

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 3 PRIMROSE STREET, NEWTOWN, CT
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2022**

MINUTES

PRESENT: Jeffrey Capeci, Phil Carroll, Angela Curi, William DeRosa, Charles Gardner, Chris Gardner, Dan Honan, Lisa Kessler, Ryan Knapp, Michelle Embree Ku, Tom Long, Matthew Mihalcik

ALSO PRESENT: First Selectman Dan Rosenthal, Finance Director Bob Tait, BOE Chair Deborra Zukowski; 0 public, 0 press

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Capeci called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:30 pm.

VOTER COMMENT: None

MINUTES: Mr. Charles Gardner moved to accept the minutes of the September 21, 2022 Legislative Council Regular Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Mihalcik. All in favor. Motion passes (12-0).

COMMUNICATIONS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Mr. Knapp made note that the Ordinance Committee recently met and they are currently working on charges. Ms. Ku wanted to bring to the Council's attention that the Education Sub-Committee has been attending the CFF meetings for the BOE. Mr. Capeci reported that they have come to a mutual agreement regarding the teacher's union contract and it will be presented to the Council soon.

FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT: First Selectman Dan Rosenthal spoke on an ordinance on local forestry practices which dates back to the 1980's. State standards have gotten more extensive since then which prompted DEEP to reach out. The Inland Wetlands Commission recommends that we drop our local ordinance. The library roofing project began this week. We are okay in a budget standpoint but we are being challenged by inflation. We are seeing diesel fuel at above \$5.00/gallon. We will have to keep our eye on this because we are not budgeted for this high cost of diesel fuel. Should the price continue to go up, it may need to be managed this by doing transfer from another budget line or contingency to make the year. Thankfully we have moved away from diesel on many of our vehicles. The Hawley project is moving along well. The Police Department now has a full compliment of officers. The latest officer who was sworn in today is a Newtown native and a certified officer who was in Stratford for 10 years. The remediation of the old firehouse is done. We will be holding a private ceremony for the dedication of the Sandy Hook Memorial. It will be open to the public starting November 13th.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and Possible Action

- Request from the Tax Collector to Assign Liens for 24 Spring Trail

First Selectman Rosenthal asked to respectfully table this agenda item until the next meeting.

Mr. Charles Gardner moved to table the request from the Tax Collector to Assign Liens for 24 Spring Trail. Seconded by Mr. Chris Gardner. All in favor. Motion passes (12-0).

- Acceptance of a \$48,000 Grant from T-Mobile Hometown Grant Program for the Edmond Town Hall Gymnasium Renewal Project

Mr. Charles Gardner moved that we accept the \$48,000 Grant from T-Mobile Hometown Grant Program for the Edmond Town Hall Gymnasium Renewal Project. Seconded by Mr. Mihalcik. All in favor. Motion passes (12-0).

Mr. Long asked why this came before us. The First Selectman explained that this is because Edmond Town Hall is a town building. The Friends of Edmond Town Hall in conjunction with Edmond Town Hall Board of Managers, they asked for this grant. It would go towards improving the gymnasium and to add a warming kitchen. Ultimately, when the work is done, the Town will own what's there. Getting the grant was not incumbent on having to do anything in return for T-Mobile. (Att.)

- American Rescue Plan Appropriations: Dickinson Park Pavilion Refurbishment, Housing Stabilization Program, Bike Park at Fairfield Hills, Edmond Town Hall Improvements, Sandy Hook Sidewalk - Glen Road

Mr. Charles Gardner moved to approve a resolution providing for an appropriation totaling \$485,000 to finance an additional amount for the Dickinson Park Pavilion Refurbishment (\$50,000), a Housing Stabilization Program (\$20,000), a Bike Park at Fairfield Hills (\$75,000), Edmond Town Hall Improvements (\$125,000) and a new Sandy Hook Sidewalk – Glen Road (\$215,000), to be funded from the American Rescue Plan (ARP) grant. Seconded by Ms. Curi. (Att.)

