

## First Selectman

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**From:** Rybacki, Glenn G. <GRybacki@pullcom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 6, 2023 7:45 AM  
**To:** Rosemary Coyle  
**Cc:** First Selectman; Denise Turner; Deborah Bates; Jason LaChapelle; Senior Center Building Committee  
**Subject:** RE: SC Additional Appropriation Planning  
**Attachments:** Colchester - Sample Authorization Calendar.docx

Rosemary:

My apologies for the delay, but here are answers to your questions.

1. I have attached a blank calendar with the statutory and charter requirements for each step. I did not fill in the blanks. However, we can make the calendar work and fill in those dates when the BOS decides the time frame that you wish.
2. Yes, language can be included regarding what can or will be applied to the appropriation. We can use an expansive list of what would be applied and use "including, but limited too" language to cover as much as possible.
3. "Clear days" means the number of days between the two dates in question. One caution, statutory or charter language will always control and may even provide a definition for that term.

I hope this helps,

Glenn

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**Subject:** SC Additional Appropriation Planning  
**Importance:** High

Glen, I am sharing with you Barry Bernabe's email concerning the impact of adding an additional \$1.5M appropriation to the SC project knowing that probably the most that would be additionally bonded is \$900,000 bringing us to approximately \$7.9M of bonding due to the state grant of \$2.5M, the Bendas gift of \$575,000, other donations, grants, ARPA money to the SC from the state and any other mechanism.

In the past you have provided the town with a schedule and the steps that need to be taken to go to referendum. I know the process needs at least 30 clear days once the Town Meeting and Referendum date are sent. I'm trying to get a sense of what's the soonest we could hold a referendum on this additional appropriation.

1. Can you provide the BOS with the soonest schedule that would get us to referendum with a timeline and steps knowing that the bond language would have to be written?
2. Can the bond language be written in a way to indicate that this appropriation may be paid for with gifts, donations, or any other method including bonding? I believe we need the most flexibility on this additional appropriation.
3. Would you also define clear days for everyone so they understand what that means?

Thank you so much,  
Rosemary Coyle, Selectman

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**From:** Barry Bernabe <[bbernabe@muniadvisors.com](mailto:bbernabe@muniadvisors.com)>

**Sent:** Thursday, February 16, 2023 2:00 PM

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**Subject:** RE: Tax Impact for Planning

Rosemary – there are two ways to analyze the mill rate impact for new capital projects.

**Option #1:** what is the impact of the new debt assuming the town has **no** existing debt service (that is what is reflected in the chart you sent to me)

**Option #2:** what is the mill rate impact of the new debt – combined with the town's existing debt service. I tend to concentrate on this option, because the amortization of the old debt mitigates the impact of the new debt.

The town's current debt service for FY 2023 is \$2,075,164 and I recommended that the town keep debt service flat at \$2,075,164 for FY 2024. The town can issue \$7,892,309 of new debt for the Senior Center and the proposed new debt service together with the prior debt service - will not be higher than the current level of budgeted debt service. Therefore, the **incremental** impact of issuing the bonds solely for the Senior Center is zero. The Senior Center debt service, by itself, is not expected to impact the current mill rate in any year. (This excludes any operating expenses and other expenses in the General Budget, such as wages & energy costs, etc.)

However, if you include the \$4,500,000 for the fire equipment – then the proposed new debt service (Fire Department & Senior Center) combined with the existing debt amortization will cause the town to increase its debt service budget as follows.

FY 2024 – debt stays flat at \$2,075,164

FY 2025 – combined debt service increases by \$75,000

FY 2026 – combined debt service increases by \$75,000

FY 2027 – combined debt service increases by \$75,000

FY 2028 – debt service stays flat

The argument **against** this analysis is – if the town did not issue any debt for the senior center or fire department – then current debt service would decrease and that decrease could be used to mitigate other increases in the general budget such as energy, wages, pension, health care, etc.

The argument **for** this analysis is the town (as AA+ rated community) wants to keep current debt levels *relatively flat* and continue to invest in needed capital improvements and improve the quality of life for residents instead of using amortizing debt service to mitigate other areas of the budget.

