

American Rescue Plan Working Group
Council Chambers, Newtown Municipal Center
3 Primrose St Newtown Ct
Thursday September 22nd, 2022

Minutes

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

Also Present: First Selectman Dan Rosenthal, Finance Director Bob Tait & 1 member of the public

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

Vote Comments: None

Announcements: None

Old Business:

Discussion and Possible action

1. Board of Fire Commissioners, Parks & Recreation, Human Services, Public Works, Edmond Town Hall and SHOP sidewalks
 - a. Board of Fire Commissioners - Discussion on the additional request from the Board of Fire Commissioners
 - b. Parks & Recreation – Discussion about the bike park request from Parks & Recreation. Parks & Recreation Department would likely do some of the site work. Discussion about the Treadwell Park Disc Golf Course.
 - i. Erica Sullivan moved that we make a recommendation to the Board of Selectman to start the appropriation process for \$75,000 to fund the Bike Park at Fairfield Hills
Seconded by Michele Ku. All in favor, motion passes (6-0)
 - c. Human Services – Housing stabilization fund \$20,000 request. Discussion about funding \$20,000. It was in the additional request from Human Services and the group missed it when funding the other requests. There has been more need in the past years to utilize the fund to help residents with housing needs.
 - i. Erica Sullivan moved that we make a recommendation to the Board of Selectman to start the appropriation process for \$20,000 to fund an addition \$20,000 to Human Services for Housing Stabilization fund. Seconded by Ed Schierloh. All in favor, motion passes (6-0)
 - d. Public Works – Discussion about 6-wheel 8-ton dump truck.
 - i. Ed Schierloh moved that we make a recommendation to the Board of Selectman to start the appropriation process for \$240,000 for Public Works 6-wheel 8-ton dump truck. Seconded by Sandy Roussas for discussion only Michele Ku moves to table the discussion \$240,000 for Public Works 6-wheel 8-ton dump truck. Seconded by Ed Schierloh. All in favor, motion passes to table discussion (6-0)

- e. Edmond Town Hall – Discussion about the request from Edmond Town Hall for \$125,000. Several of the original items are going to be funded by outside grants, a ARP funds from the Borough of Newtown and fund balance.
 - i. Ed Schierloh moved that we make a recommendation to the Board of Selectman to start the appropriation process for \$125,000 to fund Edmond Town Hall for building doors (\$81,800) and Cameras (\$43,200). Seconded by Charlie Gardner. All in favor, motion passes (6-0)
- f. SHOP sidewalks - Discussion regarding the 2 items on the possible uses section #1 for \$215,000 and section #2 for \$525,000. Section #1 is on Glen Rd from 8 Glen to 22 Glen Rd and Section #2 is on Riverside Rd from 4 Riverside Rd to the Sandy Hook Permanent Memorial. There was some concern that section #2 might not be priced correctly and would cost more. Mr Gardner also brought up that section #2 might be able to be funded by Connecticut Department of Transportation's Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program. It is a grant program that the Town would have to apply for.
 - i. Erica Sullivan moved that we make a recommendation to the Board of Selectman to start the appropriation process for \$215,000 SHOP sidewalk request for section #1 on Glen Rd Seconded by Michele Ku. Motion was called for a vote (5 Yes-1 No) motion passes.
- 2. Adjustment of \$50,000 for Dickinson Park and Pavilion upgrades
 - a. Mr Rosenthal brought up that Parks and Recreation is requesting an adjustment to the original appropriation of \$150,000 for the Dickinson Park and Pavilion upgrades. Due to the cost of supplies increase an addition \$50,000 is being requested. This would ensure the pavilion roof will be replace, the structure painted as well as the roof replaced & skylights be removed on the new restroom building. The small building adjacent to the pavilion would be removed. Electrical upgrades would be made to the pavilion as well as the addition of WIFI in the area.
 - i. Erica Sullivan moved that we make a recommendation to the Board of Selectman to start the appropriation process for \$50,000 to fund an addition \$50,000 for the Dickinson Park and Pavilion upgrades. Seconded by Charlie Gardner. All in favor, motion passes (6-0)
- 3. Additional Recommended Appropriations
 - a. Mr Rosenthal brought up the foot bridge in Sandy Hook Center has been closed due to structural issues. The bridge was originally purchased by the Town back in the late 1980s or early 1990s. The Town is looking into options to replace the bridge.