Mr. Knapp moved to divide the question in order to discuss the items one at a time: Mr. Knapp moved to approve a resolution providing for an appropriation for the Dickinson Park Pavilion Refurbishment (\$50,000). Mr. Knapp moved to approve a resolution providing for an appropriation for a Housing Stabilization Program (\$20,000). Mr. Knapp moved to approve a resolution providing for an appropriation for a Bike Park at Fairfield Hills (\$75,000). Mr. Knapp moved to approve a resolution providing for an appropriation for Edmond Town Hall Improvements (\$125,000). Mr. Knapp moved to approve a resolution providing for an appropriation for a new Sandy Hook Sidewalk – Glen Road (\$215,000). Seconded by Mr. Carroll. All in favor to divide the question. Motion passes (12-0).

Dickinson Park Pavilion Refurbishment – First Selectman Rosenthal said this amount would cover a new roof on the pavilion, electrical upgrades to the pavilion, adding wi-fi in the pavilion; and removing the skylights from the outdoor bathrooms which are leaking. All in favor. Motion passes (12-0).

Housing Stabilization Program – Mr. Mihalcik explained this was a request from Human Services where people can ask for assistance towards rental and housing assistance. All in favor. Motion passes (12-0).

Bike Park at Fairfield Hills – The ARP Committee said they determined this would only help fund it, not to fully fund it. Some of the work to build this will be done through Public Works and Parks and Rec. The total amount for the project will be about \$85,000. The 1-acre park will be located behind the Community Center where the utility trucks currently park. Parks and Rec received a large donation of bikes and it will be meant for younger aged kids to have a safe area to practice riding. All in favor. Motion passes (12-0).

Edmond Town Hall Improvements – Mr. Mihalcik said these improvements include space revitalization, elevator renovations, cameras, IT and paint. This includes retrofitting the front doors. The request specifically for the cameras is \$36,500, the building doors is \$87,000, and \$13,500 came from the Borough. Mr. Honan asked what happens with any unspent money. First Selectman said it would go back to the bucket. Ms. Ku noted that, for context, Edmond Town Hall came to the ARP to present their case and this is a scaled down version of what their asks originally were. All in favor. Motion passes (12-0).

Sandy Hook Sidewalk – Glen Road – Mr. Mihalcik explained that he goal was to connect the Sandy Hook Memorial to Sandy Hook Center – 8 Glen Road to the Dayton Street bridge. S.H.O.P is proposing a trail that comes out of the proposed new park/pavilion at 8 Glen Road, down to the bridge and up Dayton Street – this will include an overlook area on Dayton Street. Town's priority is to connect sidewalks to the high school but that is a much larger project. The Town would have to do winter maintenance on adjacent properties and the State would have to take care of the rest. The space would be about 2700 linear feet. It would include the lampposts, red brick stamped sidewalks, etc. Mr. Carroll feels that there are other areas in town that could also benefit from these funds, not just the Sandy Hook area. Ms. Ku said the ARP committee did not receive any negative feedback for this request. Mr. Carroll remarked that, in his opinion, this money does not have to be put towards sidewalks; there are other uses in other areas of town that could benefit from these funds. Motion passes (7-4, Nays: Carroll, Curi, DeRosa, Kessler; Mr. Knapp abstained).

- Grant Acceptance – FISH

Mr. Charles Gardner moved to accept the \$14,000 donation from FISH to the Town Department of Human Services to be earmarked to assist with transportation to medical appointments and procedures. Seconded by Mr. Mihalcik. All in favor. Motion passes (12-0).

Ms. Ku expressed concern that the donors know that the money requested is, in fact, used for medical transportation. First Selectman Rosenthal said Human Services assists with this in making sure the transportation would be used to get people to their appointments. (Att.)

OLD BUSINESS

- Motion for Board of Education to deposit funds into the Non-Lapsing Education Fund

Mr. Charles Gardner moved that we approve the BOE decision to deposit funds into the Non-Lapsing Education Fund. Seconded by Mr. Mihalcik.

Mr. Charles Gardner amended the motion to clarify that it is to approve the BOE to deposit any unspent amounts from the 2021-2022 budget into the Non-Lapsing Education Fund. Seconded by Mr. Mihalcik. Motion passes (9-3; Nays: Curi, DeRosa, Kessler).

Ms. Kessler believes that surpluses should go back to the taxpayers. In her opinion, this should go towards academic and enrichment activities, such as tutoring, instead of building maintenance. The focus should be on funding the students and not the system.