**Barry J. Bernabe**

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**Subject:** Tax Impact for Planning

Last night the SCBC made a motion to ask the Town for an additional appropriation up to \$1.5M to be funded through any mechanism the Town determines - donations (Bendas donation), ARPA (state funds to SC), direct donations, general fund, capital reserve, bonding or whatever mechanism the town determines. The SCBC wanted additional information on the impact and as BOS Liaison to the SCBC, I am following up on the SCBC's request. I have included the First Selectman, Chair of the BOF, Chair of the SCBC, and BOF liaison to the SCBC on this email.

With the additional \$1.5M that will bring the project up to \$11M. The amount we have to bond would be offset by grants, donations, and ARPA funds. If the additional appropriation is approved, the breakdown would be as follows as of this date:

Grant received - during the project as bills are submitted with a 5% hold back.	\$2.5M from the state bonding.	This will be funded
Donation received - used by the Senior Center for the Senior Center.	\$575,000 Bendas memorial gift	This gift can only be
ARPA SC grant from state directly to Senior Centers	<u>\$32,691</u>	This grant goes
<b>Total grants/donations to date</b>	<b>\$3,107,691.00</b>	

This leaves a balance of \$7,892,309. Since the original bonding obligation was for \$7M, the Town is looking for up to an additional \$892,309 that may need to be bonded at this point in time. For the purpose of planning at this point in time, I believe we just include the \$892,309 number to be bonded until we determine alternative funding sources. If the town receives additional grants or donations, this number would only go down.

You provided us with the chart below in November, 2022, but clarified in an email that it was based on bonding \$9.5M. It would be helpful if the Town and the SCBC had an updated tax impact chart just for the Senior Center and based on the most recent information I have provided, including all grants and donations.

These projections are based on the latest numbers available and on projections of future assumptions for both the center, such as future net interest rates for bonding, future rates of inflation, construction schedules, grand list pending is an application for a grant with the State of Connecticut awaiting the next meeting of the Bonding Committee. We will lower the costs shown below.

## TAX IMPACT RESULTING FROM SENIOR CENTER \* PAYMENTS ON BONDS PLUS INCREASE IN OPERATIONAL COSTS

FISCAL YEAR	MARKET VALUE							
	ASSESSED VALUE							
	ANNUAL TAX IMPACT							
	100,000	200,000	238,574	300,000	400,000	500,000	600,000	700,000
	70,000	140,000	167,002	210,000	280,000	350,000	420,000	500,000
2022/2023	0.70	1.40	1.67	2.10	2.80	3.50	4.20	5.00
2023/2024	10.50	21.00	25.05	31.50	42.00	52.50	63.00	73.50
2024/2025	12.60	25.20	30.06	37.80	50.40	63.00	75.60	88.20
2025/2026	18.90	37.80	45.09	56.70	75.60	94.50	113.40	132.30
2026/2027	18.90	37.80	45.09	56.70	75.60	94.50	113.40	132.30
2027/2028	18.90	37.80	45.09	56.70	75.60	94.50	113.40	132.30

MEDIAN ASSESSED HOME

\* based on value of 1 mil on debt

Thank you,

Rosemary Coyle, BOS Liaison to SCBC

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**TOWN OF COLCHESTER**  
**SAMPLE AUTHORIZATION CALENDAR**  
**Special Town Meeting and Referendum**

<b>Proposed Date</b>	<b>Town Calendar</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Requirements</b>	<b>Ref.</b>
<u>    </u> / <u>    </u> /2023 <i>Thursday</i>	<b>Regularly Scheduled Meetings:</b> 04/06, 04/20, 05/04, 05/18, 06/01, 06/15	<b>Board of Selectmen:</b> refers the Project to the Board of Finance and the Planning and Zoning Commission (for amendments, only if scope is being substantially altered).	Purchases that exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000 must go to referendum.	CGS § 7-7 Charter § C-402 § C-1001 § C-1003 § C-1102 § C-1111a
<u>    </u> / <u>    </u> /2023 <i>Wednesday</i>	<b>Regularly Scheduled Meetings:</b> 04/12, 04/19, 05/10, 05/17, 06/14, 06/21	<b>Board of Finance:</b> approves a recommendation of the appropriation and the authorization for the issuance of bonds or notes.	---	CGS § 7-348 Charter § C-601 § C-1111a
<u>    </u> / <u>    </u> /2023 <i>Wednesday</i>	<b>Regularly Scheduled Meetings:</b> 04/05, 04/19, 05/03, 05/17, 06/07, 06/21	<b>Planning and Zoning Commission:</b> acts on Conn. Gen. Stat. § 8-24 referral for review as to conformance with municipal plan of conservation and development. <b>Note: only is a substantial change in project scope; this takes place before the Special Town Meeting, but it can be after.</b>	Action must be taken prior to the Town's expending any of the appropriation.	CGS § 8-24
<u>    </u> / <u>    </u> /2023	<b>Regularly Scheduled Meetings:</b> 04/06, 04/20, 05/04, 05/18, 06/01, 06/15	<b>Board of Selectmen:</b> sets the Special Town Meeting and Referendum; <b>9-369b advocacy limitations go into effect.</b>	Purchases that exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000 must go to referendum.	CGS § 7-7 § 7-9c Charter § C-1102 § C-1111a

