

**ARPA Committee
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 28, 2023
6:00pm via Zoom &
Clifford B. Green Memorial Center**

Present: Austin Tanner, David Lee, Lou Brodeur, Joe Voccio, and Sara Deshaies, Recording Secretary

Also Present: Sandy Brodeur and Chief Peppin

1. **Call to Order** – A. Tanner called the meeting to order at 6:03pm
2. **Approve Minutes: 2/16/2023** – L. Brodeur made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. J. Voccio seconded. No discussion. Motion passed 4-0-0.
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Final Approval of Projects:**
 - a. **Mortlake Fire Company - \$50,000 revenue losses July 2021 to June 2022**– J. Voccio made a motion to give final approval. D. Lee seconded. Discussion was had about the periods of coverage. Motion passed 4-0-0.
 - b. **Mortlake Fire Company - \$70,000 revenue losses July 2020 to June 2021** – J. Voccio made a motion to give final approval. D. Lee seconded. No discussion. Motion passed 4-0-0.
 - c. **AmVets - \$16,140 fundraising losses March 2021 to Oct 2022** – D. Lee made a motion to give final approval. J. Voccio seconded. No discussion. Motion passed 4-0-0.
 - d. **Economic Development Position - \$80,000 for two years** – D. Lee made a motion to give final approval. A. Tanner seconded. Discussion was had about the position’s directives and future funding. Motion passed 3-1-0. J. Voccio was a nay.
 - e. **Waterline Extension on South Main Street - \$200,000** – D. Lee made a motion to give final approval. J. Voccio seconded. Discussion was had about to actual location of the line and the connection to the fire house. Motion passed 4-0-0.
 - f. **Town of Brooklyn Paving \$225,000** – L. Brodeur made a motion to give final approval. D. Lee seconded. No discussion. Motion passed 4-0-0.
 - g. **Town of Brooklyn Catch Basins \$50,000** – L. Brodeur made a motion to give final approval. J. Voccio seconded. There was discussion about grants for catch basins. Motion passed 4-0-0.
 - h. **Mortlake Ambulance \$260,000** – A. Tanner made a motion to give final approval. J. Voccio seconded. There was discussion about the commitment and cost to operate a second ambulance. L. Brodeur stated five requests for bids have been sent out, the first estimate was \$300,000. Motion passed 4-0-0.
 - i. **Tennis Courts \$260,000** – L. Brodeur made a motion to give final approval. J. Voccio seconded. J. Voccio stated this amount is an allowance toward the full cost of the total project. D. Lee asked what happens to the old courts. J. Voccio stated it will probably turn the old courts into a dog park or something like it. Motion passed 4-0-0.
 - j. **South Street Park \$300,000** – J. Voccio made a motion to give final approval. D. Lee seconded. J. Voccio stated this is another project that the allowance is only part of the total cost. A. Tanner stated the recreation director will likely pick and choose what to install/repair with the money provided. Motion passed 4-0-0.

- k. **School HVAC \$150,000** – J. Voccio made a motion to earmark the funds needed for this project. May not happen in this cycle. D. Lee seconded. Motion passed 4-0-0.
 - l. **School Phone System \$135,000** – J. Voccio made a motion to give final approval. D. Lee seconded. No discussion. Motion passed 4-0-0.
 - m. **BBA \$4,350** – L. Brodeur made a motion to give final approval. D. Lee seconded. No discussion. Motion passed 4-0-0.
 - n. J. Voccio made a motion to approve the following applications:
 - i. **QVSC \$4,600**
 - ii. **TVCCA \$5,000**
 - iii. **EBFD Jaws of Life \$9,700**D. Lee seconded. No discussion. Motion passed 4-0-0.
 - o. **Brooklyn Library \$7,000** – L. Brodeur made a motion to give final approval. J. Voccio seconded. There was discussion about the amount and if it's enough for what they are doing. Motion passed 4-0-0.
 - p. **EBFD SCBA \$99,239** – D. Lee made a motion to give final approval. L. Brodeur seconded. No discussion. Motion passed 4-0-0.
 - q. **BEMHS Radios \$264, 845** – J. Voccio made a motion to give final approval. D. Lee seconded. Motion passed 4-0-0.
 - r. **Windham Count 4H \$15,000**– J. Voccio made a motion to give final approval. L. Brodeur seconded. No discussion. Motion passed 4-0-0.
 - s. **Network Infrastructure \$50,000** – L. Brodeur made a motion to give final approval. D. Lee seconded. No discussion. Motion passed 4-0-0.
5. **Procedure for Disbursement** – S. Cates and A. Tanner wrote up forms to be completed by recipients. Agreements will be required as well. D. Lee made a motion to approve the process subject to NECCOG review. J. Voccio seconded. No discussion. Motion passed 4-0-0.
6. **Other Business** - None
7. **Public Comment** – S. Brodeur regarding the ED person, her understanding was that the person would guide potential vendors rather than courting vendors to Town. A. Tanner stated that the position may be both.
Chief Peppin expressed his gratitude for ARPA Committee's support of the fire companies.
8. **Adjourn** – L. Brodeur made a motion to adjourn. J. Voccio seconded. Motion passed 4-0-0.
Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Deshaies,
Recording Secretary