VOTER COMMENT: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Mr. Charles Gardner moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 pm. Seconded by Mr. Knapp. All in favor.

*Respectfully submitted,
Rina Quijano, Clerk*

Attachments: T-Mobile Hometown Grant Program for the Edmond Town Hall Gymnasium Renewal Project, ARP Appropriations, FISH Grant Info

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AT THE NEXT MEETING. ANY EDITS WILL BE REFLECTED IN THE MINUTES OF THE NEXT MEETING.

Acceptance of a \$48,000 grant from the T-Mobile Hometown Grant Program for the Edmond Town Hall Gymnasium Renewal Project.



T-MOBILE HOMETOWN GRANT PROGRAM
MARKETING AGREEMENT

This Hometown Grant Program Marketing Agreement, along with the Standard Terms and Conditions attached as Exhibit A (collectively, "**Agreement**"), effective as of the date of full execution ("**Effective Date**"), sets forth the terms and conditions between **Mary Hawley Society DBA Friends of Edmund Town Hall ("Hometown")** and T-Mobile USA, Inc. ("**T-Mobile**"), regarding Hometown's status as a recipient in T-Mobile's Hometown Grant Program ("**Program**") and the parties' mutual rights and duties in connection with the Program.

1. **Program Duration:** 9/22/22 ("**Start Date**") through 9/30/23 ("**End Date**")
2. **Project:** The Edmond Town Hall Gymnasium Renewal Project is a plan to revitalize a beloved but tired 91-year-old gymnasium that is part of a historic building on Main Street gifted to the community by Mary Elizabeth Hawley. The building, including the gym, has been serving the community since 1930. This project aims to refresh and modernize the gym to enhance its use by the community as a gathering space for sports, celebrations, and civic events and even during emergencies or adverse weather events. This 5,000 square foot space with public bathrooms and portable tables and chairs can seat 600 people and serve almost 400 for dining. These funds will expand the gym's function and usefulness by adding a kitchenette; upgraded electrical, digital and communication capabilities; additional tables and chairs and an improved environment.

Upon completion, the Parties will also agree upon an additional attribution installation that recognizes T-Mobile's sponsorship of the Project, to be funded by T-Mobile in addition to the Sponsorship Fee referenced below.
3. **Hometown website and social media accounts ("Hometown Digital Channels"):**
 - a. Website: www.edmondtownhall.org
 - b. Facebook: Edmond Town Hall
 - c. Instagram: Edmond Town Hall
 - d. Facebook: Friends of Edmond Town Hall
4. **Program Details:**
 - a. T-Mobile will prepare a national news release regarding Hometown's status as a recipient in the Program, and Hometown will repost to the Hometown Digital Channels.
 - b. T-Mobile will post social media content about the Program during the Program's duration, and Hometown will repost that content on the Hometown Digital Channels using assets and agreed upon language provided by T-Mobile Public Relations team.
 - c. T-Mobile will supply an oversized check for publicity photos, which photos Hometown will share on the Hometown Digital Channels.
 - d. T-Mobile will supply window clings regarding the Program for display in city and business entities in Hometown during the Program.
 - e. Hometown will use the Sponsorship Fee to pursue the community project described above ("**Project**") and, at the mid-way point and end of the Program, Hometown leadership will provide T-Mobile with Project updates, including photos and publicity quotes, for T-Mobile's use on T-Mobile's website, PR channels, and social channels and further reposting on the Hometown Digital Channels.
 - f. For any in-person events in connection with Hometown's involvement in the Program, Hometown will follow, and ensure all Hometown staff and attendees of such event follow, all currently applicable CDC, State, and local guidelines as they pertain to COVID-19 and all safety guidelines.
5. **Sponsorship Fee:** T-Mobile will pay \$48,000 to Hometown for the above outlined Rights/Benefits within 30 days following full execution of this Agreement.



