

MEETING AGENDA

TOLLAND TOWN COUNCIL – ARPA SUBCOMMITTEE REMOTE MEETING

OCTOBER 27, 2022 – 4:45 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER.
2. PUBLIC COMMENTS.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.
<https://ecode360.com/TO1208/documents/Minutes?category=ARPA%20Sub-Committee>
4. OLD BUSINESS - ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS.
 - 4.1 UPDATE FROM BRIAN FOLEY ON DISCUSSION WITH TOLLAND LITTLE LEAGUE.
5. NEW BUSINESS - ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS.
 - 5.1 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FUNDING DISCUSSION.
 - 5.2 APPROVAL OF PROPOSED 2023 MEETING SCHEDULE.
6. ADJOURNMENT.

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TOLLAND TOWN COUNCIL – ARPA SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES
ZOOM ONLY MEETING
September 22, 2022 – 4:30 P.M.

Committee Members present: Colleen Yudichak, Chair (C); Tammy Nuccio, Vice Chair (VC); Brian Foley, Town Manager; Lisa Hancock, Secretary

Others present: Beverly Bellody, Human Services Director; Scott Lappen, Public Works Director; Bruce Watt, Recreation Director.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM by C. Yudichak

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Approval Of Minutes

Lisa Hancock motioned to approve the Meeting Minutes of August 31, 2022. Seconded by VC Nuccio. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Old Business – Action/Discussion Items

4.1 Update on drainage concerns at Cross Farms Soccer Field.

Brian Foley updated the committee on the concerns with the flooding at the soccer fields at Cross Farms. He stated that Scott Lappen had discovered an issue with the engineering proposal information regarding piping under the field. There are some areas of the field that do get muddy and unusable at times. Scott Lappen stated that this typically occurs for 2-3 weeks during the season but not the entire season. He is proposing that prior to spending extensive amounts of money that Public Works first tries to go out to the field in November, after the season is over, and install underdrains under one field. If that works, then he proposes doing it with the rest of the field before the next season begins. Brian Foley motioned to revisit this item in December after Public Works puts surface drainage to discharge to daylight to see if that resolves the problem. Seconded by VC Nuccio. Motion carried.

4.2 Update from Brian Foley on Discussion with Mr. Tim Griffin

Brian Foley would like to visit the fields with Tim Griffin, Bruce Watt and Scott Lappen to review the various requested items. He would then like to prioritize what can be addressed. VC Nuccio would also look to see what the Baseball league would also be willing to contribute towards this request. Brian would like to cautiously review everything. VC Nuccio is concerned that it should be differentiated between what is

“nice to have” versus what will benefit to the Town’s infrastructure needs that would be more appropriately funded with ARPA. Brian Foley motioned to table this until the next meeting. Seconded by Lisa Hancock. Motion carried unanimously.

4.3 Discussion for the use of ARPA funds for various recreation programs.

Bruce Watt discussed the two example spreadsheets that he created showing the funding costs at 50% and 75%. This example was just for Winter and Spring programs. There was also discussion regarding funding for two years. Bruce Watt also discussed an idea for a new program for a gaming league. The cost is \$2,400 for a full year with limits up to 50 participants each quarter. There are three leagues divided into youth, teen and adult. VC Nuccio suggested that it might be considered for the future once there is a determination of interest in the program. Brian Foley is reluctant if there are not a sufficient number of participants. VC Nuccio mentioned that maybe a survey could be done. Bruce Watt agreed to try to determine what interest there may be.

C Yudichak asked what Brian and Lisa felt about the discounted fees. Lisa Hancock and Brian Foley are more inclined to offer participants a 50% discount in order to allow for more funding available across participants, as well as, creating more buy in by the participants to follow through with the spots reserved in the programs. All committee members were in agreement with providing the 50% discount with funding provided by the ARPA fund for up to \$200,000 for 18 months. VC Nuccio motioned to recommend to Town Council to approve up to \$200,000 for recreation program funding for 18 months to provide for a 50% program discount on selected programs. Brian Foley seconded the motion. Motion was carried unanimously. This will be put on the first Town Council meeting agenda in October.

5. New Business

5.1 Discuss further funding for ADA needs. Brian Foley would like to delay discussion on this item but keep it on the list. VC Nuccio would like to see what Public Works will accomplish with the list provided by the Girl Scouts that they have already begun working on. She would prefer using the ARPA funds for more of the big-ticket items after Public Works complete the list that they are working on.

5.2 Review ARPA spreadsheet.

5.2.1 Lisa Hancock discussed the Fire Truck. She stated that it is being prepared to go out to bid. Preliminary requests for information are reflecting that the cost of this apparatus is up to \$860,000 and could be higher. The capital budget for this apparatus is only \$750,000. It was to be funded by bonds.

She recommends that we wait until the bids are received to see what it will actually cost and then determine if we will want to fund the entire actual cost or a portion with ARPA funds. Her preference is to fund the entire apparatus rather than issuing debt.

- 5.2.2 VC Nuccio asked Beverly Bellody about the need for additional dial-a-ride services. Beverly stated that they do not see an increase in demand and would rather not request any funding at this time. It was decided to leave it on the list for now but not recommend funding right now.
- 5.2.3 VC Nuccio discussed the Water Loan/Loan Forgiveness request. She advised that there are 170 applicants so far. A public comment session will be opened for people to share their support of the applications. She is encouraging Brian Foley to comment in support of the application during that open comment session. She stated that Tolland's application is still moving forward with the State.
- 5.2.4 Beverly Bellody mentioned that the ADA improvements might require some preliminary funding for design work. As this moves forward in the future consideration can be given to this.
- 5.2.5 The soccer field drainage request is moved to the bottom of the list until we can determine if the Public Works improvements fix the issue.
- 5.2.6 VC Nuccio is going to obtain information from Mayor Champagne, from Vernon, regarding estimates for a splash pad that we could review for an idea of what the funding cost could potentially be. Beverly Bellody mentioned that maybe funds could be considered in the future for the upfront costs related to design work for the items such as the splash pad, pickleball courts, etc. It will remain on the list for now.
- 5.2.7 The tennis court renovations are being removed from consideration since we have been awarded the STEAP grant for \$500,000 for this work.

6. Adjournment

VC Nuccio motioned for Adjournment at 5:50 PM. Seconded by Brian Foley. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lisa Hancock

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) SUB-COMMITTEE

P R O P O S E D

2023 Meeting Schedule

January 26, 2023

February 23, 2023

March 23, 2023

April 27, 2023

May 25, 2023

June 22, 2023

July 27, 2023

August 24, 2023

September 28, 2023

October 26, 2023

Thanksgiving – no meeting

December 28, 2023

The ARPA Sub-Committee meetings will be held on the fourth Thursday of each month, unless otherwise noted, and will begin at 4:30 p.m.

Unless advised otherwise, all meetings will be held remotely with link to meeting on agendas.

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