

American Rescue Plan Working Group  
Council Chambers, Newtown Municipal Center  
3 Primrose St Newtown Ct  
Monday October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Minutes

**Present:** Ed Schierloh, Matthew Mihalcik, Sandy Roussas, Charles Gardner & Michele Ku

**Absent:** Erica Sullivan

**Also Present:** First Selectman Dan Rosenthal, Newtown Pickleball Association representatives (Jan Brown, Bruce Goulart & Bill Manfredonia)

**Call to Order:** Dan Rosenthal called the meeting at 6:33 pm

**Vote Comments:** None

**Approval of Minutes:** None

**Old Business:**

Discussion and Possible action

**1. Pickleball**

- a. The proposed CIP plan had \$650,000 for pickleball though Mr Rosenthal paired it down to \$350,000. He contacted Southbury who just installed courts. They did so for about \$40,000 per court, the court being a post-tension concrete court which is ideal. He add a \$50,000 contingency to account for any cost increases in the coming years. He moved the project from year 4 to year 2. He felt that if it was in year 4 it there wouldn't be as much excitement for the Pickleball Assoc to be able to fundraise and we wouldn't be able to use ARP funds. Mr Manfredonia said that P&R has committed to putting \$5000 towards a feasibility study for the courts. Mr Manfredonia said that they intend to apply for a STEAP grant with the assistance of the Town. There have been other towns award STEAP grants for pickleball courts. Ms Roussas asked about the difference of the amounts. Mr Rosenthal said that he doesn't know where the \$650,000 number came from, Mr Rosenthal did his research and he thinks that \$350,000 is more realistic also assuming there is some kind work from Public Works. Mr Gardner asked about the number of courts. Mr Manfredonia and Mr Rosenthal said that the goal is 8 courts. Ms Ku asked is Fairfield Hills Authority has been consulted on the location of the courts on the campus. Mr Manfredonia said yes they have been and the idea is to make sure they wouldn't inhibit any commercial development at FH in the future. **Charlie Gardner moved that we make a recommendation to the Board of Selectman to start the appropriation process to commit \$100,000 of ARP funds towards the Pickleball project. Seconded by Sandy Roussas. All in Favor (5-0), motion passes)**

**Voter Comments:** None

**Adjournment:** Ed Schierloh moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 pm. Seconded by Sandy Roussas, All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Mihalcik

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