<u>Proposed Date</u>	<u>Town Calendar</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Requirements</u>	<u>Ref.</u>
___/___/2023 ___ day	<i>Not later than:</i>	<b>Notice of Special Town Meeting and Referendum:</b> published and posted.	Unless the Referendum is held in conjunction with an election, publication must be not less than thirty (30) prior to the Referendum.	CGS § 7-3 § 7-9c Charter § C-1103
___/___/2023 ___ day	---	<b>Special Town Meeting:</b> (1) Resolution is introduced and discussed, (2) meeting is adjourned to the referendum. No vote is taken on the Bond Resolution itself.	No vote on the Resolution.	CGS § 7-348 Charter § C-1001 § C-1102
___/___/2023 ___ day	---	<b>Referendum:</b> approval requires majority of those voting; polls open a minimum of noon until eight o'clock p.m., but may be open as early as six o'clock a.m.	Referendum held no earlier than seven (7) days nor later than fourteen (14) days after Special Town Meeting.	CGS § 7-7 § 7-9b § 7-9c Charter § C-1102



## ARPA Ad-hoc Committee Executive Summary

This executive summary will serve as a supplemental document to explain the final municipal project assessments and recommended priority list (which are those projects that have not been encumbered up to this point) completed by the ARPA Ad-hoc Committee (ARPA Committee).

The attached municipal recommended priority list has passed by a unanimous vote of the ARPA Committee to be considered as the most important municipal projects that the Committee recommends be considered for final funding decision by the Board of Selectmen. The 17 projects totaling an estimated \$3,423,781.00 were carefully considered. Each project was submitted via its own ARPA application and each project was presented by the appropriate town representative to both introduce, describe, and justify the request. Each ARPA Committee member rank-ordered the list of municipal projects with the goal of staying within the remaining ARPA budget for municipal projects which was \$2,207,906.00. Those individual rankings were then averaged together to produce a joint, finalized team recommended list which is shown below.

Project Description	Cost
Town Hall Roof - Part 2	\$ 321,460.00
70" Tower/Highland Woods	\$ 390,000.00
Family Empowerment - Year 2	\$ 9,059.00
Town Hall HVAC/heat pumps - Part 3	\$ 415,000.00
Grant program	\$ 100,600.00
Field Irrigation	\$ 250,724.00
Equipment/Apparatus for new vehicles	\$ 124,444.00
Catch Basins/New Parking Lot	\$ 190,000.00
800 mhz radio system upgrade	\$ 36,000.00
Police Expansion	\$ 228,000.00
Norton Park	\$ 141,061.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,206,348.00</b>

Along with delivering the final team recommendations for the municipal projects, the ARPA Committee also wanted to offer additional commentary on this list:

- The ARPA Committee did not have final quotes for all the ARPA municipal projects. The Committee made recommendations on the best information that was provided.
- The ARPA Committee added an encumbered line item of \$100,000 in contingency funds based on the previous bullet point. It was important to account for the potential overages based on project estimations. If the contingency funds are not fully used, the ARPA Committee recommends those funds become reallocated to a social services program to benefit the townspeople of Colchester.
- There was an encumbered dollar amount totaling \$15,000 that was originally approved for the Affordable Housing Plan. Because there was a state grant that compensated for the \$15,000, this dollar amount is now back to a non-encumbered status. It is the ARPA Committee's recommendation that this dollar figure be added to the \$100,000

contingency fund allocation to account for ARPA project overages, or used for needed social services programs.

