

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN COMMISSION**

**APRIL 4, 2022**

**5:00 P.M.**

**Town Hall Meeting Room, 83 Mountain Road, Suffield CT  
Hybrid Meeting**

**Present:** First Selectman Colin Moll, Tom Frenaye, Brad Belcher, Brian Kost and Mel Chafetz

**First Selectman Moll** called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**Public Comment**

**Janet Davis, 8 Wisteria Lane** – Mrs. Davis, WPCA Chairperson, expressed concern about whether or not the \$75,000 allocated to the WPCA at the January 3, 2023 Special Meeting was outlined in the minutes. She also noted that at the January 18, 2023 Board of Selectmen Meeting Selectman Harrington stated she would like to see the ARPA Commission consider funding an additional \$75,000 to the WPCA to fund half of their Stony Brook Park Interceptor Project. She also requested an additional \$100,000 - \$200,00 beyond what has already been allocated and asked the commission to keep in mind that these are funds that the WPCA cannot apply for on their own and they need the commission's support.

**Jeff Davis, 8 Wisteria Lane** – Mr. Davis, a member of the WPCA, echoed the sentiments of Mrs. Davis and reminded the commission that other towns have awarded fairly large amounts of American Rescue Plan funds to their WPCA's without issue.

**First Selectman Moll** noted that he did not see the \$75,000 Mrs. Davis was referring to in the January 3, 2023 special meeting minutes. **Mr. Kost** clarified that the \$75,000 was included in the overall amount of \$200,000 allocated to the "Organizational Fund" that had been reported correctly in the minutes.

**Mr. Kost** expressed a desire to change the minutes of the January 3, 2023 due to changes in the cost of a bulldozer on page 2 of 2. **Mr. Frenaye** explained that this type of change could not be made to the minutes of the prior meeting but could be addressed this evening.

**Approval of the minutes from the January 3, 2023 Special Meeting of the American Rescue Plan Commission**

**B. Kost motioned and M. Chafetz seconded to approve the minutes from the January 3, 2023 Special Meeting of the American Rescue Plan Commission as presented. Vote: 4 in favor (Moll, Frenaye, Chafetz and Kost) and 1 abstain (Belcher.) Motion passed.**

**B. Kost motioned and M. Chafetz seconded to modify the previously approved expenditure for the bulldozer to reduce it from \$1,000,000 to \$540,000 to reflect the actual cost and to further specify that of the \$200,000 allocated to the Organizational Fund, \$75,000 of it is allocated to the WPCA.**

Discussion ensued regarding whether or not the specifications are necessary.

**Vote: 5-0 in favor. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Discussion of American Rescue Plan Funds**

Commission members discussed what has been spent thus far and what remains for allocation. **First Selectman Moll** reviewed a few new items for consideration including irrigation of athletic fields, assist SVAA in covering increased costs of new ambulances, Bridge Street Park and various ACCE items. Each member participated in the discussion and shared their thoughts on what they did or did not like about the items mentioned for consideration.

**M. Chafetz motioned to allocate \$244,205 to maintain Cervione Field and Sullivan Field.**

**First Selectman Moll** suggested increasing the allocation to \$250,000 to include the cost of a shed.

**M. Chafetz** motioned and **T. Frenaye** seconded to amend the original motion from \$244,205 to \$250,000 as presented.

**Vote: 3 in favor (Moll, Frenaye and Chafetz) and 2 opposed (Belcher and Kost.) Motion passed.**

**B. Kost** motioned and **T. Frenaye** seconded to allocate funds to pay for the two (2) playgrounds noted on the ACCE priority request list. **Vote: 4 in favor (Moll, Kost, Frenaye and Belcher) and 1 against (Chafetz.) Motion passed.**

**First Selectman Moll** motioned and **B. Belcher** seconded to allocate the remaining funds of \$300,162 to the Bridge Street Park. **Vote: 4 in favor (Moll, Belcher, Chafetz and Frenaye) and 1 opposed (Kost.) Motion passed.**

**M. Chafetz** motioned and **T. Frenaye** seconded to adjourn at 5:30 p.m. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Kristen O. Lambert  
Recording Secretary