

Town of North Canaan
American Rescue Plan
July 20, 2022 – 7:30pm

Present: First Selectman Charles Perotti, Emily Minacci, Bill Minacci, Matt Devino, Craig Whiting, Brian Allyn Sr.

Call to order at 7:31pm

Selectman Perotti explained that there had been some upgrades and adjustments on the lists that the committee was given. New lists were distributed. The figures for the town list went up. Tasks with asterisks were not put into the total yet. In the organization list the VFW is requesting a larger amount of money for their projects. Definite projects the town will include are the town hall computer system, the Lawrence field storm drains, the remaining amount of the pole barn, the West Main St storm drain. The total amount of the funding we will receive is \$962,000.00 and we have until 2024 to spend this.

Selectman Whiting discussed that he and Ms. Minacci had met with the daycare and explained they should have a project in order to apply for the money and they suggested having the windows upgraded as they had not been done. There was a discussion that perhaps the school should be paying for that. Selectman Perotti stated that Fran had contacted him regarding the possibility of playground equipment. Discussion ensued regarding the amount of money requested by the fire department. There was agreement that not everything needed to be included. The SCBA equipment is all new and the compressor is refurbishing the existing one not getting a new one. The Fire Dept is not a 501c3 yet (they have applied for it). It was suggested to remove what has already been accounted for at the dept (\$35000) Mr. Allyn agreed with the committee. There is also a question of whether travel expenses can be reimbursed. By refiguring these it brought the fire dept total to \$234890.00. Ms. Minacci said she wants people to feel that the committee and the town really did their due diligence for these projects and that they are being fiscally responsible. Selectman Whiting stated he would also like to see a sign board at Lawrence field, and to get the siren in town done and possibly a couple infrastructure things.

The committee discussed the other organization lists. Nothing has come thru from the child care yet. There is a general consensus to make sure the VFW gets money, and the other in town entities get money before the other organizations.

There is a meeting tomorrow to get more information on how to spend the money. Question if money can be distributed without receipt proof of what it is being used for. Can we just give AHA a donation since they aren't a 501c3?

Selectman Whiting has requested a new equipment list from the town crew. Ms. Minacci the town truck listed can be done by a loan as a regular budget item rather than use this money. The townhall upgrades need to be done.

Selectman Whiting stated giving money to Fishes and Loaves could help especially this winter when people may need the help more with the price of heating.

The committee agreed that the town list, putting 5,7, and 12 back in, decreasing the fire dept total, and taking out the town truck, should be approved. Also agreed that the VFW should receive their requested money. This brings the new total to \$918,888.05 leaving \$43,245.95 for other items provided nothing changes. We can put the other ones off for a bit. Mr. Devino suggested we could give them all a little something even if it is not the entire request.

The Selectmen still have to approve what the committee suggests. It will be discussed at the next Selectman's meeting.

We will have the next meeting of this committee in September.

Selectman Perotti adjourned the meeting at 8:28pm

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary