

Town of Willington

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Commission
40 Old Farms Road
Willington, CT 06279

Special Meeting Agenda

In Person Location: TOB, Upper Level Conference Room
Via web interaction (via Zoom platform)

July 18, 2022

1:30 PM

1. Call Meeting to Order

1:31pm

2. Roll Call- Members Present

C.Mailhos	J.Arpin (Zoom)
T.Smith	R.Campbell (Zoom)
S.Fisher	D. Latinscics
E.Wieczenski (Zoom)	S.Cobb
M.D'Amato	T.Sposato
S.Hills(absent)	

3. Approval of Minutes

a. 6/27/22

S.Cobb, made a motion to approve the June 27th minutes as written, second by E. Wiezenski.

All in Favor, motion passes with R.Campbell abstaining.

4. Correspondence

C.Mailhos indicated she has received an email from Library Board of Directors with additional information if/when applications open again. She further stated she had received an email from J.Arpin regarding Summer Camp funding.

5. Present to Speak

T.Smith stated that Jim Makuch had recently had some medical troubles and asked that the Commission keep him in their thoughts.

E. Woolfe: Stated that she had concerns of the use of a portion of the ARPA funds particularly related to ARPA #32 and ARPA #36

D.Berg: Noted an additional piece of information related to the connection of sewer infrastructure at Button Hill

6. New Business (No NEW requests to be received or heard - funding requests paused)

7. Unfinished Business

a. Requests to be CLOSED

C. Mailhos noted there were a number of projects that would soon be able to be closed upon payment of final invoices. It appeared as if the projects would result in cost savings which would be returned back to the Town's ARPA account.

b. Updates on PREVIOUSLY FUNDED requests (no discussion necessary if no updates)

- i. ARPA-3 -Second Ambulance (WFD1) / *Ambulance purchased for \$35,000, still shopping for accessories. Likely to come in under the \$100,000 budget.*
- ii. ARPA-4- Radios for DPW Use (DPW) / *Almost ready to close. Waiting for final bills to be paid. Total Appropriated (\$36,000) - Total Expenditure (\$28,946.02) = Amount to return to ARPA (\$9,053.98)*
- iii. ARPA-5- SCBA Air Packs (WHFD) / *Will order as soon as Willington receives the funds from Tranche 2. Vendor will hold quoted price. Likely to come in under \$137,000 budget.*
- iv. ARPA-6 - Generator for DPW (DPW) / *Will order as soon as Willington receives the funds from Tranche 2. Vendor will hold quoted price. Likely to come in under \$69,000 budget.*
- v. ARPA-7 - AC for HMS Band Room (BOE) - *Almost ready to close. Waiting for final bills to be paid. Total Appropriated (\$20,000) - Total Expenditure (\$11,550) = Amount to return to ARPA (\$8,450)*
- vi. ARPA-10 - TOB Meeting Room Equipment - Mics & speakers (BOS) / *Purchase on hold*
- vii. ARPA-13 - Devices for town staff and Senior Center (BOS) / *Approved at 5/24/22 Public Hearing for \$46,000. Some of the devices have been received.*
- viii. ARPA-14 - Small Business and Nonprofit Assistance Program (EDC) / *EDC has closed the first round of applications for the BRIG program. Next meeting is in August where the (approx. 17) applications will be discussed. Funding was approved at 5/24/22 Public Hearing for \$300,000.*
- ix. ARPA-15 - Senior Center Coordinator Position (WHS) / *Working on job description and position details.*
- x. ARPA-16 - Radios for FD Use (WHFD & WFD1) / *Ordered, waiting for delivery and final invoices. Will come in just under the \$235,000 budget.*
- xi. ARPA-23 - Summer Camp Supplement / *Approved on 5/24/22 for \$36,238. Summer camp is currently running with close to 50 campers enrolled each week.*
- xii. ARPA-25 - Fuel Bank and HH Heating Expenses / *Approved on 5/24/22 for \$25,000 to be used in the winter of 22-23.*
- xiii. ARPA-26 - Forestry Plan for Mason Road Tract (WCC) / *Approved on 5/24/22 for \$2,800. Forest Management Plan expected to be completed in Fall of 2022.*
- xiv. ARPA-27 - Building materials for park structure maintenance (WCC) / *Approved on 5/24/22 for \$3,500. These funds may take several years to spend.*
- xv. ARPA-29 - ARPA Commission Public Hearing Expenses (ARPA) (prior ARPA-28) / *Approved on 5/24/22 for \$2,000. To date \$796.48 has been spent to hold 3 Public Hearings.*

c. Updates on PREVIOUSLY HEARD requests (no discussion necessary if no updates)

