



ARPA Public Hearing & Selectmen's Meeting
Tuesday, October 19, 2021
4:45pm

Board: R. Gil Rand, Charyl Reardon, Scott Rice

Staff: Judy Welch, Kevin Millar

In-Person Public: Bill Waterhouse, Bob Stahler, Kelly Watts

Via Zoom: Barbara Avery, Sharon Carroll, Melissa Sabourn, Deborah Lessard

- **Open Public Hearing**

Charyl called the public hearing to order at 4:46 pm.

Charyl explained that pursuant to RSA 31:95-b, a notice of public hearing was necessary to take public comment on the accepting and expending the first round of unanticipated revenue from the ARPA Fund (American Rescue Plan Act).

The Town has received \$71,450.68 in the first of two rounds of funding from the Act. The Board anticipates the second round in September of 2022. The total award is estimated to be \$142,901.00

Charyl stated that the Board would like to utilize money from the ARPA Fund to expand Broadband to underserved areas in the community, recover some of the lost revenue due to the pandemic, and water/sewer repairs and infrastructure projects.

Charyl opened the floor to public comment.

Bill Waterhouse questioned if there was guidance on the expenditure of this money. Charyl explained that ARPA had provided eligible uses for these funds.

Gil motioned to accept funds for \$71,450.68. Scott seconded the motion, and the vote was affirmative.

- **Close Public Hearing**

Charyl closed the Public Hearing at 5:00 pm.

- **Call Selectmen's Meeting to Order**

Charyl called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

- **Approve & Sign Minutes/October 5, 2021**

Scott motioned to accept the minutes of the October 5, 2021, Selectmen's Meeting. Gil seconded the motion, and the vote was affirmative.

- **Approve & Sign Non-Public Minutes/October 5, 2021**

Gil motioned to accept and seal the non-public minutes of the October 5, 2021, Selectmen's Meeting. Scott seconded the motion, and the vote was affirmative.

- **Bill Waterhouse/MS61/Uncollected Taxes**

Bill posed why the "Total Uncollected Taxes" listed on the MS-61 on page 28 of the 2020 Town Report was so high at the last meeting.

Charyl explained that the total uncollected taxes would appear higher than usual because the tax rate setting was delayed due to the revaluation and pandemic. Charyl noted that the fall tax bills were mailed on December 22, 2020; therefore, not due until January 22, 2021. Charyl pointed out that the information in the MS-61 form is a calendar year. Therefore, most of the 2020 fall tax bill will appear on the 2021 MS-61 in the Remitted to Treasurer section, under Property Taxes, Levy Year 2020.

- **Approve Check Requests/Woodstock Firefighter Fund**

- **The Rocks/Christmas Wreaths/ Fundraiser/\$2573.50**

Scott motioned to approve the check request for \$2573.50 payable to The Rocks for the Wreath Fundraiser. This money is to be withdrawn from the Woodstock Firefighter Capital Reserve Fund. Gil seconded the motion, and the vote was affirmative.

- **Accept Donation/Woodstock Firefighter Fund**

- **Woodstock Inn Company Store/T-Shirt Sales/\$140.00**

The Woodstock Fire Department presented the Board with a gift from T-Shirt sales at Woodstock Inn in the amount of \$140.00 on behalf of the Woodstock Firefighters, to be deposited in the previously established Woodstock Firefighter Fund. Gil motioned to accept the gift of \$140.00 from the Woodstock Firefighters and requested that the Trustees of Trust Funds deposit it into the Woodstock Firefighter Fund. Charyl seconded the motion, and the vote was affirmative. Scott abstained.

- **Woodstock Inn Company Store/T-Shirt Sales/\$120.00**

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- **Woodstock Inn Company Store/T-Shirt Sales/\$680.00**

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- **Public Participation**

Kelly Trinkle asked if there was a reason, she had not been able to access the meeting and had questioned why she had to wait in the "waiting room" of Zoom. Charyl explained that there was a problem with the link at the last meeting.

- **Old/Other Business as listed:**

Bill Waterhouse asked if he could discuss Johnson Road. Charyl explained it was not an agenda item and encouraged Bill to outline his specific questions and submit them to Judy for the next Selectmen's Agenda.

- **Non-Public Session/RSA 91-A:3 II (a) Personnel (e) Taxes (d) Sale of Property**

- **Adjournment**

At 5:13 pm, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the Selectmen's Meeting and enter into a non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A: 3, II (a) (Personnel) (e) (Taxes) (d) (Sale of Property).

MOTION:

Roll Call: Scott Rice, Yes, Charyl Reardon, Yes, Gil Rand, Yes, Administrator, Judy Welch

At 6:20 pm, the Board came out of a non-public session. Scott motioned to adjourn the non-public session and seal the minutes. Gil seconded the motion, and the vote was affirmative.

VOTED 3-0

The public could participate remotely over Zoom by going to www.zoom.us, using the Zoom App on a cellphone, or on a landline calling 1-646-558-8656 Password: 003948 and entering Meeting ID: 935 0216 8673 Password: 003948.


Charyl Reardon, Chairman


Scott Rice


R. Gil Rand

November 2, 2021
Date

