

Board of Selectmen
Special Meeting
Thursday, June 16, 2022
Preston Town Hall - Lower Level

Call to Order - Sandra Allyn-Gauthier called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.

1. Roll Call

Sandra Allyn-Gauthier
Jerry Grabarek
Ken Zachem

Also Present

Cindy Varricchio - Finance Director
Kimberly Lang - Recording Secretary

2. Correspondence - None

3. Reports - None

4. Appointments and/or Resignations - None

5. New Business

a. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Spending Plan

Sandra Allyn-Gauthier reviewed the ARPA Plan draft. It was explained that the \$160,000 for the pumper truck would be additional funds added to the planned \$550,000 expenditure from the 2018 Capital Improvement Bond. There is an urgency with that expenditure because the cost is being held until July 16, 2022 after which the cost will increase by 10%. It was explained that the Fire Department would like to hold off on the dry hydrant repairs and the vehicle exhaust system and use those funds to replace the Chief's vehicle which is a 2016 with over 100,000 miles on it.

The only other change would be the replacement of guardrails for the Parks and Rec would be returned to the Capital Plan and the funds would be spent on installing security cameras for \$15,000 to make the park a safer place for people to gather.

The review was concluded by pointing out that the plan spends \$1,217,226 and that \$151,545 still remains to be allocated. The remaining funds may be needed for various unforeseen increases or set aside for the items that the costs have yet to be determined, like

the Strategic Plan. She reminded the Board members that the funds need to be obligated by 2024 and liquidated by 2026, so there's time to make final decisions.

Jerry Grabarek stated that he liked the suggestion that was made at the Board of Finance meeting asking TVCCA to use the Preston funds to directly assist Preston residents.

Then the actual steps needed to implement the plan were discussed. Because the Board of Finance approved the Plan at their meeting last night; the next step is to have Public Comment at the next Board of Selectmen Meeting on June 23, 2022. Then make revisions if need be and have a Town Meeting June 30, 2022. That time table allows for the possible purchase of the pumper truck before the standing agreement runs out on July 16, 2022.

Ken Zachem motioned to approve the American Rescue Plan as presented and open it to additional Public Comment at the Board of Selectmen Meeting on June 23, 2022. Jerry Grabarek seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

6. Old Business - None

7. Tax Refunds - None

8. Public Comment - None

9. Adjournment

Jerry Grabarek motioned to adjourn at 7:13 P.M. Ken Zachem seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Lang

Recording Secretary