

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE LITCHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2021 ~ 10:00 A.M.
IN-PERSON AT TOWN OFFICE BUILDING, 74 WEST ST.**

Call to Order: First Selectman Denise Raap called the special meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. Selectmen present were Jodiann Tenney, Jeffrey Zullo and Jonathan Tarrant. Thomas Waterhouse was absent. Also present was Amaechi Obi, Finance Director, Richard Sheldon, Bantam Borough Warden, Gayle Carr, Sr. Burgess of the Borough of Litchfield, Barbara Ellis, Litchfield Borough liaison, David R. Wilson, WPCA Chairman, Ted Donoghue, Superintendent, Sewer Department, and Raz Alexe, Public Works Director

American Rescue Plan Act Money: D. Raap explained that a total of \$1.8 million will be given to the municipality in two tranches. Monies for the first tranche of \$911,000 must be allocated by 2024 and spent by 2026. She enlisted the help of J. Tenney to make a list of all the suggestions presented for use of the ARPA funds. It was presented by J. Zullo and agreed by all that P&L Statements would be required for any entity making a request. D. Raap added that small businesses have been offered much State and Federal help. We would also need CCM to review projects ahead to see if they qualify, as the rules are open to interpretation, such as outdoor recreation uses - are there restrictions? J. Tenney cautioned that the projects must respond to the negative impacts of COVID. She also suggested that some monies be reserved for businesses and residents who have suffered. The LHCOG towns will be reporting on what they are doing at the next meeting per D. Raap. Suggestions, in order of presentation, were given below by each presenter. The Boroughs were given their own allotments as noted.

Denise Raap

1. Litchfield Volunteer Ambulance: lost revenue (\$86,533) on non-transport calls and new Sprinter ambulance (\$115,000 - \$120,000).
2. Litchfield Historical Society: revenue lost from no fundraisers (\$23,291).
3. Litchfield Social Services: increased hours worked during COVID; plans to host public seminars
4. Friends of Litchfield Community Greenway: trail construction of Phase 4 (\$120,000).
5. Oliver Wolcott Library: no Festival of Trees, but online fundraising netted similar bottom line.
6. St. Michael's Food Pantry

Jon Tarrant

7. Town Beach driveway improvements
8. Town Beach pavilion
9. Run electricity to Town Beach (\$15,000 - \$20,000)
10. Pick-up truck for Park & Rec use
11. Gazebo on Litchfield Green (est. \$40,000 - \$50,000)

Jeff Zullo

12. HVAC systems in town buildings; e.g., mini-split at Annex for Post Office (\$50,000)
13. Electric Vehicle Charger: Trench & run power supply to chargers (\$10,000)
14. Municipal parking lot work plus bike racks (\$450,000)

Rax Alexe - Public Works

15. Municipal Parking Lot (walls are a safety concern \$180,000) total project (\$450,000)
16. LCS marble rebuild (\$58,000)
17. Archeological preservation (\$33,300)
18. Comprehensive MS4 stormwater study (\$60,000)

David R. Wilson - WPCA

- 19. Flood resiliency study (\$35,000) - Priority #1
- 20. Upgrade UV disinfection system (\$250,000)
- 21. Mechanical Bar Screen \$150,000
- 22. Polymer mixing station (\$18,000) - Priority #2

Richard Sheldon - Warden, Borough of Bantam

Note money already received (\$107,000) and designated as follows for Bantam Borough:

- Grant to Bantam Fire for loss of fundraising and EMS (\$10,500)
- Repairs to HVAC system at Borough Hall (\$75,000)
- Event for school children backpacks (\$4,000)
- Play equipment for kids at Borough Hall
- Alain White Field improvement
- New website construction
- Sunshine Fund (\$6,000)

Gayle Carr - Sr. Burgess, Borough of Litchfield

Ms Carr said the Warden would not apply for the money (\$178,000), so she did. There was no consensus of ideas from the Board. Ideas proposed were:

- Help for self-employed professionals who couldn't work and got no unemployment
- Borough sidewalks - R. Alexe said he already has quotes
- Trees and other improvements to Green
- Flooding on East Green

Jodi Tenney will do a spreadsheet listing the proposed projects and costs so prioritizing can be done at the next meeting. The next meeting was set for August 17, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. at the Litchfield Firehouse.

Adjournment: Motion: J. Tarrant moved to adjourn at 11:28 a.m. and J. Zullo seconded. All voted in favor and the motion passed.



Denise Raap, First Selectman