

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Committee and
Board of Selectmen Joint Special Meeting
October 17, 2022 – 5:30 PM
Via ZOOM

ARPA MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Dave Koji, Vice Chair Greg Barden, Jack Faski, Stan Soby, Jen Cox, Denise Mizla.

ARPA MEMBERS ABSENT: Marge Mlodzinski.

BOS MEMBERS PRESENT: First Selectman Andreas Bisbikos, Selectmen Rosemary Coyle, Denise Turner; Jason LaChapelle and Debbie Bates, both at 5:40 pm.

OTHERS PRESENT: UHY Consultants Stacy Farber, Claire Collins, Parks & Recreation Consultant Richard Carlarco, Norton Park Consultant Jay Gigliotti.

1. Call to Order – ARPA Committee

Chair Dave Koji called this Special Joint Meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

Call to Order – Board of Selectmen

First Selectman Andreas Bisbikos called the Special Joint Meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

2. Citizens' Comments

No citizens' comments were received.

3. Emergency Request: C3 – Review and final funding decision on Family Empowerment Facilitator for 2023 in the amount of \$8,859

a. ARPA vote and final recommendation

Chair Koji called for a vote from members to approve the final funding on the Family Empowerment Facilitator for 2023 in the amount of \$8,859.

Motion by: G. Barden

to approve the emergency request for funding \$8,859 for the Family Empowerment Facilitator for 2023.

Second by: J. Faski.

Vote: Unanimous to approve by those present.

b. BOS vote and final funding decision

First Selectman Bisbikos called for a vote from members.

Motion by: R. Coyle

to approve the emergency request for the Family Empowerment Facilitator for 2023 in the amount of \$8,859.

Second by: D. Turner.

Vote: Unanimous to approve. (3-0 - D. Turner, R. Coyle, A. Bisbikos).

4. Municipal Department Head ARPA Application Interviews

3.a Tiffany Quinn – Parks & Recreation

- Tennis Courts (any updates on asphalt? Cost sharing with schools)

As Director Quinn was unable to attend this evening, an update on the cost will be at a future meeting. The First Selectman did speak with Interim Superintendent McDowell in reference to cost sharing of the tennis courts. Further discussion will be necessary to include how much time will be needed, ongoing upkeep, etc.

Selectmen D. Bates and J. LaChapelle joined the meeting during this discussion.

- Field Irrigation

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Consultant Richard Carlarco reviewed the state of the fields and what can be done to restore them. Many questions remain about the water source for irrigation that is necessary to maintain the fields. A new well, the pond on site and the cost of the town water supply were all questions to be addressed.

3.b Jay Gigliotti
- Norton Park

J. Gigliotti explained the need for the requested ARPA funds for Norton Park. A grant has been submitted to complete the remediation, once received it will only be a few days to complete. The ARPA funds would be used for seeding, plantings and turning the property into the park. Funds have been donated for the amenities such as benches, bricks and signage.

3.c Andreas Bisbikos – Town Hall
- Town Hall Roof – Due to the time, this item will be first on the next agenda.

4. Citizens' Comments

No comments were received.

5. Adjournment – ARPA Committee

Motion by: J. Faski
to adjourn this meeting.

Second by: J. Cox.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

Chair Koji adjourned this meeting at 6:46 pm.

Adjournment – Board of Selectmen

Motion by: R. Coyle
to adjourn this meeting.

Second by: J. LaChapelle.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

First Selectman Bisbikos adjourned this meeting at 6:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Slade
Clerk