



Town of Paxton
697 Pleasant Street
Paxton, MA 01612

American Rescue Plan Act Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 20, 2022

Meeting Location: John Bauer Senior Center 17 West Street, Paxton, MA 01612

Members Present: Heather Munroe, Julia Pingitore, Cindy Love, Travis Thibault,
Larissa Kennedy, Mark Savasta, Jeff Olson

Meeting called to order at 10:12am.

- **Motion (JO) seconded (MS) to approve the meeting minutes from June 3, 2022. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Reorganize Committee

- **Motion (TT) seconded (CL) to keep the positions as currently held. Julia Pingitore as Chairperson, Travis Thibault as Vice Chairperson and Jeff Olson as Clerk. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Update on current projects

- **Julia Pingitore** – West Street water main.
- **Travis Thibault** - Completed mid-August and then we can apply for MASSWORKS.
- **Julia Pingitore** – Items for households. Monitor and put out another mailer through the school in September. Cindy will do the same through the senior newsletter.
- **Heather Munroe** – We could add a flyer with the light department bill.
- **Julia Pingitore** – EOC buildout is complete. We have \$651.26 in additional funds that can be returned.
- **Motion (HM) seconded (JO) to approve putting \$651.26 back into the general funds. Unanimous, all in favor.**
- **Julia Pingitore** – The water tower generator is being looked at by RJ McDonald. Public health agent should be covered for two years plus. Still working on the tree removal project. Police Cruiser is all set and covid tests are all set.
- **Larissa Kennedy** - We can put \$7274.97 back into the general funds that we used to cover the initial payment of the Covid tests.
- **Motion (HM) seconded (TT) to approve putting \$7,274.97 back into the general funds. Unanimous, all in favor.**
- **Julia Pingitore** – The stairs at the Public Safety Complex are complete. The Fire Truck is still being worked on.

Previously rejected project

- **Julia Pingitore** - The phone system for Paxton Center School was not put forward. The cameras have been funded through a one-time tax assessment. We can put this through ARPA if the committee chooses to. Asked for any discussion on this item and hearing none moved on. Rejected three projects from the library, fiber access, town hall exterior, air purification, academic program for grades 1 to 5 at Paxton Center School. The baseball field lights were funded through a capital exclusion. Tasers for the Police went through their budget.

Discuss new projects

- **Travis Thibault** – We should be receiving some funding for the project on the common.
- **Julia Pingitore** – Premium pay is not being looking at currently. Some funds were distributed by the state. The phone system was handled through the budget but we may need some additional funds to complete the project.
- **Cindy Love** - Look at making the doors to the COA ADA compliant.
- **Heather Munroe** - There might be a grant option that we should try first.
- **Travis Thibault** – I would like to put forward the MS4 permits and possibly the chipper.
- **Jeff Olson** – Street number signs and smoke detectors. This could be done in conjunction with the safe grant.
- **Heather Munroe** – \$2,000 a year to cover the cost for cyber security training. Putting Vadar onto the cloud would be about \$5,000. Repair the front door at the Town Hall. We need to make sure we are soliciting ideas from all departments.
- **Cindy Love** – Look at clearing out and putting a railing on the door on the right hand side of the building.
- **Julia Pingitore** – We can have Jeff and the Building Commissioner look at that and see what is needed.

Items to move to rating phase

- **Julia Pingitore** – If we all agree that the MS4 permit is a priority then we can vote on that now or we can go through the process of rating all the new projects.
- **Motion (TT) seconded (HM) to approve moving forward the MS4 permitting project in the amount of \$105,000. Unanimous, all in favor.**
- **Julia Pingitore** – This expends most of our funds. We will meet one more time to spend the reaming funds that we have. I will present this to the Select Board at our next meeting scheduled for August 8th.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 21, 2022, at 10:00am.

- **Motion (HM) seconded (JO) to adjourn the meeting at 11:13am. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Graf-Parsons,
Executive Assistant, on behalf of the American Rescue Plan Act Committee