- i. ARPA-39 - Repair of Library Building Structure (WPL) \$27,600.

d. Updates on requests heard at PUBLIC HEARING on 7/11/22 (no discussion necessary if no updates)

- i. ARPA-17/18 - Walking track improvements at RRAC (Drainage & lights) (WPRC) - \$196,979
- ii. ARPA-20 - New Furnace for Fire House (WHFD) \$20,000
- iii. ARPA-28 - Technology upgrades at the Senior Center (WSC) \$3,000
- iv. ARPA-30A - Direct Emergency Call Line at Button Hill (WHA) \$53,000
- v. ARPA-30B - Emergency Generator at Button Hill (WHA) \$77,000

- vi. ARPA-31 - Historical Society Archival Storage (WHS) \$15,000
- vii. ARPA-32 - Retention Bonuses for Town Employees (BOS) - \$32,250
- viii. ARPA-33 - Flags, Grave Markers and Monument Repair (WVF) - \$6,500
- ix. ARPA-34 - Storage Box at DPW for Evictions (DPW) - \$6,000
- x. ARPA-35 - Bring URCommunityCares.org to Willington (WHS) - \$6,000
- xi. ARPA-36 - Retention Bonuses for Fire Department Employees (WFD1) - \$17,000
- xii. ARPA-37 - 2022 John Deere Skid Steer (DPW) - \$68,000
- xiii. ARPA-38 - Installation of Perimeter/Key Location Traffic Cameras (BOS) - \$220,000

e. Funding Request Submissions - POSSIBLE ACTION

i. **ARPA-38 - Installation of Perimeter/Key Location Traffic Cameras (BOS) - \$220,000**

E.Wieczenski noted that while the BOS had not had the chance to discuss this project following the ARPA Public Hearing, her recommendation to the BOS would be that this project be paused or withdrawn given the lack of any support indicated during the public hearing.

Motion by S.Cobb Second by T.Sposato to not fund ARPA-38.

All in Favor. Motion Passes Unanimously

Motion made by C.Mailhos Second by S.Fisher to send ARPA #32 and ARPA #36 to a Town Meeting for consideration.

Commission members held a general discussion about their thoughts on these two projects, the process and how best to proceed.

E.Wieczenski indicated that based upon the comments made during the Present to Speak portion of the meeting the Commission may want to consider not allocating any additional ARPA funding until the Town was fully aware of potential allegation made.

C.Mailhos indicated that she didn't feel these projects should be voted on by the ARPA Commission.

T.Smith indicated that he was comfortable voting on the projects

T.Smith: made a motion to table original motion. Second by C.Mailhos.

T. Smith, M.D'Amato, S.Fisher, E.Wieczenski, C.Mailhos, S.Cobb, Voting Yes
R.Campbell, T.Sposato, D.Latinscics, J.Arpin, Abstaining

Motion Passes

E.Wieczenski made a motion for the Commission to hold off on any further appropriations until such time as the Town can seek legal guidance. Second by S.Cobb.

The Commission held a discussion about if the Commission should hold off on the allocation of any funds or just any potential allocation. It was further stated that the Town did not have the second tranche of funding as of the date of the meeting.

Voting on the motion was as follows:

E.Wieczenski: --Yes
T.Sposato-- Yes
M. D'Amato—Yes
S.Cobb—Yes
R.Campbell

D.Latinscics—Yes
J.Arpin--Yes
C.Mailhos-- Yes
S.Fisher--Abstain

Motion Passes

8. Present to Speak

D.Berg spoke regarding their application for an emergency generator at button hill. They further clarified that the generator would include running the pump for the septic. They further clarified the other items that would and would not be serviced by the generator once installed.

9. Adjourn

S.Cobb made a motion to adjourn, second by T.Smith.

All in Favor. Motion Passes

Meeting was adjourned at 2:26pm. The next meeting is Aug 1, 2022.

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