PUBLIC HEARING
LITCHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, September 13, 2022 ~ 6:00 P.M.
In Person at Litchfield Firehouse, 258 West St. and
Remote Meeting by Internet Video Stream and Telephone

To discuss and receive requests for consideration for the American Rescue Plan Act grant monies.

Denise Raap, First Selectman, called the special hybrid meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with Jonathan Torrant and Jodi Tenney in person and Jeffrey Zullo and Christine Harding via Zoom. D. Raap explained the next round of ARPA money just received in the amount of $911,000.

There were no funding requests via Zoom, so requests were taken from the floor and explained to the Board of Selectmen. D. Raap said she would make a list as a result of this meeting and share it with the Finance Director and some others involved. Totaling the requests to date, we are under the funding allotment. The following requests were made at the public hearing and summarized by D. Raap:

1. $70,364 from the Broadband Committee, Chairman John Morosani, to complete the 2nd phase of the Broadband rollout for the Town of Litchfield.

2. $110,000 from the Litchfield Housing Authority Executive Director, Jim Simoncelli. Acquire the property adjacent to Wells Run to allow for the expansion of the affordable housing by 4-8 units

3. $40,000 - Diesel Exhaust Capture System, submitted by Sean Fogerty East Litchfield Fire Dept.

4. $6000 – submitted by Chris Wilcox, Litchfield Fire Marshal – ipads for remote work in the field, ID Badge Printing Machine

5. $50,000 – submitted by Jack Hodges, Northfield Fire Dept. – New Fire hoses

6. $10,000 – submitted by Cathy Fields, Litchfield Historical Society – to support children’s programs that they offer for free.

7. $25,000 (?) Guess amount – submitted by Carol Bramley, Technology for Public Hearings – Recording Equipment, Laptops Etc.

8. $120,000 – Litchfield Land Trust, submitted by Berta Andrusis Mette, for the improvements at 28 Russell St, the original Housatonic Railroad site. There will be parking
available for visitors and be the hub for the Greenway Trail and office space for the Audubon Society and the Litchfield Land Trust.

9. $60,000 – Friends of the Litchfield Greenway, submitted by Berta Andrulis Mette. To complete the Greenway Trail from 28 Russell Street to the Ghost Trail, including the installation of a crosswalk.

10. $10,000 – The Litchfield Community Center, submitted by Berta Andrulis Mette, Executive Director. During Covid, the LCC set up a Community Essentials Funds working with Bill Davenport and Food Rescue USA to provide food and other necessities to needy families, seniors and residents. All monies raised were used for this purpose and no administrative costs were charged.

11. $75,000 - Traffic Safety Committee, submitted by Jodi Tenney, Chairman. Pedestrian Flashing Beacons, Signs for inside the Crosswalks, Wamogo Flashing Beacon and School Zone signs, Paint Machine for Line Striping

12. $60,000 – submitted by Raz Alexe, Public Works, Litchfield Storm Water Study II

13. $35,000 – submitted by Raz Alexe, Public Works, Town Hall HVAC Replacement

14. $100,000 (?) submitted by Raz Alexe, Public Works, Town Hall Roof Replacement

15. $50,000 – submitted by Jon Torrant, Gazebo for the Litchfield Green (pending approvals from the Borough and the HDC)

16. $250,000 submitted by WPCA, for a UV System Replacement at the Sewer Plant (submitted during the First Round of ARPA allocations)

**TOTAL WITHOUT UV SYSTEM FOR WPCA $821,364   WITH SYSTEM $1,071,364**

D. Raap said the approved list will go to the Board of Finance and Town Meeting. The Capital Improvements Committee will also have to approve the capital expenses. There still is almost $50,000 for nonprofits left from the last round.

Adjournment: Motion: J. Torrant moved and J. Tenney seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Denise Raap, First Selectman