EXHIBIT A

In addition to the foregoing, the parties agree to the following Standard Terms and Conditions:

1. Representations and Warranties: The parties have the full right and legal authority to enter into and fully perform this Agreement in accordance with its terms. Hometown is solely responsible for the operation of the Project, including the safety and security of any visitors to or participants in the Project. Hometown represents and warrants that the Project, including the operation thereof, complies with all applicable laws and regulations. Hometown further represents and warrants that it is responsible for securing any required license or permits to conduct the Project, and that any materials and/or content it creates pursuant to this Agreement will not infringe on any third-party rights.
2. Use of Trademarks: T-Mobile grants to Hometown a limited, personal, non-exclusive, non-assignable, revocable, non-sublicensable, royalty-free license or sublicense (as applicable) to use and reproduce the T-Mobile trademarks and logos provided by T-Mobile (the "T-Mobile Marks") solely in connection with Hometown's performance of its obligations hereunder during the term of the Program and such use is subject to T-Mobile's Marks Rules available at <https://www.t-mobile.com/responsibility/legal/trademarks>. Hometown hereby grants T-Mobile the right to use Hometown's trademarks, logos, and trade names (as provided by Hometown) as necessary for T-Mobile to exercise its rights as set forth herein. Each party retains complete ownership of, all trademarks, logos, designs, copyrights, trade names, and all other intellectual property rights which it owns or has rights to and which are used in any way in materials in connection with this Agreement.
3. Media: Any and all media advertising or publicity content produced by Hometown that refers to T-Mobile or includes any T-Mobile Marks or mentions T-Mobile ("Media") and is intended to run on any public platform (including, but not limited to, tv, radio, print, out of home, web, or social media, whether paid or unpaid), shall require the prior written approval of the content by T-Mobile. If T-Mobile provides Media to Hometown, Media shall not to be altered by Hometown, or any other third-party, without the express, prior written consent of T-Mobile.
4. Indemnification: Each party agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold the other party, its affiliates, subsidiaries, parent and related companies, officers, directors, agents, and employees (collectively, the "Indemnified Parties") harmless from and against any and all third party claims, settlements, judgments, liabilities, damages, losses, suits and expenses of any nature whatsoever, including reasonable outside attorneys' fees (and fees incurred in enforcing this provision), arising out of, based upon, or in connection with any material breach by any party of its obligations or responsibilities under this Agreement, including any of its representations and warranties hereunder. The indemnity obligations set forth herein shall survive termination or expiration of this Agreement. Each party agrees to maintain applicable insurance policies and/or funds in place to cover its indemnification obligations.
5. Termination: Either party may terminate this Agreement in the event of a material breach by the other party. In addition, T-Mobile may terminate this Agreement for any reason with five days' notice. On any termination due to Hometown's breach, Hometown will refund the pro rata portion of any unearned prepaid Fees or T-Mobile will owe the pro rata portion of any Fees earned prior to termination.
6. Force Majeure: If because of an act of God, inevitable accident, fire, lockout, strike or other labor dispute, riot or civil commotion, act of terrorism or war, act of government or government instrumentality, or other cause beyond the reasonable control of a party ("Force Majeure Event"), either party is unable to perform any or all of its obligations hereunder, then such nonperformance will not be a breach of this Agreement. If due to a Force Majeure Event, T-Mobile does not receive all the benefits included in this Agreement, Hometown will provide T-Mobile with a reasonably equivalent make good or a pro-rata refund of the Fee paid, to be chosen at T-Mobile's sole discretion.
7. Miscellaneous: This Agreement constitutes the whole and entire Agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement and it shall not be modified or amended in any respect, except by a written instrument executed by both parties. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Washington, without regard to conflicts of law provisions, and the parties consent to the exclusive jurisdiction and venue of the state courts located in King County, Washington or the federal courts in the Western District of Washington. The parties agree that the terms of this Agreement are confidential and shall not be disclosed, except to the respective parties' advisors or as may be required by legal order or government authorities. All notices required or permitted hereunder shall be in writing and may be emailed, personally delivered, sent by reputable overnight courier or certified mail, return receipt requested, and in each case addressed to the parties using the contact information at the beginning of this Agreement.

Edmond Town Hall, 45 Main Street, Newtown, CT

Edmond Town Hall Gymnasium Renewal Project

T-Mobile Hometown Grant Application

Background

Edmond Town Hall, listed on the register of historic places and occupying a prominent location on our town's historic Main Street, has served the community as a gathering space for almost 100 years. We take pride in being a place where residents and neighbors gather to make memories.

