

**Board of Selectmen
Special Meeting
April 29, 2021 — 4:00 PM
TELECONFERENCE
MINUTES**

Member Present: First Selectman Kevin Cwikla, Selectmen Kathleen Smith, Robin Chesmer, and Betsy Petrie-McComber

Others Present: Bernard Dennler (Administrative Assistant); Valerie Belles (Senior Accountant)

1.0 Call to Order

K. Cwikla called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

2.0 Discuss and act upon re-appointment of John Meigel as deputy fire marshal, term to expire 02/05/2022

B. Dennler provided background information on state extension of burning official terms that was done automatically by executive order. This did not apply to the fire marshals and therefore the term still needed to be extended by the Selectmen.

K. Cwikla MOVED to reappoint John Meigel as deputy fire marshal, term to expire 2/5/22. R. Chesmer SECONDED.

MOTION CARRIED 4:0

3.0 Discuss COVID-related grant funds

V. Belles provided an overview of anticipated grant funds from the American Rescue Plan Act. These funds include direct aid to the Town which will be received in two batches. The funds are an allocation not a reimbursement. However, the funds must be spent according to stipulations provided in ARPA. Final numbers for the anticipated funds are not yet available as Lebanon should receive money on the Town level and additional county-level money that will be allocated to towns within New London County as there is no county-level government in Connecticut.

The Selectmen discussed possible uses for the funds and stated they would move through the Town's capital plans to see if there are items eligible for funding. V. Belles said her office is awaiting guidance from the Treasury Department that will explain more clearly how the funds can be used appropriately.

4.0 Discuss and act upon forming a subcommittee regarding COVID-related Grant Funds

The Selectmen agreed to form a subcommittee to look at the COVID grant funds and examine eligible uses. B. Petrie said there may be many organizations or units within Town that could benefit from the funding and said the subcommittee could help evaluate the requests and bring recommendations back to the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance Long Term Planning Committee on uses for the funds.

R. Chesmer MOVED to form a subcommittee including K. Cwikla, K. Smith, and B. Petrie-McComber as members. K. Cwikla SECONDED.

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5.0 Adjourn

K. Smith MOVED to adjourn at 4:32 PM. R. Chesmer SECONDED.

MOTION CARRIED 4:0

Respectfully submitted,
Bernard W. Dennler III
Administrative Assistant