

American Rescue Plan Working Group
Meeting Room #1, Newtown Municipal Center
3 Primrose St Newtown Ct
Tuesday February 15th 2022

Minutes

Present: Michelle Embree Ku, Ed Schierloh, Geoff Dent, Charles Gardner, Dan Rosenthal & Matthew Mihalcik

Also Present: Finance Director Bob Tait, Community Center Director Matt Ariniello & Community Center Commission Chair Kinga Walsh

Call to Order: Dan Rosenthal called the meeting at 6:32 pm

Vote Comments: None

Old Business:

Discussion and Possible Action

1. Possible uses of ARP funding

- Presentation from Matt Ariniello & Kinga Walsh on the requests from the community center
 - Matt and Kinga mentioned that the center has lost significant revenue over the past 2 years due to the forced shut down, capacity restrictions, decreased usage due to ongoing pandemic. Though the revenue is starting to come back to pre-pandemic levels
- Discussion on the list of requested projects.
 - Patio, splash pad, generator, storage building and handicap doors
 - Splash pad would be split between the Town of Newtown and the friends of the community center
 - Kinga Walsh mentioned all projects are equal in importance
- Dan Rosenthal mentioned that since the Town of Newtown received less than \$10 million in ARP funds the original rule of having to follow the 5 categories for spending is no longer required.

Voter Comments: None

Adjournment: Ed Schierloh moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 pm. Seconded by Geoff Dent, All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Mihalcik

**These minutes are subject to approval by the American Rescue Plan Working Group
at the next meeting**