In 1930, Mary Elizabeth Hawley, a generous resident, gifted the building to the people of Newtown. The Board of Edmond Town Hall Managers, created in 1931 and composed of volunteers elected by town residents for 6-year terms - has oversight of the building and its staff. The Board oversees building operations with a modest stipend from a trust fund and revenue from very affordable event space rentals, subsequent run movies, artistic, musical and sports events and office rentals to non-profit organizations and others.

The building has a theater, a gymnasium, a ballroom and several other spaces that are used by residents and neighbors as gathering places to celebrate life events, participate in civic activities, attend live performances, movies and other activities. The building is open 7 days a week from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 11 pm Friday through Sunday.

Gymnasium Renewal Needs

The building's gymnasium serves many gathering needs for the community from sports to civic activities, weddings, health events, birthdays, award ceremonies, middle school dances, fundraisers, exhibitions, and more. It is well loved and well used, which makes it very worn. It needs to be modernized and refreshed so that it can continue to serve as a gathering and celebration space for our town and our neighbors for the coming decades.

Proposed Project

The Edmond Town Hall Gymnasium Renewal Project is a plan to revitalize a beloved but tired 91-year-old gymnasium that is part of the Edmond Town Hall, a historic building on Main Street gifted to the community by beloved resident and benefactor Mary Elizabeth Hawley. The building, including the gym, has been serving the community since 1930. This project aims to refresh and modernize the gym to enhance its use by the community as a gathering space for sports, celebrations, and civic events and even during emergencies or adverse weather events. This 5,000 square foot space with public bathrooms and portable tables and chairs can seat 600 people and serve almost 400 for dining. We would like to expand the gym's function and usefulness as a community resource by adding a kitchenette; upgraded electrical, digital and communication capabilities; additional tables and chairs and an improved cleaner and neater environment.

The entire town and the neighboring towns, which also use the space, would benefit from a refresh of this public space in the following ways:

- The gymnasium can continue to serve as a safe, useful and affordable space for residents and neighbors to gather for milestone celebrations, events, sports and civic activities and even for emergencies.

weekends. We can accommodate large gatherings in our 600-seat capacity gymnasium. This makes our gymnasium an important community resource that with the right care and careful investment can remain useful and relevant and can continue to serve Newtown and the surrounding towns for many more generations.

If you were to leave your current position, what steps would be taken to ensure this project would continue uninterrupted? *

The Friends of Edmond Town Hall works closely with the Edmond Town Hall Board of Managers to assess the needs and priorities of the historic building and assist in fundraising and other activities that ensure the building can continue to serve the community. The Edmond Town Hall Board of Managers is overseen by a volunteer Board of Managers whose members are elected by town residents to serve 6-year terms. The Board has been overseeing and managing the building since 1931 and ensures not only its 7-day per week operations, but also its maintenance and appropriate staffing. The building has an operations manager who reports to the Board and a staff of three full-time people, three part-time people and many part-time and provisional staff from local colleges and the high school. This project would be implemented and managed by the building's operations manager. If the manager were to leave, the Board would hire a replacement, but in the meantime, the remaining staff would be able to continue operations as usual until this position is filled because there is contingency and succession planning in place. Similarly, if the chairman of the Friends of Edmond Town Hall were to leave, the vice-chairman would continue working closely with the operations manager to ensure the project is completed based on the approved budget and specifications, with the continued oversight of the Board of Edmond Town Hall Managers.

Is there a non-profit, or other community partner, that has sponsored or helped develop this plan? *

The Friends of Edmond Town Hall, previously known as The Mary Hawley Society, is a non-profit organization of volunteers. It was formed in the 2000s to help support Edmond Town Hall. The Friends assist Edmond Town Hall with fundraising activities, grant applications, a volunteer program for events and other needs. We are partnering with Edmond Town Hall in the application of this grant. We are also getting letters of support for this project from former town selectman Patricia Llodra.

Do you have any wired or wireless technology needs for the space? *

Yes. The building is very solid in its architecture and has thick masonry walls, steel beams and cement floors. The mobile reception is spotty in the gymnasium, which is something of a "dead spot" at times. It would be very helpful to install cell phone boosters to improve mobile phone reception and to add another wi-fi access point to strengthen current wi-fi reception. Greater camera coverage to supplement the existing coverage would be helpful as well.

