

American Rescue Plan Working Group  
Meeting Room #1, Newtown Municipal Center  
3 Primrose St Newtown Ct  
Tuesday March 14<sup>th</sup> 2022

Minutes

**Present:** Michelle Embree Ku, Ed Schierloh, Geoff Dent, Erica Sullivan, Dan Rosenthal & Matthew Mihalcik

**Also Present:** Finance Director Bob Tait, Parks & Recreation Commission Chairman Clinton DePaolo, Parks & Recreation Director Amy Mangold & Parks & Recreation Assistant Director Carl Samuelson

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

**Vote Comments:** None

**Announcements:** Dan

- SHOP would like to evaluate sidewalks
- process started for items that were passed in the February meeting, waiting for legal opinion on how to spend arp funds, legal counsel says we are spending it through appropriation process. because its grant money.

**Old Business:**

Discussion and Possible Action

1. Possible uses of ARP funding

- Presentation from Parks and Recreation
  - Treadwell - 18 hole disc golf course, spans all age groups 2016 started planning for course 2020 2nd look at FHA opinion then back to Treadwell Geoff annual costs? not much annual cost leagues and tournaments are ways to general revenue or hole sponsors
  - bike park - working with bike and trail committee, there is an area behind the community center that is ideal for the bike park. The bike and trail committee will take care and custody of space
  - dump truck - 2007 f550 life gate truck multi department use truck down 200+ days in 2021 most pressing item on their list due to its current status
  - pavilion - 2021 pavilion rental ~\$12k, summer day camp site original structure. looking at repair vs replacement due to cost. used to be in CIP as replacement #2 item on the list

Michelle Ku asked about splash pad at NCC, Amy spoke about the one proposed at Dickenson. Though the 2 departments try to collaborate when possible

Dan proposed meeting next week (3/24/2022) to look at framework on how to spend balance short term and long term

**Voter Comments:** None

**Adjournment:** Ed Schierloh moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 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**

Town of Newtown				
the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP)				
ARP Working Group Worksheet				
ARP award amount (50% received; balance June 2022)		7,674,294		
Items already appropriated:				
Education:				
	Hawley School HVAC/Ventilation project	2,500,000		
	Balance Available	5,174,294		
Possible Uses:			Recommended	
General Government:				
a	Fairfield Hills - Replace Water Distribution System	1,500,000	✓	1/27/2022
b	Fairfield Hills Campus Safety Improvements	50,000		
Public Works:				
c	Multi-purpose Building Roof	190,000	✓	1/27/2022
d	Public Works 6 Wheel 8 Ton Dump Truck	240,000		
e	Public Works Front & Bucket Loader	300,000		
f	Transfer Station Site Improvements	200,000		
g	Municipal Building Improvements	100,000		
Public Safety:				
h	Fire Commission Fire Suppression Tank Repair	50,000	✓	1/27/2022
i	Fire Company Grants (4 x \$15,000); NUSAR (\$15,000); Ambulance (\$15,000)	90,000	✓	1/27/2022
Recreation & Leisure:				
j	Parks & Recreation Dump Truck	90,000		
k	Treadwell Park Disc Golf Course	40,000		
l	Dickinson Park New Pavilion (Refurbishment)	150,000		
m	Bike Park at Fairfield Hills	85,000		
n	Edmond Town Hall Building Improvements	150,000		
o	The Art Walk at Fairfield Hills	50,000		
Health & Welfare:				
p	Senior Center 14 passenger bus	90,000		
q	COVID supplies/expenses	40,000	✓	1/27/2022
Community Center:				
r	Community Center Generator	75,000		
s	Community Center Outside Storage Building	75,000		
t	Community Center Patio	155,000		
u	Community Center Outdoor Spray Features	200,000		
v	Community Center/Senior Center Handicap Doors	16,000		
Education:				
x	BOE information technology licenses to address covid 19 pandemic recovery	74,000		
y	BOE chrome books for distance learning	145,000		
Function Wide:				
z	Reimburse the Town Medical Self Insurance Fund for COVID Expenses (since 3/3/2021)	325,000	✓	1/27/2022
	Contingency for above items	200,000		
	Total Proposed Uses	4,680,000		
	Amount Available	494,294		
✓ Recommended by the ARP Working Group. To go through the Town appropriation process (BOS/BOF/LC)				