

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (A.R.P.A.) FUNDS
DISTRIBUTION PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of April 7, 2024 meeting

Meeting was called to order at 7 pm. Committee members present: Alex Bresnick, Lenore Bresnick, Jeff Dexter, Todd Lawrence, Irene Nadler, Martin Nadler. Absent: Don Bierwirth, Dave Pollack Peter van Vleck. Also in attendance: Scott York, Colleen York, Michael R. King.

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Minutes were approved unanimously with no corrections.

No public Comment.

The ARPA committee Resolution listing the ideas to be considered for funding by the Select Board was reviewed and edited as necessary. The item re: radar speed signs will be edited to reflect a resident request(brought by Todd) to include a sign on North Road. It was also indicated that State grants may be available to fund this project. Michael King also reminded the Committee that funds for the standpipes on the river bridges are also supported by State grants = 25% local funds + 75% state funds.

There was also a discussion of the wetlands area around the Town office building and whether the native plants would prevent any construction. The Committee is proposing a \$1500 expense for a preliminary environmental study of the property.

Todd Lawrence offered to and was granted authority to create a matrix correlating the survey results with the fund requests. This will establish a weighted system to help determine spending priorities.

The final Resolution to be presented to the Select Board is below:

The ARPA Funds Distribution Planning Committee, after discussion and public participation, have considered the proposed suggestions and those remaining on the list for consideration include:

*-A pavilion or gazebo, possibly with a picnic area and small recreation area, e.g., horseshoe pit, bocce court

- *-A walking path around the Town Hall perimeter
- ** Cemetary Commission funds to finish their project(\$2500)
- **Funding for the Arlington Fire and Rescue Squad(±\$17000 per set of personal protection equipment)
- **-Outdoor glass enclosed, locking bulletin boards for Town Office, Sunderland Elementary School and Transfer Station(±\$1400)
- **Town facility to store and protect heavy equipment(±\$TBD)
- **-Finance 5 Sunderland Welcome Signs(±\$2000)
- **-Support Council on Rural Development visit in 2025(±\$2000)
- Funds to purchase and install 2 radar speed signs 1 on Rte 7A and 1 on North Road(±\$8000). State grants may be available to fund this project.
- **-Funds to facilitate the installation of firefighting standpipes on bridges at the Hill farm Rd and Sunderland Hill Road(near the Transfer Station) to access river water for fire hoses (±\$3000). Supported by State grants = 25% local funds + 75% state funds.
- **\$500 grant to Window Dressers Project
- Grant to support rehabilitation of Sunderland Union Church- if approved, amount to be determined by Select Board.
- Preliminary Environmental survey of Town Office property (\$1500)

As the Town of Sunderland has ±\$262,500 of A.R.P.A. funds remaining to be distributed, The Committee recommends that the Select Board consider the complete list, above, for the distribution of the A.R.P.A. funds and the Select Board proceed as it deems appropriate, and after consideration of community input through Committee survey results.

- * subject to laws and environmental regulations
- **Committee recommendation for the Select Board to consider these requests at their earliest opportunity.