Expected Outcomes

As a result of this gymnasium renewal, we can expect to have increased use of the gymnasium for events that involved milestone celebrations, arts and performance activities, civic activities and fundraisers. We also expect to be able to continue serving current users while providing amenities that will make their events easier to manage. These improvements could result in a 10 percent increase in gym use.

Edmond Town Hall Gym Renewal Project

Shovel Ready Plan - 2022

Publicity – Upon acceptance of grant, announce grant award and improvement plans and renewal schedule to the community through press releases and articles with *The Newtown Bee*, *The Monroe Courier*, *Voices* and all our social media channels and newsletter. Also post on our website.

July – September 9 – Replace broken gym closet doors, install electrical outlets, cabinets, sink and water faucet, build walls and doors to kitchenette.

August – Paint gymnasium ceiling, walls, woodwork, doors and entry

September – Install washer & dryer in utility room next to gym and vent to outside

September – October 20 – Purchase staging, chairs, dollies, portable P.A. and store in designated space. Develop rules and paperwork for use of the new amenities by community members.

January or end of project – Publicize project completion along with costs, grant provider information, benefit to the community and photos of improved space and amenities along with how to make use of the space and how to get more information.

NOTE: If grant is received after July, the timeline will move accordingly, but all work is expected to be complete within six months of receiving the grant.

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**TOWN OF NEWTOWN
FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT
(Per Town Charter 6-35(b), 6-40 & 7-25)**

REQUESTING DEPARTMENT EDMOND TOWN HALL

PROJECT: THE EDMOND TOWN HALL GYMNASIUM RENEWAL PROJECT

PROPOSED APPROPRIATION AMOUNT: \$ 48,000

PROPOSED FUNDING:

BONDING	\$	-
GRANT	\$	48,000
LOCAL MATCH	\$	-
OTHER	\$	-
CONTINGENCY	\$	7
IN KIND	\$	-
	\$	<u>48,000</u>

ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT ON OPERATING BUDGET (GENERAL FUND):

List any financial impact your request will have on the Town's annual operating budget.
Attach spreadsheet(s) showing your calculation of the estimated impact.

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY:	**FOR BRACKETS USE NEGATIVE SIGN BEFORE NUMBER**	(POSITIVE IMPACT) / NEGATIVE IMPACT	Attachment #
SALARIES & BENEFITS		***	
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES			
CONTRACTED SERVICES			
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE			
UTILITIES			
OTHER			
DEBT SERVICE (average)			
TOTAL IMPACT ON EXPENDITURES		\$ -	

REVENUE CATEGORY:	POSITIVE IMPACT / (NEGATIVE IMPACT)	Attachment #
PROPERTY TAXES		
CHARGES FOR SERVICES (FEES)		
OTHER		
TOTAL IMPACT ON REVENUES	\$ -	

TOTAL FINANCIAL IMPACT ON OPERATING BUDGET \$ -

EQUIVALENT MILL RATE OF TOTAL IMPACT

(using current year's information)

0.0000 mills

COMMENTS:

NO FINANCIAL IMPACT ON THE BUDGET. EDMOND TOWN HALL IS A SPECIAL REVENUE FUND.

PREPARED BY:

DATE: 9/19/2022 9/27/22

A resolution providing for an appropriation totaling \$485,000 to finance an additional amount for the Dickinson Park Pavilion Refurbishment (\$50,000); a Housing Stabilization program (\$20,000); a Bike Park at Fairfield Hills (\$75,000); Edmond Town Hall Improvements (\$125,000) and a new Sandy Hook Sidewalk – Glen Road (\$215,000). To be funded from the American Rescue Plan (ARP) grant.

\$485,000 requested appropriation was recommended by the ARP Working Group on 09/22/2022.