- The youth center ARPA Application in the amount of \$500,000 was not recommended based on a team majority that it did not qualify under the mandatory criteria of the ARPA application review and recommendation process. The reason is that there was no plan or justification for the dollar figure requested. The ARPA Committee did agree that a youth center is desperately needed and should be pursued by the town with a plan for proper location, thorough cost estimates, and community input.
- Aside from the youth center, the five other complete project applications have been deemed worthy of funding should the Board of Selectmen find alternative funding sources.

Sincerely,

**The ARPA Committee**

Dave Koji, Chair

Greg Barden, Vice Chair

Jenn Cox

Jack Faski

Denise Mizla

Marge Mlodzinski

Stan Soby

## First Selectman

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**From:** Greg Barden <gbarden06415@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 28, 2023 7:50 AM  
**To:** Rosemary Coyle  
**Cc:** Dave Koji; Andreas Bisbikos  
**Subject:** Final ARPA Survey Results

Good morning Rosemary,

Below please find the results of the ARPA Municipal Projects survey, with the digital and hard copy counts separate, then tallied.

I presume you will present these to the full Board of Selectmen at your next meeting. Dave and I are available for any questions, but this should speak for itself.

Thanks,  
Greg Barden, Vice-Chair  
ARPA Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee

		Online Responses	Hard Copy	Total Responses
Norton Park	Norton Park	518	3	521
Fire Department	Equipment/Apparatus for new vehicles	504	4	508
Youth & Social Services	New youth center	381	0	381
Fire Department	800 mhz radio system upgrade	373	6	379
Youth & Social Services	Grant program	356	3	359
Parks & Recreation	Field Irrigation	328	2	330
Parks & Recreation	New skatepark	307	1	308
Water Department	70" Tower/Highland	283	5	288
Police Department	Expansion	266	2	268
C3	Family Empowerment - Year 2	243	0	243
Planning Department	Public Parking Lot	241	2	243
First Selectman	Town Hall Roof - Part 2	226	4	230
Planning Department	Sablitz Parking Lot	228	1	229
Parks & Recreation	Tennis Courts	226	2	228
First Selectman	Natural Gas Extension	172	2	174
Fire Department	Catch Basins/New Parking Lot	161	5	166
First Selectman	Town Hall HVAC/heatpumps - Part 3	160	2	162

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Q1 Which of the following municipal projects would you like the town of Colchester to consider using ARPA funding for? For your response to be counted, you must choose between 6-10 projects by clicking the check box next to the project you would like to choose.