Voter Comments: None

Adjournment: Ed Schierloh moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 pm. Seconded by Charles 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 (67% received; balance October 2022)				7,674,294	9/22/2022
Possible Uses:					
line	General Government:			Recommended	Approved
1	Fairfield Hills - Replace Water Distribution System	1,500,000	v	1/27/2022	f
2	Fairfield Hills Campus Safety Improvements	50,000			
3	Public Works:				
4	Multi-purpose Building Roof	190,000	v	1/27/2022	f
5	Public Works 6 Wheel 8 Ton Dump Truck	240,000			
6	Public Works Front & Bucket Loader	300,000	v	7/28/2022	f
7	Transfer Station Site Improvements	200,000	v	4/11/2022	f
8	Municipal Building Improvements	100,000	v	4/11/2022	f
9	Public Safety:				
10	Fire Commission Fire Suppression Tank Repair	50,000	v	1/27/2022	f
11	Fire Company Grants (4 x \$15,000); NUSAR (\$15,000);	90,000	v	1/27/2022	f
12	Board of Fire Commissioners				
13	Ambulance (\$15,000)				
14	Recreation & Leisure:				
15	Parks & Recreation Truck with lift gate	90,000	v	4/11/2022	f
16	Treadwell Park Disc Golf Course	40,000			
17	Dickinson Park New Pavilion (Refurbishment)	150,000	v	4/11/2022	f
18	Bike Park at Fairfield Hills	85,000			
19	Edmond Town Hall Building Improvements	150,000			
20	The Art Walk at Fairfield Hills	50,000			
21	Sandy Hook Side Walks				
22	section #1	215,000			
23	section #2	525,000			
24	Health & Welfare:				
25	Senior/Community Center 14 passenger bus	90,000	v	5/9/2022	f
26	COVID supplies/expenses	40,000	v	1/27/2022	f
27	Child/Youth Enrichment Fund (Newtown Human Services Dept.)	20,000	v	7/28/2022	f
28	Community Center:				
29	Community Center Generator (75,000)	passed			
30	Community Center Outside Storage Building	75,000	v	4/11/2022	f
31	Community Center Patio	155,000	v	4/11/2022	f
32	Community Center Outdoor Spray Features (200,000)	passed			
33	Community Center/Senior Center Handicap Doors	16,000	v	4/11/2022	f
34	Education:				
35	Hawley School HVAC/Ventilation project	2,500,000	v		f
36	Student Tutoring Support Program (Newtown Human Services Dept.)	100,000	v	7/28/2022	f
37	BOE Information technology licenses to address				
38	covid 19 pandemic recovery	In Capital &			
39	BOE crime books for distance learning	non-recurring			
40	Function Wide:				
41	Reimburse the Town Medical Self Insurance Fund				
42	for COVID Expenses (since 3/3/2021)	325,000	v	1/27/2022	f
Total Proposed Uses		7,346,000			appropriated
Amount Available after Proposed Uses		328,294			5,571,000
v Recommended by the ARP Working Group. To go through the Town appropriation process (BOS/BOF/LC)					
f Appropriated by Legislative Council					
					5,991,000
					1,683,294



Dan Rosenthal <dan.rosenthal@newtown-ct.gov>

CIP Costs Covered by ARPA Funds, Grants, Fund Balance

1 message

ETH Manager <manager@edmondtownhall.org>

Mon, Sep 12, 2022 at 5:51 PM

To: Dan Rosenthal <dan.rosenthal@newtown-ct.gov>, Robert Tait <robert.tait@newtown-ct.gov>

Cc: Jennifer Guman <Jenguman@gmail.com>

Hello Dan and Bob,

Based on our discussion last Thursday September 8, we have determined what projects from the CIP can be paid with ARPA funds and/or grant funds, and thus deducted from the current ETH CIP Project List as outlined below. Also, see the note at the end where we discuss three items that we are going to try to pay with our fund balance provided we have enough to do so, they are: theater temperature control, damaged stack near VNA, stamped concrete repairs.

Bob, as requested during our phone conversation today, I have scanned a copy of the document you gave us on Thursday and have listed on each page where the deductions should be taken. The deductions are also listed below.

CIP ETH #2 ETH Building Renovations**Gym Kitchenette - Deduct \$20,898 from ETH #2**

Approximate cost of the gym kitchenette, appliances, staging platform and portable P.A. will be covered by grants for a total of **\$20,898**

CIP ETH #3 ETH Space Revitalization/Elevator Renewal**Building Doors - \$87K - Deduct \$81,800 from ETH #3**

We received a quote for \$87,000 (minus \$5,200 for gym doors from grant) = \$81,800. This can be covered from \$125K ARPA funds. Door project is complete.

Cameras \$57K (not including wiring, IT, paint)**Deduct \$43,200 from ETH #3**

The total cost for all cameras, based on vendor quote, is \$57,000. We received 13,500 from Borough. Brings cost down to 36,500. The parking lot project is supposed to provide cameras and wiring in the parking lot, deduct \$5,000 for the parking lot camera (*this 5K figure is an estimate*), which is part of ETH 1. This brings the cost down to 31,500. The 43,200 of the ARPA funds can cover the rest of the camera cost. Whatever is left over can go towards the wiring and IT work.

Total Deductions for CIP ETH #3 = \$125K**NOTE: Theater Temperature Control/Damaged Stack/ Stamped Concrete Repairs**

- These items are included in the CIP. We are looking at their cost and if it's within reach, we will pay for them with our fund balance. A quote for the stamped concrete repairs will be available the week of 9/12. The stack repair was \$10K as of July for the

primary stack only, not for the four other pipes that feed into the stack, and the theater temperature control will be obtained ASAP.

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