The ARP Working Group is comprised of the following:

Board of Selectmen

- Ed Schierloh *

Board of Finance

- Sandy Roussas *
- Erica Sullivan *

Legislative Council

- Charles Gardner *
- Matthew Mihalcik *
- Michelle Ku *

Ex-officio

- First Selectman, Dan Rosenthal *

* Present

Town of Newtown					
the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP)					
ARP Working Group Worksheet					
ARP award amount				7,674,294	9/22/2022
Possible Uses:					
line	General Government:		Recommended		Approved
1	Fairfield Hills - Replace Water Distribution System	1,500,000	✓	1/27/2022	f
2	Fairfield Hills Campus Safety Improvements	50,000			
3	Edmond Town Hall Building Improvements	125,000	✓	9/22/2022	
4	Public Works:				
5	Multi-purpose Building Roof	190,000	✓	1/27/2022	f
6	Public Works 6 Wheel 8 Ton Dump Truck	240,000			
7	Public Works Front & Bucket Loader	300,000	✓	7/28/2022	f
8	Transfer Station Site Improvements	200,000	✓	4/11/2022	f
9	Municipal Building Improvements	100,000	✓	4/11/2022	f
10	Sandy Hook Side Walks				
11	section #1 - Glen Road	215,000			
12	section #2	525,000			
13	Public Safety:				
14	Fire Commission Fire Suppression Tank Repair	50,000	✓	1/27/2022	f
15	Fire Company Grants (4 x \$15,000); NUSAR (\$15,000);	90,000	✓	1/27/2022	f
16	Board of Fire Commissioners				
17	Ambulance (\$15,000)				
18	Recreation & Leisure:				
19	Parks & Recreation Truck with lift gate	90,000	✓	4/11/2022	f
20	Treadwell Park Disc Golf Course	40,000			
21	Dickinson Park New Pavilion (Refurbishment)	150,000	✓	4/11/2022	f
22	Dickinson Park New Pavilion (Refurbishment) - add'l amount	50,000	✓	9/22/2022	
23	Bike Park at Fairfield Hills	75,000	✓	9/22/2022	
24	The Art Walk at Fairfield Hills	50,000		9/22/2022	
25	Health & Welfare:				
26	Housing Stalization Fund	20,000	✓	9/22/2022	
27	Senior/Community Center 14 passenger bus	90,000	✓	5/9/2022	f
28	COVID supplies/expenses	40,000	✓	1/27/2022	f
29	Child/Youth Enrichment Fund (Newtown Human Services Dept.)	20,000	✓	7/28/2022	f
30	Community Center:				
31	Community Center Generator (75,000)	passed			
32	Community Center Outside Storage Building	75,000	✓	4/11/2022	f
33	Community Center Patio	155,000	✓	4/11/2022	f
34	Community Center Outdoor Spray Features (200,000)	passed			
35	Community Center/Senior Center Handicap Doors	16,000	✓	4/11/2022	f
36	Education:				
37	Hawley School HVAC/Ventilation project	2,500,000	✓		f
38	Student Tutoring Support Program (Newtown Human Services Dept.)	100,000	✓	7/28/2022	f
39	BOE information technology licenses to address				
40	covid 19 pandemic recovery	In Capital &			
41	BOE crome books for distance learning	non-recurring			
42	Function Wide:				
43	Reimburse the Town Medical Self Insurance Fund				
44	for COVID Expenses (since 3/3/2021)	325,000	✓	1/27/2022	f
Amount Available after Appropriated					appropriated
1,683,294					5,991,000
✓ Recommended by the ARP Working Group. To go through the Town appropriation process (BOS/BOF/LC)					
f Appropriated by Legislative Council					

INFORMATION ABOUT FISH- FUNDS FOR MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE

Over 50 years ago a group of service-minded residents created a group called Friends in Service Here, or FISH. Its objective was to provide rides to fellow Newtown residents who needed to get to the hospital for a non-emergency visit, a doctor's appointment, or another medical location for an appointment when those residents could not drive themselves or had no other means of transportation.

At the start of COVID-19 FISH was among those to put its services on hold. The organization then decided based on their aging and depleting volunteer driver pool that they would not restart service and would dissolve FISH.

When operating FISH asked for donations from those who sought rides. When the decision was made to dissolve, FISH approached the Town to take the remainder of their funds to continue to assist residents in need with transportation.

FISH would like to donate the approximate \$14,000 to the Town/Department of Human Services to be earmarked to assist with transportation to medical appointments and procedures.

FISH did not keep hard statistics on their ridership prior to disbanding but estimates they did 4-6 rides a day when operating (M-Thursdays). Currently The Department of Human Services fields approximately 4-8 calls a month with transportation needs. These calls range from needing information about transportation options only to residents seeking financial help to cover a car service or medical transportation service such as Be Driven.