



Town of Milton
Public Hearing: Proposed use of ARPA Funds
43 Bombardier Road, Milton VT 05468
In Person and/or via Zoom – Community Room
June 20, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Selectboard Members Present: Darren Adams, Chair; Michael Morgan, Vice Chair; John FitzGerald, Clerk; Brenda Steady, Member; Chris Taylor, Member

Selectboard Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: Don Turner Jr., Town Manager; John Bartlett, Human Resources and Operations Director (remote); Brittany Tradup, Executive Assistant to the Town Manager; Michaela Foody, Public Safety Director; Sean McCann, Rescue Chief; Amber N. Baker, Finance Director; Cymone Haiju, Planning & Development Review Director (remote); Jenna Tucker Eugair, Recreation Director; Cathy LaClair, Milton on the Move Coordinator

Others Present: Henry A. Bonges III; Joseph Duquette; Katharine Otto, AICP, Planning Coordinator, Vermont Agency of Transportation (remote); Kary (remote); Jessica Summer (remote); Diane Barrows (remote); Irene Wrenber (remote); Jessica Groeling (remote); Lori Donna; Lindsay Ruhl; Matthew Arancio (remote); Michael Frett, The Islander; Bill Kaigle; Alek Fleury, Milton Independent

I. Call to Order

D. Adams called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Public Hearing

Don Turner, Jr., Town Manager

D. Turner provided background information, stating the following: The Town of Milton was the recipient of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds in the total amount of \$3,237,504.22. At this point, the Selectboard has appropriated/encumbered \$1,049,553.00. This leaves \$2,187,951.22 for the Selectboard to appropriate/encumber as they see fit. The final ruling of the Treasury Department gives the Selectboard the ultimate decision on where the funds should go. The Town has attempted to develop a thoughtful process that is transparent and that would encourage people/organizations to participate while also allowing the Selectboard to weigh in on how the funds will be distributed. At the last meeting, an application process was presented to the Selectboard for review.

D. Turner read through the amounts appropriated to date and talked through the proposed application.

There was discussion regarding a proposed timeline and process for selection. Turner recommended that the applications be made available July 1 and to request submission of applications within 45 days. The selection process will follow, and will involve Selectboard members' participation in reviewing and scoring applications. Target awarding funds by October 1, 2022.

There was some discussion about contract terms to consider, especially regarding payouts, project checkpoints and potential alternate projects to have ready if projects cannot be completed according to the initial timelines.

There was public input regarding the deadline, additional possible uses of the funds by the Town, potential caps on requested amounts, possible public input on final selection, and other considerations.

The Selectboard found that clarification is needed regarding the deadlines from the Treasury on the use of the funds, and a request was made to get legal counsel regarding the question. The clarification may affect some wording in the application, so the Selectboard will revisit the application process at the next meeting.

III. Close Hearing

D. Adams closed the public hearing at 6:48 p.m.

All documents pertaining to this meeting may be viewed using the following link:
<https://miltonvt.box.com/s/emf16qvw9vheoqzsmw9ntn6r6nz6jqb1>

A video recording of this meeting can be found at the following location:
<https://miltonvt.box.com/s/7q3mipgupgv8766fxmbkeneqfc8y9kj7>

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany Tradup

APPROVED MINUTES:

 Date: 5 Jul 22
John FitzGerald, Clerk 

Filed with the Milton Town Clerk's Office on this 6th day of July, 2022.

ATTEST: Kristi Beers, Milton Town Clerk