

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Committee and Board of Selectmen  
January 9, 2023 - Joint Special Meeting  
Via Zoom

**ARPA MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Dave Koji, Vice Chair Greg Barden, Jack Faski, Marge Mlodzinski, Stan Soby, Jennifer Cox, Denise Mizla.

**BOS MEMBERS PRESENT:** First Selectman Andreas Bisbikos, Rosemary Coyle, Denise Turner, Debbie Bates.

**BOS MEMBERS ABSENT:** Selectman Jason LaChapelle.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** UHY Consultants Stacy Farber, Recreation Director Tiffany Quinn, Town Engineer Sal Tassone, Cindy Praisner of C3.

**1. Call to Order – ARPA Committee**

Chair Dave Koji called this Special Meeting to order at 5:34 pm.

**Call to Order – Board of Selectmen**

First Selectman Andreas Bisbikos called this Special Meeting to order at 5:34 pm.

**2. Citizens' Comments**

Mike Dubriel commented on the open space parking lot, the C3 request and the naming of the parking lot.

**3. Municipal Department Head ARPA Application Interviews**

**4.a Sal Tassone**

**- Sablitz Parking Lot**

Town Engineer S. Tassone reviewed the request for the parking area on the Sablitz property on Route 16. The lot will accommodate 15 gravel parking places and one space for handicapped access. A stipulation of the grant given for this open space area is that the road be paved. The plans were approved by Planning & Zoning on December 21, 2022. The cost is \$54,000.

**4.b Cindy Praisner**

**- 2nd year pay for employee**

Early Childhood Coordinator for C3, C. Praisner, is requesting \$9,059 for a second year for a Family Empowerment Facilitator. Other funding is being pursued.

**4.c Tiffany Quinn**

**- Field Feasibility (phase 2 & 3)**

The feasibility study should be completed this week.

**- Field Irrigation**

A test well could be drilled for \$10,000 with no guarantee of water, a complete well could be \$30,000.

S. Soby left – 6:09 pm.

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Discussion continued regarding wells, cost of irrigation, timeline.

**4. Citizens' Comments**

Mike Hayes asked if a study had been done on the fields and if the cost of future maintenance was considered.

Mike Dubreuil thanked the committee for the information and is in favor of naming the parking area after the Sablitz family.

**5. Adjournment – ARPA Committee**

**Motion by:** G. Barden

**Vote:** Unanimous to approve.

Chair Koji adjourned this Special Meeting at 6:35 pm.

**Adjournment – Board of Selectmen**

**Motion by:** D. Turner

to adjourn.

**Second by:** R. Coyle.

First Selectman Bisbikos adjourned this meeting at 6:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Slade  
Clerk