

July 6, 2022

ARPA Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

Meeting called to order @ 6:30pm

Pledge & Prayer

Committee Members attendance:

Craig Moody, Patti Sindorf, Tracy Donovan-Laviolette, Bonnie Gagne, Scott Ferguson (late)

Representatives:

Roxanne Tufts-Keegan, BOS

Brain Taylor, MFD

Jim Keegan, HWY

6/1/2022 Meeting Minutes Approved (minus late page due to it being accidentally carryover from 6/1 meeting)

Old Business:

Dan Salinger (town resident) - asked about 1<sup>st</sup> round of ARPA Funds given out last year under previous BOS - specifically questions about premium pay given out to elected officials

Roxanne Tufts-Keegan – Previous BOS gave theirs back – no other elected official

The town has submitted paperwork for the first round of ARPA funds but as of yet, have not heard back to what has been accepted and if there are any problems/issues with anything not being accepted – and if any comes back who got premium pay were ineligible to receive -the present BOS will figure out with Legal how to deal with it, weighing the cost of legal pursuit if any of the premium pay is rejected.

Jason Proulx (town resident)– asked if all who would have been eligible for the Premium Pay was paid?

Brain Taylor – no, about 6 people from FD/EMS did not receive

Jason Proulx – will they be receiving premium pay with the next round of ARPA funds that come in? And when and how much is the next ARPA payment?

Roxanne Tufts-Keegan – Next payment of about \$96,000 coming sometime in August, with about \$6000-\$9000 left from previous ARPA funds – we have until December 2024 to spend this next round. Guidelines for spending ARPA funds have loosen quite a bit from the first round to this new round coming in August.

Email was sent out to all department heads back in May for any needs/suggestions for their departments – all but PD responded, will reach out to PD again.

The committee's job is to narrow down recommendations how best to spend this round of ARPA money and submit to BOS

Craig Moody - Committee will hopefully solidify and submit to BOS in September

Brain Taylor (FD) - in the midst of cleaning up the dept with the mess left behind with FD Chief resignation. Radio prices have risen, FD need Forestry Gear – shirts, helmets, gloves -had a printout for prices (gear totaling about \$4265.45) but will get a better actual quote to submit.

Suggestions were made for him to contact GSA for more info and an actual quote – more comprehensive price list, shipping cost, turnaround time etc...

Jason Proulx – and if you can lock in to that price. and how long that quote is good for

Craig Moody – actually call GSA – will usually do a discounts/free shipping

Craig Moody – Scott Ferguson not here, no MRI update

Jim Keegan (HWY) – getting a quote from Pikes for upper parking lot of the town's municipal building

Questioned was asked if the quote will include the lower parking lot (police)? - as mentioned in previous meeting, the landowners who butted to the backside of town property, did not want it done, worried about drainage, etc...

Jim was asked to go ahead and get a quote for that police parking lot also and maybe someone could talk with landowners if paving is one of the options decided to do with some of the ARPA money. He also will touch base with Sgt. Swift (PD)

Craig Moody – reminded everyone, this is a fact collecting committee – more details on prices, actual quotes, etc... the better

Roxanne Tuffs-Keegan – still waiting on a quote to take care of the AC issues at the municipal building

Roxanne Tuffs-Keegan – town budget – watching what goes out the door – potential IRS issues/fees -many unpaid & unexpected bills

Jim Keegan – could ARPA money be used for some of the town's deficits?

Roxanne Tuffs-Keegan –good question, guidelines to how to spend ARPA this time around has widen so maybe? Maybe not?

Craig Moody – checked with Primax about risk assessment and mediations between BOS and PD – they no longer do that

Roxanne Tuffs-Keegan – will follow up on risk assessment with Chrstine

New Business:

Craig Moody – mentioned that the church/Dave Scott putting in a walking trail – Rec Dept may want to reach out to them to see how they can help

Tracy Donovan-Laviolette – Rec Dept meeting tomorrow night – will mention

Follow up to Old Business - With the arrival of Scott Ferguson

Scott had talked with MRI - no price/quote yet but Scott estimates to be about \$5000-\$10,000- basically looking for them to review and recommendations for town policies, etc...

Meeting adjourned @ 7:10pm