

Special Board of Selectmen Meeting

Town Hall - 11:00 a.m.

Thursday, December 26th, 2024

Meeting Minutes

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LAUREN A. GRIFFIN, TOWN CLERK

1. Call to Order: 11:01 a.m.

In Attendance: Board of Selectmen members: Debbie Bourbeau, Betty OBrien, Joe Asklar, Louise Concodello and John Rizza.
Also, David Porter - Town Manager, Linda Savitsky - Interim Town Financial Manager and Peter Hughes - Town Planner.

2. Public Comments:

Good Citizen - Made comments about the proposed cameras on N. Main Street and construction on S. Main Street.

Rick Marini - 25 Dickenson Rd. - Discussed the need for the purchasing of a Lucas 3 CPR device for the Pettingill Ambulance Association.

On Zoom: Judy Stimpson - 72 Saner Rd. - Reported that the sidewalks on N. Main Street were not shoveled after the last time it snowed.

3 New Business - Approve use of ARP Funds:

Ms. Bourbeau opened the meeting by asking Mr. Porter to review the proposed ARP funds expenditures. Mr. Porter reported that all ARP funds must be committed by December 31, 2024 and expended by December 31, 2025. The Town has \$103,000 of ARP funds remaining. The U.S. Treasury encouraged recipients to commit funds in excess of their remaining balance to give themselves flexibility with respect to change as project are completed. Ms. Savitsky reviewed the rules for spending the monies. She reported that if we are unable to complete one of the project components or a project comes in under budget, we can use any remaining funds to pay for the financial consulting services we are using to get current with our annual audits.

Ms Bourbeau motioned to move to allocate up to \$23,000 of ARP funds to procure and install a water treatment system at Firehouse 2, seconded by Ms. Concodello.

All in favor and motion carried.

Mr. Asklar motioned to move to allocate up to \$94,000 of ARP funds for renovations at the Town Hall and Senior Center, seconded by Ms. Concodello.

All in favor and motion carried.

Mr. Asklar motioned to allocate up to \$30,000 of ARP funds to repay the General Fund for financial consulting services related to the audit, seconded by Ms. Concodello.

All in favor and motion carried.

Mr. Porter asked the Chairman for permission to discuss with several members of the public the issue regarding the Lucas 3 CPR device and permission was granted. It was explained that the Lucas 3 is a mobile CPR device which would cost approximately \$24,000 and would include the unit, battery and charging device. In order to fund this device from ARP funds the proposed ARP funds would have to be reallocated at a special meeting before the end of the calendar year. The board reviewed the proposal and decided to hold a special meeting on Monday, December 30, 2024 at 10 a.m. to continue the discussion.

4. Public Comments:

Good Citizen commented that the monies for the N. Main Street cameras be cut. Hal Whitney commented about the MES sidewalk repairs.

5. The meeting was adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Betty OBrien

Vice-Chairman, Board of Selectmen