Answered: 702   Skipped: 0



## ANSWER CHOICES

## RESPONSES

Project Name: Family Empowerment (Click <a href="#">HERE</a> to access ARPA Application)Department: C3 - Collaboration for Colchester's ChildrenCost Estimate: \$9059.00 Brief Description: The funds would be used to fund our Family Empowerment Facilitator. This position is not an employee, but an individual paid hourly to design and facilitate family empowerment programming such as Circle of Security, the Village Support Group, a Joyful Noises group and workshops on building resilience. The facilitator also fosters relationships with and among participants in C3 programming, connects families to community resources, assists in the recruitment of participants, and supports families in developing personalized plans to address individual life challenges. The funding will provide the facilitator enough hours to work with us 8 hours per week for 38 weeks (summer programming is generally not offered). \$8,859 of the requested amount was approved by the town on 10-17-22 to fund the salary for the first year. Click here for the complete application.	34.62%	243
Project Name: New Apparatus Equipment (Click <a href="#">HERE</a> to access ARPA Application)Department: Colchester Hayward Fire DepartmentCost estimate: \$124,444.17 Brief Description: The funds will be used to purchase all of the portable equipment for the new fire apparatus. This equipment includes two (2) sets of battery-powered extrication equipment that would have possibly made a difference in the recent accident that took the lives of two young residents.	71.79%	504
Project Name: 800 MHz Radio System Upgrade (Click <a href="#">HERE</a> to access ARPA Application)Department: Colchester Hayward Fire DepartmentCost estimate: \$36,000Brief Description: The funds would be used purchase portable radios and upgrade the current radio system to ensure interoperability with other agencies into the foreseeable future.	53.13%	373
Project Name: Tennis Courts (Click <a href="#">HERE</a> to access ARPA Application)Department: Colchester Parks and RecCost estimate:\$297,500.00Brief Description: Funding will include reclaiming 3 tennis courts at the RecPlex. All asphalt will be removed, new tennis courts will be installed, painted and lined. New posts and nets are included in the quote. The fence around the tennis courts, including the gate, are not included in the quote. We hope to be able to continue the use the current fence and gate.	32.19%	226
Project Name: Skatepark (Click <a href="#">HERE</a> to access ARPA Application)Department: Colchester Parks and RecCost estimate:\$99,000Brief Description: The skatepark that once lived at the RecPlex is no longer there. Those that enjoy the sport now travel to other towns or use sidewalks and public streets. The funding will cover the expenses to design and build a new skatepark that the local skaters will use for the next 20+ years. We are looking at new locations better suited to meet their needs – including the area around the tennis courts and basketball court. The area is already used by many teens, has lights, a parking lot and safe access via sidewalks. Public request and need for outdoor recreational opportunities, specifically teen and activities for young adults are desperately needed.	43.73%	307
Project Name: Fire Headquarters Parking Lot (Click <a href="#">HERE</a> to access ARPA Application)Department: Colchester Hayward Fire Cost estimate: \$190,000.00Brief Description: The funds will be used for the revitalization of the Fire HQ parking lot.Scope of proposed work:1) Saw cut all pavement edges to match existing/abutting pavement2) Remove and dispose of approximately 33,300 S.F of existing asphalt pavement and associated bituminous concrete curbing.3) Remove and dispose of 5 existing catch basins.4) Install 5 new pre-cast concrete catch basins (type C-L or C to match existing) and provide any processed gravel backfill around catch basin structures as needed to re-establish grade/base for new asphalt pavement.5) Regrade existing base (add new gravel base as needed) to establish line and grade to properly drain all paved areas to new catch basins.6) Furnish and install 2" compacted thickness of Class 1 Bituminous Concrete binder course.7) Furnish and install 2" compacted thickness of Class 2 Bituminous Concrete surface course.8) Furnish and install approximately 1150 L.F. of new 6 inch bituminous concrete lip curbing (BCLC) to match existing layout.9) Restripe all parking space lines and pavement markings to match existing layout using retroreflective white pavement marking paint.10) Backfill new curbing with loam and seed to re-establish lawn along parking lot perimeter and with crushed stone fill within center island area.11) Contractor responsible for DOT encroachment permit necessary for work within the State's right of way for Old Hartford Road.	22.93%	161
Project Name: Social Services (Click <a href="#">HERE</a> to access ARPA Application)Department: Colchester Youth and Social Services (CYSS)Cost estimate: \$100,600Brief Description: CYSS is proposing that \$100,600 be allocated to the Social Services Department to provide support to Colchester residents who are living at or below 60% of the State Median Income.Rental Assistance/Security Deposit program: \$30,000Home Repairs: \$25,000Food Bank Appliances and Furniture: \$20,000P&R Camp Scholarships: \$9600Car Repair Fund: \$8,000Other Assistance: - Rx, Glasses, etc.: \$8,000Policies will be developed accordingly	50.71%	356
Project Name: Town Hall Roof (Click <a href="#">HERE</a> to access ARPA Application)Department: First SelectmanCost estimate: \$321,460Brief Description: The funds will be utilized to provide a complete replacement of the Town Hall Roof. Please see the application for a discussion of the options for roof replacement and estimates.	32.19%	226
Project Name: Town HVAC (Click <a href="#">HERE</a> to access ARPA Application)Department: First Selectman of ColchesterRequested amount: \$415,000Brief Description: To upgrade the HVAC in Town Hall. HVAC is over 30 years old and in need of a desperate overhaul	22.79%	160



