

American Rescue Plan Working Group  
Council Chambers, Newtown Municipal Center  
3 Primrose St Newtown Ct  
Monday April 11<sup>th</sup> 2022

Minutes

**Present:** Ed Schierloh, Erica Sullivan, Charles Gardner & Matthew Mihalcik

**Also Present:** First Selectman Dan Rosenthal & Finance Director Bob Tait

**Call to Order:** Dan Rosenthal called the meeting at 6:42 pm

**Vote Comments:** None

**Announcements:** None

**Old Business:**

1. Allocation Framework for Remaining Funds
  - Tabled until next meeting
2. Additional Recommended Appropriations
  - Ed has some ideas to act on, transfer station, park and rec dump truck, Dickenson Park pavilion (materials related), senior center bus (shared with community center), community center outside patio & storage building and municipal building improvements. Erica is in favor of generator. Community Center has mentioned that their priority is for the outside patio and storage building.
  - SHOP has proposed potential sidewalks to 10 Glen Rd to 26 Glen Rd and/or from Sandy Hook center to permanent memorial. There is currently a path from Treadwell to the Memorial to the Sandy Hook School. Dan suggested that we invite SHOP to talk about sidewalk plans. Charlie Gardner asked about the missing connection from exit 10 to Ardi Ct.
  - Ed Schierloh moved that we make a recommendation to the Board of Selectman to start the appropriation process for \$200,000 for transfer station site improvements. Seconded by Charlie Gardner. Erica asked, about the recycling committee research and findings, Dan said that they made a recommendation to move that forward with the transfer station upgrades and look to end curbside pickup soon. All in favor, motion passes (4-0)
  - Ed Schierloh moved that we make a recommendation to the Board of Selectman to start the appropriation process for \$100,000 for municipal building improvements. Seconded by Erica Sullivan. Dan clarified that the building improvements are more random municipal building repairs such as windows leaking, paint, etc. All in favor, motion passes (4-0)
  - Ed Schierloh moved that we make a recommendation to the Board of Selectman to start the appropriation process for parks and recreation dump truck for \$90,000. Seconded by Erica Sullivan. Dan clarified that the truck was moved from operating budget to be funded by ARP funds. All in favor, motion passes (4-0)

- Ed Schierloh moved that we make a recommendation to the Board of Selectman to start the appropriation process for \$150,000 for Dickenson Park pavilion. Seconded by Charlie Gardner. Dan clarified that the improvements are new roof, repair some trusses that are dry rotted, upgrade electrical, paint. structure is 60+ yrs old, improvements will go on for many more years. All in favor, motion passes (4-0)
- Ed Schierloh moved that we make a recommendation to the Board of Selectman to start the appropriation process for \$155,000 for community center patio. Seconded by Charlie Gardner. All in favor, motion passes (4-0)
- Ed Schierloh moved that we make a recommendation to the Board of Selectman to start the appropriation process for \$16,000 for senior/community center handicap doors. Seconded by Erica Sullivan. All in favor, motion passes (4-0)
- Ed Schierloh moved that we make a recommendation to the Board of Selectman to start the appropriation process for \$75,000 for storage building. Seconded by Erica Sullivan. Current storage is an OSHA issue and there is reliance on other town departments to store and deliver pool chemicals when they are needed. All in favor, motion passes (4-0)

**Voter Comments:** None

**Adjournment:** Ed Schierloh moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 pm. Seconded by Charlie Gardner, 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			
oo	Sandy Hook Side Walks				
	section #1	250,000			
	section #2	350,000			
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	75,000			
	Total Proposed Uses	5,155,000			
	Amount Available	19,294			
✓ Recommended by the ARP Working Group. To go through the Town appropriation process (BOS/BOF/LC)					



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March 3, 2022

Mr. Dan Rosenthal, First Selectman  
Town of Newtown  
3 Primrose Street  
Newtown CT

Re: Sandy Hook Streetscape

Hi Dan,

Pursuant to our discussions of last week regarding the Town's available funding from the American Rescue Plan, SHOP would hereby like to formally request that consideration be given to funding the two remaining critical streetscape connections to Sandy Hook Center.

Section 1 would run from the end of the existing sidewalk at #10 Glen Road and continue north to the last home on the east side of the road. I understand this connection would be supported by the Planning and Zoning Commission and Land Use. This would connect the upper mill building (with a pedestrian crosswalk, the 2- two family homes across from that driveway, the Town owned property at #28A Glen Road, and several existing properties in the Sandy Hook Design District. A budget cost for this work would be approximately \$250,000.

Section #2 would run from the end of the existing sidewalk at the Villa's driveway and continue East to the sidewalk in front of the Senior Center. This would connect the Senior Center, Sandy Hook Elementary School, Sandy Hook Firehouse, and the new Memorial to Sandy Hook Center which all connect to the Senior Center by existing sidewalks. This is a critical connection between these Town properties and greatly increase the walkability of the Sandy Hook District. A budget cost for this work would be approximately \$350,000.

This request conforms to the Town's POCD in that it promotes pedestrian circulation of the Sandy Hook Village District. Increasing the walkability enhances economic development by increasing the customer base of the local businesses. Having sidewalks in the Village promotes a healthy lifestyle by allowing residents and visitors the opportunity to walk more and explore and appreciate all of the natural beauty that Sandy Hook Center has to offer.

We would greatly appreciate the opportunity to present our thoughts to the Commission that is entertaining these requests.

Please let me know your thoughts on this subject.

Thank You for Your Anticipated Support,



Michael Burton, President