing discussion could lead to another question or to a follow up question.....that is unknown or unanticipated at this time....just as.....an ensuing discussions could render an expected question to then become a moot point.

Our understanding was that we would provide a list of Topical Areas for Discussion prior to the scheduled meeting where ARPA matters would be listed as a meeting agenda item on the meeting notice. In our opinion, that was the outcome of the September 12<sup>th</sup> Select Board meeting....at least as we interpreted matters..... as well as, upon several of us reviewing the Select Board meeting on VOD.

Request was also made of us to provide such detail of the matters which we wished to have discussed...we thought....within 48 hours before the assigned meeting. The aforementioned email that trails below is now asking that we provide such information by noontime on October 6, 2022. That new deadline is now.....not 48 hours prior to the meeting...but instead....it is 127 hours prior to the meeting. And it is not two days before the meeting...but instead it is....five and a half days before the meeting.

It is not clear to us why or how the Town Hall being closed on Fridays and an impending holiday.....would require an email listing of topics to have to be sent five and a half days before the meeting....when 48 hours before the meeting was the initial criteria.

That timeline condition and circumstance so cited....this email will nonetheless...also be an effort to comply with the requests made of us....including this new timeline.

Below then is a list of Topical Areas of Discussion of ARPA Matters that we would like to discuss on the occasion of our coming before the Select Board.

As was mentioned at that earlier Select Board meeting....and is now reiterated here too.... each of these topical areas could potentially have discussion matters or relevant questions that could involve... Who, What, When, Where, Why, Why Not, How, How Come, How Much, How Long, and all the like.

Accordingly, some discussion could lead to more discussion and some Q&A could lead to other Q&A. As such, it is difficult, if not impossible, to state precisely where the talks could lead to exactly. But as one of the Select Board members so aptly stated on 9/12/22 .....Let's just have a discussion...which might have some good, some bad, some accolades, whatever. To which we would add...some might be quick, some easy, and some not so much. Either way, all are intended to be an open and transparent discussion.

To that end, as was likewise mentioned at the Selectboard meeting, while some of us may be close to these ARPA matters, not everyone in the public at large has been as close to them and as such not as fully informed. And so, what may be a repeat of matters for some of us, could be entirely new and previously unknown to others. We think that going into such deliberations knowing and accepting that premise will serve to be beneficial for all.

#### Topical Areas of Discussion of ARPA Matters

1. Reasons for this ARPA Discussion
2. Matters of Background and Formation of the ARPA Committee
3. Matters of ARPA Projects and Initiatives Presented to and Considered by the Select Board
4. Role of the ARPA Committee / Role of the Select Board
5. Matters of the Fire Truck
6. Matters of the Time and Timing of and for the Use of ARPA Funds
7. Next Steps - Suggestions and Recommendations.

We look forward to an open discussion of these matters.

Thank you.

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