<p>Project Name: Natural Gas Conversion – Town Hall (Click <a href="#">HERE</a> to access ARPA Application)Department: Colchester Public WorksCost estimate: \$117,000Brief Description: This project stems from removing the 10,000-gallon underground oil storage tank. The boiler will be converted from oil to natural gas. The domestic hot water will be replaced with a natural gas unit. The thirty-year-old diesel generator will be replaced with a natural gas fuel generator. The new generator will sit outside on the cement pad which the temporary oil tank currently sits on. Note – at the time the gas line from Mill Street is run behind the Town Hall to the new Senior Center the line and regulator feeding the Town Hall will be installed. Once the line is charged, the conversion process can begin. Concerns with the 30+ year old generator having engine issues along with parts availability, not having enough fuel (with the 900 gallon temporary tank) to sustain the Town Hall during an extended outage</p>	24.50%	172
<p>Project Name: Norton Park, Phase 1 (Click <a href="#">HERE</a> to access ARPA Application)Department: Town of ColchesterCost estimate: \$141,061Brief Description: The funds from this request are to complete Phase 1 of the Town of Colchester's Norton Park Project on the Jeremy River Rt 149/Westchester Road at the intersection of Paper Mill Road and River Road. These funds will allow the town to complete the park in a timely manner and allow full, safe access to the site for the public. Phase 1 includes: The cost for fill material, topsoil and grass seeding to make safe the hole left by the Norton Mill remediation work and removal of two houses, including retaining walls as required. Restoration of Paper Mill Road, and a safe, dirt parking area adjacent. Installation of guardrails at the road, and temporary fencing along steep embankments for safety and prevent human-caused erosion. Restoration and protection of some of the mill foundation walls demarking the extents of the historic building, and serving as seating elements. Installation of donated materials including brick pavers, picnic tables, benches, plantings, signage, etc. Completion of Phase 1 will reduce the time the Norton Mill foundation is considered an unsafe space requiring town protection.</p>	73.79%	518
<p>Project Name: Highland Water Tank 70'Department: Colchester Water Dept. (Click <a href="#">HERE</a> to access ARPA Application)Requested amount: \$390,000.00Brief Description: The funds will pay for the steel tank to be blasted, recoated with primer and repainted with a two part epoxy as specified by American Water Works Association standards on the exterior. If funds are not approved, this vessel runs the risk of a catastrophic failure. This would cause approximately 50% of the town to lose water</p>	40.31%	283
<p>Project Name: Sablitz Open Space Parking Lot (Click <a href="#">HERE</a> to access ARPA Application)Department: Town of Colchester Planning and Zoning DepartmentRequested amount: \$53,933.00Brief Description: In February 2021, the Town of Colchester was awarded funds from the CT DEEP to purchase 75 acres of vacant land on Middletown Road, to be used for the open space purposes. The Town completed the acquisition of the property in November 2021. The property fronts on Middletown Road (Route 16), just opposite the church on Skinner Road. The access to the property is limited and poses a safety risk for any future patrons. As a condition of the awarded funds, the Town is required to install a small parking lot for the public to access the open space. The Planning and Zoning Department is requesting \$53,933 in ARPA funds to complete the installation of the parking lot.</p>	32.48%	228
<p>Project Name: Field Irrigation (Click <a href="#">HERE</a> to access ARPA Application)Department: Colchester Parks and RecCost estimate: \$250,724Brief Description: The funds would be used to irrigate RecPlex fields R1, R2, R3, R4, R5, R6, and R7.*Irrigation will be installed ASAP with consideration given to youth and adult sport league schedules.</p>	46.72%	328
<p>Project Name: Town Center Public Parking Lot Design (Click <a href="#">HERE</a> to access ARPA Application)Department: Town of Colchester Planning DepartmentRequested amount: \$150,000Brief Description: The funds would be used to prepare a design and engineered plans for a public parking lot on the Town owned parcel (MBL: 16-00-048-001). The project would satisfy a desire of the Town going back to 1996 when the parcel was purchased. Should the project come to fruition, it has the potential to provide approximately 100+ parking spaces in a centralized location in the Town Center. The project would consider how a parking lot impacts the entire area, how pedestrian improvements can make connections and benefit the multitude of public and commercial interests in walking distance.</p>	34.33%	241
<p>Project Name: New Youth Center Creation Funds (Click <a href="#">HERE</a> to access ARPA Application)Department: First Selectman's Office on behalf of Youth &amp; Social ServicesRequested Amount: \$500,000Brief Description: These funds will be utilized to support the creation of a new youth center space. Though other numbers have been presented throughout the process, \$500k is the minimum that is being requested.</p>	54.27%	381
<p>Project Name: Police Department Expansion (Click <a href="#">HERE</a> to access ARPA Application)Department: First SelectmanRequested amount: \$228,000.00Brief Description: The funds will be utilized to expand the operational quarters of the police department. Currently, the conditions are extremely cramped, there are security concerns, and potential OSHA concerns. These items need to be addressed as soon as possible.</p>	37.89%	266

Total Respondents: 702