

**Board of Finance  
ARPA Funds Committee**

**Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, January 24, 2023  
Town Garage Community Room**

Attendees: Rich Winn, Don Stein, Ray Pech, Caprice Shaw, Rob Brainard, Dave Moulton, Nick Lukiwsky, Norman Bird, Sally Roy, Jim Agostine

Meeting called to order at 6:07 PM.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Rob Brainard, seconded by Rich Winn to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2022, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

**DISCUSSION:** Don Stein reviewed the status of the projects and donations authorized from the ARPA funds that were received by the Town. The Town has allocated \$803,377 to date, out of the \$1,067,298 that was granted by the Federal Government. That leave \$263,921 available for future projects. However, it was decided to hold that in reserve until it becomes clear what the priority needs might be. The deadline for obligating the funds is not until December 31, 2024, and we have until December 31, 2026, to fully expend the funds.

Of the total allocations, \$486,441 has been spent and to-date for those projects that have been completed, leaving a balance of \$314, 737 still to be spent. For those projects that have been completed, \$2,199 is available for the main fund.

The attached spreadsheet provides additional details on the projects.

**ACTIONS:** The Committee reviewed a request from the Riverton Grange (attached) for an allocation of \$14,700 for capital repairs to the historic building. It also discussed the request from the Riverton Fairground for \$20,000, which will be used primarily for water line replacement and bathroom upgrades. This request was discussed at the last meeting and earlier Board of Finance and Board of Selectmen's meetings, which stipulated that the Fair Association work to raise additional funds and also expand the availability of the Fairgrounds for community activities.

Both these requests were approved on a motion by Rob Brainard, seconded by Dave Moulton and passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 PM on a motion by Ray Pech, seconded by Dave Moulton

Respectfully submitted,

Donald S. Stein  
First Selectman

**Riverton Grange #169  
P.O. Box 67, 17 Main Street  
Riverton, CT 06065**

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

Dear Town of Barkhamsted First Selectman Don Stein,

Riverton Grange #169 has been serving the town of Barkhamsted since 1908. In 1940, Riverton Grange purchased an historic grist mill which was built in 1840 on Main Street in Riverton and converted it into a non-profit Grange Hall. The hall received major damage in the 1955 flood and extensive repairs were made at that time.

When the COVID-19 pandemic hit our world in March 2020, our Grange Hall was forced to shut down and severe neglect degraded our historic building. Repairs were deferred and donations went to zero due to the Grange not being able to fundraising, meet, or offer our usual meal offerings to the community.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, we are writing to ask for an ARPA grant for \$14,700 for the following repairs:

- Replace rotten Hall back door and entire door frame in order to secure the premises (\$1,600)
- Replace broken vinyl siding on the left side of the hall (\$400)
- Replace storm damaged vinyl siding on the front side of the hall (\$600)
- Repair sagging porch roof, shore up porch footing, replace lattice work and broken boards, replace rotten floor boards, add an access entry under the porch to future repairs and maintenance, install weed prevention underneath porch, and paint the entire porch the current white and grey colors (\$9,400)
- Connect the front walkway landing to the parking area to remove a trip and fall hazard (\$600)
- Place a solid landing at the foot of the handicap accessible ramp, replace storm damaged strips, and make the landing accessible for passenger drop-off (\$2,100)

Riverton Grange falls under the auspices of the Connecticut State Grange Foundation, a 501c3 non-profit organization, which can receive funding on our Grange's behalf. Should this ARPA grant be approved, the check should be made payable to the Connecticut State Grange Foundation with a note to specifically tie this funding only to Riverton Grange #169.

Thank you for your consideration of our grant request. The COVID-19 pandemic had tremendous implications for our historic building and this funding will greatly help us get back on our feet to again serve the community.

