

ARPA COMMITTEE MEETING, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2023 AT 2:00PM

Present: Mike Baraw, Denise Daigle, Jason Willis, Joanne Guyette-Worth, Bob Best, Ellen Fox

Joanne called the meeting to order at 2:03PM.

Denise made a motion to approve the minutes of the 1/10 meeting seconded by Bob Best and passed on a voice vote.

The board further discussed the proposed use of ARPA funds. Joanne stated she contacted Omer Roberge who built the dug outs years back. He stated he thought these were still in good shape and could be re-located rather easily. Bob stated he as well looked at these and agreed that they were in good shape. Mike presented prices on a pond on the town land on Vance Hill. Denise talked to ACT 250 and no permit is needed for this. Mike also talked to Jeff Hoffer and he stated that he felt that the digging of a pond would in no way effect our existing wells. Ellen made a motion to present to the selectboard a recommendation to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 for the construction of a pond for use for fire protection seconded by Denise and passed on a voice vote. Ellen made a motion to present to the selectboard a recommendation to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 to bring the town clerk's office up to compliance with ADA regulations, seconded by Denise and passed on a voice vote.

Ellen stated she will have more information on a walking path for the next meeting. Denise stated she will have prices and information regarding digitizing land records for the next meeting. Jason Willis asked the committee to consider using some funds to replace helmets for the fire fighters at an approximate cost of \$10,526.43. Mike made a motion to present to the selectboard a recommendation to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$11,000.00 for purchasing helmets for the fire fighters, seconded by Denise and passed on a voice vote.

Denise presented the committee with a request from Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter for use of \$12,000.00 of the town's ARPA funds to help them address facility and infrastructure needs. The committee took no action on this request at this time.

Mike stated he is still waiting on plans for the recycling center from the waste district. He talked to the building trades department at the high school and they might be willing to help out on a recycling center building when and if the time came. Mike will try to get ball park prices on a wash bay for the next meeting.

Tentative date for next meeting is March 14, 2023 at 2:00PM. Voted to adjourn at 3:10PM.