

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE LITCHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2021 ~ 4:30 P.M.
IN-PERSON AT LITCHFIELD FIREHOUSE, 258 WEST ST.**

Call to Order: First Selectman Denise Raap called the special meeting to order at 4:32 p.m. Selectmen present were Jodiann Tenney, Jeffrey Zullo and Jonathan Tarrant. Thomas Waterhouse was absent. Also present was Amaechi Obi, Finance Director via telephone, Richard Sheldon, Bantam Borough Warden, Dirk Patterson, Litchfield Borough Warden, David R. Wilson, WPCA Chairman, Ted Donoghue, Superintendent, Sewer Department, and Raz Alexe, Public Works Director.

Select American Rescue Plan Projects and Prioritize: It was decided to down-select projects before sending them to CCM for confirmation of eligibility. J. Tenney wanted to make sure all entities that we support had the same opportunity for requests as the municipality, and she was assured they did. This group needs to establish criteria and a system or process to accept applications for fairness.

Jon Tarrant chose the Sprinter for LVA ambulance (\$115,000 - \$120,000) and the excavating for the electric car chargers (\$10,000). He also expressed interest in the lost revenue to LVA (\$86,533) and the electrification at the Town Beach (\$15,000). These are all municipal or quasi-municipal entities. He later added the parking lot needed for trail recreation to cover increased cost for archeological discovery (\$33,300).

Jeff Zullo agreed with the Sprinter and would like to know what LVA would do with the income for the lost revenue. He also liked the Town Beach electric, the EV charger (\$10,000) and the marble rebuild (\$120,000 - new price). He also promoted the UV system (\$250,000) and mechanical bar screen (\$150,000), one for each tranche. He also felt strongly about the flood resiliency study (\$35,000) and the polymer mixing station (\$18,000).

J. Tenney was concerned that the LCS marble project would not qualify, and they agreed it would be taken out. The wall in the Municipal Lot was added at \$180,000.

Raz Alexe emphasized the importance of the MS4/Stormwater Study (\$60,000). D. Raap talked about money for the Litchfield Social Services (\$20,000).

Dirk Patterson mentioned Borough sidewalks as an important priority that qualifies as being tied to parks, and the Town would be willing to partner with the Borough to provide funds (\$120,000). Bantam Borough might consider partnering with the Town on the next tranche for sidewalks on Doyle Road. J. Tenney will put the information together in a chart and it will be forwarded to A. Obi to contact CCM. Considerations agreed upon to be reviewed by CCM so far are:

Sprinter Ambulance for LVA	\$120,000
Excavating for EV Chargers	10,000
Electricity for Town Beach	15,000
WPCA Mechanical Bar Screen	150,000
WPCA Polymer Mixing Station	18,000
WPCA Flood Resiliency Study	35,000
MS4/Stormwater Study	60,000
Municipal Parking Lot Wall	180,000
White Woods Trail Pkg. (archeological expense)	33,300

Litchfield Social Services	20,000
Litchfield Borough Sidewalks	120,000
TOTAL	\$ 761,300

Out of the total funds available (\$911,000) they will also hold in reserve \$150,000 for small business and nonprofits for revenue loss.

The group agreed to meet next after Mr. Obi gets information back from CCM, with meeting date set for 9/7/21 at 4:30 p.m., at the Litchfield Firehouse.

Adjournment: Motion: J. Zullo moved to adjourn at 5:18 p.m. and J. Tarrant seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.



Denise Raap, First Selectman