

**Minutes of the Special Meeting
Town of Canaan - Board of Finance**

October 25, 2021

VIRTUAL MEETING AT:

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Dial in: (929) 205-6099

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The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Dick Heinz at 6:31 pm. Present were members Dan Silverman, Steve Dean, Lou Timolat and Dick Heinz. Alternates Daly Reville, Corinna Fleming and Eric Carlson were also present.

Public Comment

Coulter Rule spoke to the question and asked if the 107 investment was profitable?

Eric Carlson be seated for Absent member Joel Jones as he requested.

Dick Heinz moved to seat Corinna Fleming for John Allyn and the motion was seconded by Steve Dean. The motion passed unanimously.

Lou Timolat moved that:

The Board of Finance concurs with the Selectmen's decision to disburse ARPA funds in the amount of \$5000 for Dehumidifier at 107 Main Street and payment to Allied Engineering in the amount of \$3500 for the design and final filing of plan for the septic system. The motion was seconded by Dan Silverman.

There was discussion around where the authority to appropriate ARP funds rests. Dick read from CCM Municipal Toolkit for ARP Funds:

1. Who has authority to appropriate funds? The ARPA and the Interim Rule does not provide guidance on allocation methodology. As these are more akin to formula grants rather than competitive grants, towns and cities should follow the normal process for handling supplemental revenue or special funds. There is no legal basis to conclude that allocation of the funds is an executive function.

Henry Todd had received opinion from CCM that the authority rests with the Selectmen.

Dan proposed an amendment to the original motion to add to that language:

And if the authority for approval of disbursements rest with the Board of Finance, the Board of Finance approves.

Lou seconded the amendment. The amendment passed unanimously.

The amended motion:

The Board of Finance concurs with the Selectmen's decision to disburse ARPA funds in the amount of \$5000 for Dehumidifier at 107 Main Street and payment to Allied Engineering in the amount of \$3500 for the design and final filing of plan for the septic system. The motion was seconded by Dan Silverman. And if the authority for approval of disbursements rest with the Board of Finance, the Board of Finance approves.

The amended motion passed unanimously.

Steve Dean moved to Adjourn. Corinna Fleming seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Heinz