

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT AND BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING
JANUARY 23, 2023
VIA Zoom

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

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

OTHERS PRESENT: UHY Consultants Stacy Farber and Claire Collins, Recreation Director Tiffany Quinn, Consultant Ian Lacy, Sgt. Zachary Cash, Youth and Social Services Director Valerie Geato.

1. CALL TO ORDER – ARPA Committee

Chair Dave Koji called this Joint Meeting of the ARPA Committee to order at 5:35 pm.

CALL TO ORDER – Board of Selectmen

First Selectman Andreas Bisbikos called this Joint Meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 5:53 pm.

2. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

No comments were received.

3. TIFFANY QUINN – PROVIDE UPDATE ON PHASE I OF THE FEASIBILITY STUDY

Ian Lacy reviewed what the feasibility study will reveal. In the first week of December, the evaluation, performance tests and soil samples were taken. The Phase I report will be ready next week. The fields will be graded and I. Lacy feels most of the fields will be satisfactory to below standard quality. I. Lacy also looked at the position of potential wells. Aquifers, ledge, rocks, etc. will determine the location and depth needed for a well/wells.

After the Phase II report is finalized, a more accurate water need for each field will be determined. There are irrigation heads in the ground and tests will be run to see if they are still working. T. Quinn noted that the original RFP called for the same manufacturer as the schools. This will aid in training and repairs.

Motion by: G. Barden

to move to discussion of Item 5* and approve the recommendation that the Selectmen fund Phase 2 and 3 at a cost of \$31,993.60.

Second by: J. Faski.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

***5. FIELD FEASIBILITY PHASE 2 AND 3 – EMERGENCY VOTE**

5.a ARPA Committee Vote

See motion in Item 3. Approved to fund Phase 2 and 3.

5.b Board of Selectmen Vote

Motion by: R. Coyle

to approve Phase 2 and 3.

Second by: D. Bates.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

4. MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT HEAD ARPA APPLICATION

4.a Andreas Bisbikos

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- UHY Extended Contract
Discussion followed in reference to extending the contract through December 31, 2023, to track receipts and usage of funds. This item will be on the next meeting agenda.

- 4.b First Selectman's Presentation (Parking Lot/Police Expansion/Youth Center)
First Selectman Andreas Bisbikos gave a presentation on a proposal to renovate the 'Jack's Chevrolet' building for the Police Department and Youth Center. The parking area of this building is being offered to the Town for parking during events on the Town Green. This would combine the ARPA money requested for the Police Department renovation and the Youth Center relocation and include the food bank.

5. FIELD FEASIBILITY PHASE 2 AND 3 – EMERGENCY VOTE

- 5.a ARPA Committee Vote
See motion in Item 3. Approved to fund Phase 2 and 3.
- 5.b Board of Selectmen Vote
See motion above where Item was moved up in the agenda.

D. Mizla left meeting at 6:59 pm.
J. Faski left meeting at 7:03 pm.
S. Soby left the meeting at 7:05 pm.

6. APPROVE JOINT MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the previous joint meetings will be on a future agenda.

7. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Clif O'Donal spoke in favor of the proposal for the dealership property.

Marli Rudko spoke about the Bendas donation being for the food bank.

Andrea Migliaccio spoke in favor of the proposal for the dealership property and about the problems at the current building for the youth center.

Ron Silberman commented on the difference of the two bids for the irrigation proposal

Bernie Dennler spoke about the merit of the dealership proposal but expressed concern with the timing.

Kassie Bisbikos stated reasons schools could not be used for youth activities.

K. Kardys spoke about other options for the youth center.

8. ADJOURNMENT – ARPA Committee

Motion by: J. Faski
to adjourn.

Second by: M. Mlodzinski

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Vote: Unanimous to adjourn.

Chair Koji adjourned this meeting at 7:36 pm.

ADJOURNMENT – Board of Selectmen

Motion by: R. Coyle

to adjourn.

Second by: J. LaChappelle

Vote: Unanimous to approve

First Selectman Bisbikos adjourned this meeting at 7:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Slade
Clerk