Call to Order: First Selectman Denise Raap called the special meeting to order at 4:34 p.m. Others present were Jeffrey Zullo, Jonathan Torrant, Jodiann Tenney, Renee Betar, Raz Alex, John Morosani and David R. Wilson.

ARPA Review Committee – Evaluate Requests for Second Tranche of American Rescue Plan Act Funds

D. Raap explained that the purpose of the meeting is to whittle down the prioritized requests to get under the threshold allowed. There is $911,000 from the second tranche and $45,000 remaining from the businesses from the last tranche. The total of all items now totals $1,334,165, or $378,000 over what we have in funds. The total of Priority #1 items is $952,000, with a $956,000 budget. Following are the items discussed and determinations made by the ARPA Committee.

1. $73,165 from the Broadband Committee, Chairman John Morosani, to complete the 2nd phase of the Broadband rollout for the Town of Litchfield. **Motion:** J. Torrant moved to approve this allocation, and J. Zullo seconded. J. Tenney preferred not to vote on each one, but J. Torrant said that is what we did at the last meeting. Upon voting, all voted aye except J. Morosani, who abstained because of his membership on the Broadband Committee, and the motion passed.

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. **Motion:** J. Torrant moved to approve the LHA request at a reduced amount of $105,000, and J. Zullo seconded. All voted aye and the motion passed.

3. $10,000 – submitted by Cathy Fields, Litchfield Historical Society – to support children’s programs that they offer for free. **Motion:** J. Tenney moved and R. Alexe seconded a motion to approve the $10,000 for Litchfield Historical Society. All voted aye and the motion carried.

4. $120,000 – Litchfield Land Trust, submitted by Berta Andrulis Mette, for the improvements at 28 Russell St, the original Shepaug Railroad site. There will be parking available for visitors and it will be the hub for the Greenway Trail and office space for the Audubon Society and the Litchfield Land Trust. **Motion:** J. Zullo moved to approve a reduced amount of $100,000 for the Land Trust, and J. Tenney seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

5. $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. **Motion:** J. Zullo moved to approve the $60,000 for the Greenway and J. Torrant seconded. All voted aye and the motion passed.

6. $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. **Motion:** J. Zullo moved and J. Tenney seconded the motion to approve the $10,000 for the Litchfield Community Center as described. All voted aye and the motion carried.
7. $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 REMOVED. Ask Wamogo to share cost of Flashing Beacon (45%). Litchfield will pay 55%. Motion: J. Tenney moved to approve the Traffic safety request at a reduced amount of $35,750, and J. Zullo seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

8. $60,000 – submitted by Raz Alexe, Public Works, Litchfield Storm Water Study II. Motion: J. Zullo moved to approve the $60,000 request for the Litchfield Storm Water Study II, and J. Tenney seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

9. $35,000 – submitted by Raz Alexe, Public Works, Town Hall HVAC Replacement. Motion: J. Morosani moved to approve the $35,000 for the HVAC at Town Hall, and J. Zullo seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

10. $250,000 submitted by WPCA, for a UV System Replacement at the Sewer Plant (submitted during the First Round of ARPA allocations). Motion: J. Zullo moved to approve the $250,000 for a UV System replacement at the sewer plant, and J. Torrant seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

11. $50,000 – submitted by Jim Amrich, American Legion, construction of ADA compliant elevator/lift and bathrooms at the American Legion Building. Motion: J. Tenney moved to approve the $50,000 for the American Legion, and J. Zullo seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

12. $100,000 – Park & Rec, Town Beach (TB) Upgrades, Pavillion, Electric at TB, improved landscaping and parking at TB. Motion: J. Torrant moved and J. Zullo seconded a motion to approve this Park & Rec Town Beach request for $100,000. All voted aye and the motion carried.

13. $15,000 – submitted by Kennedy Cogan, President Bantam Cinema & Arts Center, Inc. – assist with operating and utility costs to help sustain the cinema. Motion: J. Zullo moved to approve the $15,000 for the Bantam Cinema & Arts Center, and J. Torrant seconded. All voted aye except J. Tenney, who abstained as a member of the Bantam Cinema Board, and the motion carried.

14. $18,000 – submitted by Corinne Houle and Terry Connor, Sandy Beach Commission, a new well for the Beach Manager’s house and beach facilities. See motion below No. 16. Nos. 14-16 are combined.

15. $8,500 – submitted by Corinne Houle and Terry Connor, Sandy Beach Commission, removal of 11 dead ash trees. See motion below No. 16.

16. $6,691.33 – submitted by Corinne Houle and Terry Connor, Sandy Beach Commission, replacement windows, trim materials and labor LITCHFIELD WILLING TO CONTRIBUTE 70% OF SANDY BEACH IMPROVEMENTS, PLEASE ASK MORRIS FOR 30% TO COVER THE ADDITIONAL MONIES REQUEST. LITCHFIELD TOTAL: $23,233 MORRIS $9,958

Motion: J. Zullo moved to approve the $33,191 request by Sandy Beach Commission, with the Litchfield portion of ⅞ being $22,237, and requesting Morris fund the balance of their share. J. Torrant seconded, all voted aye and the motion carried.

ARPA COMMITTEE APPROVED TOTAL $926,152
ALSO RECOMMENDATION TO TRANSFER REMAINING $45,000 FROM “LOSS OF REVENUE BUSINESS FUND” BACK TO ARPA FUNDS
ITEMS MOVED TO BE INCLUDED IN CAPITAL REQUESTS 23-24

17. $40,000 - Diesel Exhaust Capture System, submitted by Sean Fogerty East Litchfield Fire Dept.

ITEMS THAT ARE DEFERRED FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION/EXAMINATION

18. $55,000 - 1 bid received – submitted by Carol Bramley, technology for public hearings at the Annex meeting room – recording equipment, laptops, etc.

19. $32,000 – submitted by Lucas Hyder, White Memorial, HVAC system for White Memorial Museum

20. $30,318 – Oliver Wolcott Library, submitted by AnnMarie White, ED, additional monies needed to purchase a generator for the library

REQUEST BY THE FIRE MARSHAL TO ADD TO THE 23-24 OPERATING BUDGET

21. $6,000 – submitted by Chris Wilcox, Litchfield Fire Marshal – I pads for remote work in the field, ID badge printing machine

22. $50,000 – submitted by Jack Hodges, Northfield Fire Dept. – New fire hoses

Adjournment: Motion: J. Torrant moved to adjourn at 5:30 p.m. and J. Zullo seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Denise Raap, First Selectman