

Town of New Fairfield
Board of Selectmen
4 Brush Hill Road
New Fairfield, CT 06812

MINUTES

Board of Selectmen Special Meeting
Monday, October 25, 2021 7:30 PM
ARPA WORKING GROUP
Virtual meeting via Zoom

Members present:

Pat Del Monaco, First Selectman
Khris Hall, Selectman
Kim Hanson, Selectman

Other Town Officials Present:

Maria Evans, Director of Emergency Management
Karen Fildes, Director of Technology and Communications
Ed Sbordone, Finance Director and Town Treasurer
Tim Simpkins, Health Director
Bruce Taylor, Fire Chief
Mark Werner, BOF Alternate
Cindy White, Director of Social Services

Paul Gouveia gave a brief overview of the rules and procedures for having a virtual meeting.

Call To Order First Selectman Pat Del Monaco called the meeting to order at 7:35pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Presentation and discussion of potential projects for ARPA funds

First Selectman Pat Del Monaco noted that the purpose of this meeting was to have a presentation and discussion of potential infrastructure projects that can be accomplished using American Rescue Plan funds.

- **Sewer Study**- The approximate cost of the survey and design for this project would be \$1.6 million to be “shovel ready”. This project would be done in two phases which would consist of sewers for the center of town and then possibly include the schools. By funding this project with ARPA funds, money that was previously earmarked for this project in the Capital and Nonrecurring fund would become available.
- **Ball Pond drainage**- There has been a severe erosion problem going down the hill from Ball Pond. It is estimated that \$150,000 would be needed for the study and design of a detention system to slow the water and curb the erosion.
- **Beach House at Town Park**- \$700,000 has been set aside for this project as well as \$112,000 in the Parks and Rec Cap & Non line for this project

There was a brief discussion of whether or not there is a need for sewers in town and the cost of a sewer study.

Fire Dept- Fire Chief Bruce Taylor noted that he has been in contact with Town Engineer Tony Iadarola about architect drawings to show the best way to maximize space at Company A Firehouse including

housing for EMT staff. He also spoke of the need for showers and decontamination units for Company A Firehouse. Lastly, he spoke of a repeater site for Sherman in order to improve communications.

Social Services- Director of Social Services Cindy White spoke of the possibility of starting a fund for emergency housing and estimated that \$25,000 would be a good starting balance for this fund. She noted that this temporary housing would be used for residents that are at risk for eviction, or cannot stay in their house while repairs are being made due to safety concerns. It is hopeful that this fund could be replenished on an ongoing basis by donations and grant opportunities. There was a discussion of how much has been spent on rental assistance or temporary housing in recent years.

Next Steps

Pat Del Monaco noted that the following will be discussed at a meeting in the near future:

- Technical information and a presentation from the Town Engineer about the sewer and infrastructure projects.
- Technical information about the Company A Fire Department project.
- Information and estimated costs for temporary housing from Social Services.
- Plans for the Beach House

Public Comment- None

Executive Session

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:20 pm for the purpose of discussing possible project related to security and to invite Director of Emergency Management Maria Evans, Director of Technology and Communications Karen Fildes, Finance Director and Town Treasurer Ed Sbordone, Health Director Tim Simpkins, Fire Chief Bruce Taylor and Director of Social Services Cindy White into the Executive Session. Khris Hall seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to come back from Executive Session at 9:11 pm. Kim Hanson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Adjournment

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 pm. Khris Hall seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Suzanne Kloos

**Received by email on 11/1/2021 @ 1:15 p.m.
By: Holly Z. Smith, Asst. Town Clerk, New Fairfield**