Sincerely,



**Dave Roberts, President**  
Riverton Grange #169  
P.O. Box 67, Riverton, CT 06065  
858-775-9241

**Serving the community since 1908**

Approved/Committed	Updated Figures - 1.17.23	Bills paid to-date thru 12.31.22	Balance to be paid	Balance returned or available	Notes
VFD Turnout Gear Dryer	\$ 9,999	\$ 10,947		\$ (948)	
NWCT Transit request	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -	
Duct cleaning - town hall/town garage (March 2022)	\$ 6,800	\$ 6,800	\$ -	\$ -	
Request from PV Children's Center	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ -	\$ -	
EDC consultant	\$ 16,430	\$ 7,099	\$ 9,331		
School Front Door Intercom Replacement	\$ 6,399	\$ 6,400		\$ (1)	
NH Ambulance Request	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ -	
First Congregational Church of Barkhamsted	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ -	
Barkhamsted Historical Society	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -	
Town Hall Handicapped Doors	\$ 6,000	\$ 4,097		\$ 1,903	Sr. Center
Greenwoods Counseling & Referrals	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -	
Phase 1 of School HVAC	\$ 22,750	\$ 20,239		\$ 2,511	
Broadband Consultant for cost of fiber to town	\$ 23,000	\$ 26,000		\$ (3,000)	budget was \$30K
Pleasant Valley Supplemental First Responder Kits	\$ 6,000	\$ 5,293		\$ 707	
Barkhamsted East & Riverton 1st Aid Kits + 2 Station AED's	\$ 6,012	\$ 1,800		\$ 4,212	
Marsars Ice Rescue Sled Kit	\$ 2,870	\$ 2,870	\$ -	\$ -	
30 Motorola Pagers	\$ 13,230	\$ 12,570		\$ 660	
Request from PV Methodist Church	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ -	
Town Hall Bathrooms handicapped accessibility	\$ 4,700	\$ 5,828		\$ (1,128)	
UV-C Ventilation (4.20.22 finalized)	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ -	
Transfers/Reclassify	\$ 1,699	\$ 1,699		\$ (1,699)	tbd
Rope Team - Adding/Replacing Outdated Gear	\$ 10,900	\$ 8,268		\$ 2,632	
Truck washer for town garage	\$ 25,000	\$ 12,849	\$ 12,151		
Welding exhaust system	\$ 7,500		\$ 7,500		
Town Hall Boiler Replacement	\$ 8,890	\$ 8,890	\$ -	\$ -	
Senior Center Garage refurb	\$ 11,000		\$ 11,000		
School irrigation system	\$ 5,000	\$ 7,715		\$ (2,715)	
Tree work - ash tree removal	\$ 40,000	\$ 5,112	\$ 34,888		
Additional road repairs and paving	\$ 100,000	\$ 92,557	\$ 7,443		
Senior Center Parking lot	\$ 40,000	\$ 38,208	\$ 1,792		
Highway Department truck (F-550) (note 2)	\$ 50,000	\$ 22,815	\$ 27,185		
Elementary School flooring	\$ 36,000	\$ 36,935		\$ (935)	
Repair school driveway tank cover	\$ 8,800	\$ 8,800	\$ -	\$ -	
Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) class and additional EMS supplies	\$ 15,000	\$ 9,650	\$ 5,350		
Request from Riverton Congregational Church	\$ 15,000		\$ 15,000		
2nd Request from New Hartford Ambulance (note 3)	\$ 18,500		\$ 18,500		
Request from Farmington Valley Health	\$ 14,897		\$ 14,897		
Little League field improvements (bathroom/snack shack) (note 1)	\$ 60,000		\$ 60,000		
Senior Center Kitchen Hood /kitchen expansion	\$ 55,000		\$ 55,000		scope change due to decision to only meet code req's
Riverton Grange	\$ 14,700		\$ 14,700		new request for building repairs
Request from Riverton Fair Association	\$ 20,000		\$ 20,000		needs approval
Subtotal Approved/in-process	\$ 803,377	\$ 486,441	\$ 314,737	\$ 2,199	

