

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

The Special Town Meeting was called to order by First Selectman Eric Couture at 7:02 P.M. in the Emergency Operations Center on December 16, 2024, to consider and act upon the following items of business:

**1. To authorize the closeout of the following American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) projects effective immediately**

- HW Dept – Large truck w/Plow & Sander \$18,194
- KVFC – Station 2 siding, gutters, driveway \$500
- KVFC – Station 2 Flat Membrane Roof \$10,000
- KVFC – Life Safety Ropes/Equipment \$8,343

**These balances to revert to the undesignated ARPA Fund Balance.**

**2. To release the \$125,000 in ARPA Funds allocated to Pickleball Courts Project (4). These balances to revert to the undesignated ARPA Fund Balance.**

**3. To authorize the use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for:**

- KVFC – Positive Pressure Ventilation Fans (2) \$10,000
- KVFC – Hose Replacement \$7,600

**4. To authorize the use of the remaining American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for “general governmental services not including debt service and pension plan payments” instead of “capital reserves for road projects” as previously authorized at town meeting on August 5, 2024.**

Eric Couture reviewed the exits for the Emergency Operations Center and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Bill Tobelman moved to nominate Elizabeth Disbrow to serve as Moderator; seconded by Cathy Iino. There being no further nominations, Nancy Gorski moved nominations be closed; seconded by Marcel Couture. Following a voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

Assistant Town Clerk Michele O’Toole read the call of the meeting. Nancy Gorski moved to accept the call; seconded by Marcel Couture. Following a voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

Moderator Elizabeth Disbrow noted all agenda items will be voted on by show of hands, no exceptions.

Before introducing any motions, Eric Couture clarified that all projects listed herein are complete or are moving forward.

Eric Couture introduced and made the following motion:

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Seconded by Marcel Couture.

Eric Couture stated all projects above have been completed except for the Flat Membrane Roof for KVFC Station 2; those bids came in too high so the project will be put on hold. Following a short discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Eric Couture introduced and made the following motion:

**To release the \$125,000 in ARPA Funds allocated to Pickleball Courts Project (4). These balances to revert to the undesignated ARPA Fund Balance.**

Seconded by Marcel Couture.

Several concerns were raised regarding the progress of the pickle ball courts, and if the monies designated toward them will be “lost.” Eric Couture explained that the project is funded in the 2024-2025 budget and is still moving forward.

Following this discussion the motion carried unanimously.

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- **KVFC – Hose Replacement \$7,600**

Seconded by Marcel Couture.

After a short explanation by Eric Couture and Chief Richard Darin, the motion carried unanimously.

Eric Couture introduced and made the following motion:

**To authorize the use of the remaining American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for “general governmental services not including debt service and pension plan payments” instead of “capital reserves for road projects” as previously authorized at town meeting on August 5, 2024.**

Seconded by Bill Kosturko.

Eric Couture explained that this motion is to move the ARPA funds to general government services so they can be used during 2025; they can be used for pre-existing contracts. Lengthy discussion followed with residents voicing concerns over why the funds were not spent this year, and how they will be used next year. Eric Couture stressed the fact that projects like the pickle ball courts, barn refurbishment and road repairs will still be completed.

After this discussion, the motion then carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:43 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele O’Toole, Assistant Town Clerk