

## Special meeting of the Waterbury Select Board

Thursday October 20, 2022

### Minutes

Hybrid meeting held at the Steele Community Room, 28 North Main Street and on Zoom

**Attendees:** R. Clapp, C. Viens A. Johnson & D. Kehlmann (Select Board), W. Shepeluk, K. Petrovic (staff), T. Lietz, L. Scagliotti (Waterbury Roundabout)

**Via Zoom:** M. Bard, Chair

Vice Chairperson Kehlmann called the meeting to order at 6:05pm

#### Approve Agenda

A. Johnson requested time on the agenda to approve an Outside Consumption Permit the Town Clerk received earlier in the week. This item will be added to the start of the meeting. **C. Viens made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by R. Clapp and passed unanimously.**

**Public:** none

#### SELECT BOARD ITEMS

**Approve Outside Consumption Permit:** R. Clapp made a motion to approve the Outside Consumption Permit for Saltusmare LLC DBA Old Stagecoach Inn. A. Johnson seconded the motion, a vote was held and passed unanimously.

#### Discuss potential ARPA allocation ideas:

W. Shepeluk reminded the Board of previous decisions made regarding ARPA funding and what funds are left to be allocated. He also advised them on changes to the legislation of uses for the funds specifically for municipalities that received less than ten million dollars in funding. The Town of Waterbury received a total of \$1,540,963.72 which has been earning interest for a total available today of \$1,541,495.78

The Board has already promised the following uses: CVFiber \$50,000; Ice Center \$100,000; WASI \$76,000 and the Highway Department if needed \$95,000. W. Shepeluk and incoming Deputy Municipal Manager T. Lietz will be working on a recommendation to allow all funds to be considered loss revenue for the purpose of reporting to allow for additional time and flexibility in spending.

Each member of the board was provided time to list their hopes for the additional funds available

R. Clapp would like to be transparent about the uses of the funds. The original intent of the funds was to be used on public health, address negative economic impacts due to COVID, provide premium pay for essential workers, improve water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure. By consensus the Board agreed the previous allocations do meet those criteria. R.

Clapp would like to see additional spending on unpaved or substandard roads. Explore regional projects with neighboring communities and improvements to current community facilities such as the Rec Building.

C. Viens would like to see funds put aside for future building maintenance. An addition or expansion of the Rec Building. Town Committees such as Conservation. Repairs or replacements of roads & bridges. A proposal to have access of the quarry on Sweet Road.

M. Bard would like to see funds used to establish a Housing Fund. A fund to assist new business owners and infrastructure improvements to roads and bridges.

A. Johnson shares many other board members thoughts that roads and bridges should a priority. She would like to see Strategic Sustainable planning, a housing fund with thoughts of what Montpelier is doing. Reserve funds for an Innovative Community Proposal or organization.

D. Kehlmann would like to see pathways of communication with the public.

Board consensus that ARPA money should not be allocated for public safety such as increased police patrolling, that is a general government function that should be considered as part of the annual budget.

#### **Discuss possible methods for public input regarding ARPA allocations**

R. Clapp would like to advertise an open meeting in December for comment as well as a survey. The Board agreed to have a survey mailed by November 11, 2022 with the December 5, 2022 Select Board meeting being warned for discussion of the topic.

W. Shepeluk informed the board there is an issue with two of the Town Highway Departments trucks. One was scheduled to be purchased in 2022 on the budget, it has just arrived in the State and there is a good chance it will not be ready for the road this year. In the meantime, the one ton has service issues and it not worth the cost of repairs. The Highway Supervisor in shopping for a one ton, if one is found it will be purchased this year so the Department is not down two trucks going into the winter months.

**R. Clapp moved to adjourn at 8:46pm; motion seconded by C. Viens and passed unanimously.**

The next meeting of the Town of Waterbury Select Board is scheduled for Monday, November 7, 2022