

Board of Selectmen ARPA Subcommittee
Special Meeting
Zoom
December 21, 2021 — 5:00 PM
MINUTES

Members Present: First Selectman Kevin Cwikla, Selectmen Kathleen Smith and Betsy Petrie-McComber
Others Present: Bernard Dennler (Office Manager); Hayley Wagner (Finance Director); Dean Hunniford (Public Works/Facilities Director)

1.0 Call to Order

K. Cwikla called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM.

2.0 Discuss ARPA priorities and public hearing feedback

The Selectmen discussed items they know are committed already from ARPA funding or should be considered as committed for budgeting purposes. This included:

- \$110,000 for the Town Hall fiber optic project
- \$50,000 for Town-wide Voice over IP solution
- \$100,000 for a generator at Town Hall
- \$10,000 for the Farmers' Market
- \$18,000 for the senior housing feasibility study
- \$25,000 for a road and bridge survey and maintenance plan
- \$15,000 for a comprehensive maintenance plan for town buildings

The Selectmen also discussed completing asbestos abatement at Town Hall. B. Petrie said this needs to be prioritized. They also discussed supporting the installation of additional baseball field seating with the schools. K. Smith spoke about charging stations and possibly waiting for funds from BIF or BBB. B. Dennler said municipalities are being cautioned about holding out for BIF/BBB funding for projects like this because the allocation mechanism will be different. Towns are not expected to receive direct aid to use at their own discretion like with ARPA. More traditional grants are likely.

3.0 Discuss and act on future public hearing plans

The ARPA subcommittee members agreed to hold another public hearing via Zoom on January 10 at 7:00 PM to solicit public feedback on use of ARPA funds.

4.0 Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Bernard W. Dennler III
Office Manager to the First Selectman