A special meeting of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) was held on October 13, 2021 at Watertown Town Hall, Town Council Chambers.

The following members were in attendance.

Council Members

Mary Ann Rosa
Jonathan Ramsay
Rachael Ryan

Community Members

Jean King
Alan Mickel
Erik Markiewicz

Watertown Staff

Mark A. Raimo – Town Manager
Susan Zappone – Assistant Town Manger/Finance Director
Vincent Caterino – Water and Sewer Superintendent (Alternate)
James Demarest Jr. – Deputy Fire Chief
Joseph Seacrist – Economic Development Coordinator

Liaison to the State of Connecticut

State Rep. Joe Polletta

1. Call Meeting to Order.
   Mark Raimo called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance.
   Mark Raimo led the pledge of allegiance.
3. Election of Chairman.
   Mark Raimo asked for nominations for Chairman.

   MOTION: Mary Ann Rosa I move to nominate Jonathan Ramsay as Chairman.
   Seconded by Joe Seacrist.
   Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations?
   Hearing none.
   Nominations are closed.

   Motion passed unanimously

   Jonathan Ramsay was declared Chairman.

4. Election of Vice-Chairman.
   Chair Jonathan Ramsay asked for nominations for Vice Chairman.

   MOTION: Al Mickel I move to nominate Rachael Ryan as Vice Chairman.
   Seconded by Jean King
   Are there any other nominations?

   Erik Markiewicz I move to nominate Mary Ann Rosa as Vice Chairman.
   Seconded by Jean King
   Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations?
   Nominations are closed.

   Vote: Mary Ann Rosa 6
   Rachael Ryan 5

   Mary Ann Rosa was declared Vice Chairman.

5. Set meeting dates and times for Regular Meetings.
   The next meeting date will be November 9, 2021 at 6:30.

6. Discuss process for recommendation to Town Council for the use of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Funding.
   Mark Raimo presented a presentation for committee members.

   Projects suggested by committee members:
• Projects to benefit the water system.
• Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus and Aerial Ladder for Station Two.
• Helping small businesses in Watertown/Oakville with sidewalks, facades and lighting.

The committee had questions regarding what the funds can be used for, the number of projects, the manpower to keep track of the funds and projects, the process for town meetings and following the Town Charter.

The department heads will come back with ideas for the types of programs and ideas for a survey. The committee will then move forward from there.

7. Adjournment.
Motion: Jonathan Ramsay seconded by Mark Raimo: to adjourn the Special Meeting at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Ramsay, Sub-Committee Chair
Watertown Town Council

Approved: _____________________________
Susan King, Clerk