



**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021
(ARPA) Committee
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

April 12, 2022 – 6:30 P.M.

**WATERTOWN TOWN HALL
TOWN MANAGER'S OFFICE
CONFERENCE ROOM, 2ND FLOOR
61 Echo Lake Road**

Attendees: Council Members

1. Jonathan Ramsay
2. Rachael Ryan

Community Members

1. Jean King
2. Alan Mickel

Watertown Staff

Mark A. Raimo – Town Manager
James Demarest Jr. – Deputy Fire Chief

Absent: Mary Ann Rosa

Erik Markiewicz
Susan Zappone–Assistant Town Manger/Finance Director
Joseph Seacrist. Economic Development Coordinator
Vincent Caterino–Water and Sewer Superintendent
State Rep. Joe Polletta

1. Call Meeting to Order.
Jonathan Ramsay called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
Jonathan Ramsay led the pledge of allegiance.

3. Minutes.

a. March 8, 2022

Motion: Mark Raimo seconded by Al Mickel: I move to approve the March 8, 2022 meeting minutes as revised.

It was noted that Jean King and Al Mickel names were not listed correctly in the roll call.

Aye: 5 Rosa, King, Mickel, Raimo, Demarest

Nay: 0

Abstain: 1 Ryan

Motion passes

4. Discussion regarding impact of use of ARPA Funds on the FY 2022-2023 budget.

At the last Town Council meeting the Town Manager's budget was reduced by \$500,000 in the hopes of allocating ARPA funds to pay for eligible items such as:

Recommendations by Town Manager:

Fire truck replacement

Maintenance agreements

Dog Pound roof replacement

Munson House water line replacement

Vehicle iPads for Fire Department

Communication equipment software upgrades to the Police Department

Pavement Management Analysis for roadway repair

Canopy for Truck Washing for Highway mandated by DEEP

Road Safety Audit for Oakville

Sander attachment for Multi Hog

Paving of parking lot at Lake Winnemaug

Oakville Green sound system replacement

Advanced Connecticut Services, the second phase of branding

Grants for small businesses

5. Discussion and possible action on final draft of a survey of the use of American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Funding.

The committee reviewed the draft survey and made changes. The survey will be circulated through the Town Times, an email blast, social media, the web page and other avenues will be explored.

Motion: Jim Demarest seconded by Al Mickel: I move to approve the survey as amended.

Motion passed unanimously

Jim Demarest gave an update on the SCBA equipment, the purchase order was for \$574,997.98. The equipment is in production and should be arriving late May or early June.

6. Discussion and possible action regarding a recommendation to be submitted to the Town Council for the use of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Funding.

Motion: Jim Demarest seconded by Al Mickel: I move that this committee agrees with the recommendations that the Town Manager has made.

Motion passed unanimously

7. Adjournment.

Motion: Al Mickel seconded by Rachael Ryan: I move to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:52 pm.

Motion passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Ramsay, Committee Chair

Approved: _____
Susan King, Clerk