

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND DISCUSSION
TUESDAY, September 7, 2021, 5:00-5:45 p.m.

Those in person: Mike Hogan, Fred Ducharme, Michelle Leclerc, Frank Kampf, Betty Ritter, Kurt Steinert; Kathleen Hoyne, Beth Wade, Dan Dunham via zoom: Matt Nally, Ellen Cairns, Karlin Schmidt

1. Call Meeting to Order – the meeting was called to order by Mike Hogan at 5:05 p.m.
2. Approve Agenda – A motion was made by Fred with a second by Matt. Motion carried.
3. Discussion with ARPA – Mike went over the purpose of the meeting is to discuss the ARPA Funding that we will be receiving. It was a \$350 Billion aid for state and municipalities from the federal government. State of Vermont is receiving \$1.5 billion. There are two portions – town and county - \$430,000 aid. Coming into two times. We have \$214,000, and the rest will come in spring. The distribution will be done by the governing authority of the Town. We are trying to get an idea of what we are in need of. Water, wastewater, broadband (C V Fiber) State received money designated in the broadband apart from the money we received. Thus far we have records restoration, water/wastewater, Library, electrical outlets on the Common.

Mike wanted to know if we have anyone ideas. CCA is in owner of the brown building would like to demolish the building. If the structure building is sound – may turn it into a commercial building. There is interest in the main floor and upstairs. Frank – to renovate it would cost \$600,000-700,000 to renovate. Ellen wanted to know how wastewater water relates to Covid. This is one of the items ARPA particularly selected for funds. Kathleen it would be good to donate to broadband, CV Fiber is looking for \$1,000,000 for Cabot to donate. Kathleen – what about the WB Committee any building improvements – boiler, and what we want to do with the building. There is a meeting schedule for next week and they will discuss the needs at that time. Ellen thought it would be a good idea to send out a survey how the service is in this area especially if quite a few people working from home would be helpful.

Mike will do a list and put it on the website. The list he has thus far is.

Willey Building
Town Records

What about Masonic Hall the question came up with using wifi there since there is the parking lot there.

Trails Committee is trying to get things together and Frank was wondering about if this would fall under this.

Matt – Broadband is important for people working at home. However, he felt that we have to consider what the water and wastewater needs are. Mike believes water and wastewater feels this is very necessary. He would like to see this money spread out.

Any other ideas – no one had anything at this time.

We will have another meeting in October and will be posted.

4. Adjourn – A motion was made by Fred with a second by Mike – motion carried. We adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Ritter