



TOWN OF SHREWSBURY

Select Board Meeting
Board of Selectmen Meeting Room
Richard D. Carney Municipal Office Building
100 Maple Avenue
Shrewsbury, Massachusetts 01545-5398

Tuesday, October 4, 2022 - 6:30 PM

Minutes

Present: Beth N. Casavant, Vice Chair, Theresa H. Flynn, Clerk, John R. Samia, Board Member, and Michelle Conlin, Board Member

Absent: Maurice M. DePalo, Chair

Also Present: Kevin J. Mizikar, Town Manager, Alexandria Martinez, Assistant to Town Manager - Management Analyst, Taylor M. Galusha, Principal Department Assistant - Office of the Select Board and Town Manager

1. Call to Order

Ms. Casavant called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM

2. Review and Discuss American Rescue Plan Act Project Options

Mr. Mizikar gave a presentation to the Board on the American Rescue Plan Act, noting the total award amount of \$11.5M. He reviewed the Phase I allocation process and the remaining available funds of \$7.6M. There are two deadlines the Town needs to meet for the funds - funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024 and expended by December 31, 2026.

Staff submitted project requests that totaled \$7.3M for the Board to review - falling into 9 primary categories; School Safety and Security, School HVAC Upgrades, Athletic Field Improvements, Parks and Playgrounds Improvements, Electric Vehicles and Infrastructure, Sewer Infrastructure, Business Support initiatives, Enhance/Expand Programs: Public Facing, and Enhance/Expand Programs: Internal.

They discussed the needs of the sewer system in Town with a focus on Walnut Street Pump Station and the main. The Board then discussed some of their focus areas related to utility assistance in Town, possible strategic land acquisitions, and quality of life projects as well.

Additionally they preliminarily discussed the method for public feedback on the project categories.

3. Review and Discuss Strategy for Land Acquisitions and Preservation of Open Space

Board members noted developing a strategic land acquisition plan would be the best approach.

4. Review and discuss a one time provision to the Select Board procedure for Garage and Class I license applications related to zoning action and/or relief

Board members noted they would be open to allowing a one time provision to the Select Board procedure for Garage and Class I license applications related to zoning action and/or relief.

5. Adjourn

On a motion by Ms. Flynn, seconded by Ms. Conlin, the Board voted 4-0 to adjourn at 8:48 PM.

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Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Taylor M Galusha". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'T'.

Taylor M. Galusha

Referenced Materials:

- ARPA Overview Presentation



Select Board Workshop American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

October 4, 2022

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Overview

→ ARPA Award Amount - \$11,515,685

- Direct Non-Entitlement Unit Award - \$4,032,461.00
- Non-Functioning County Award - \$7,483,224.00

→ Phase I Allocation

○ Investments in Infrastructure (Water/Sewer) - \$1,551,600

- 85.18% expended through 9/30/2022

○ Revenue Loss - \$2,324,822

- 26.52% expended through 9/30/2022

- Updated Treasury guidance allows for \$10M assumed limit for revenue loss for non-entitlement units

→ Remaining Available Funds - \$7,639,263

→ Deadline

- Funds must be *obligated* by December 31, 2024
- Funds must be *expended* by December 31, 2026

Comprehensive Funding Plan - Staff Project Requests

Staff Submissions

Category	Number of Projects	Funds Requested
School Safety & Security	3	\$130,000
School HVAC Upgrades	4	\$84,000
Athletic Field Improvements	3	\$45,350
Parks & Playground Improvements	7	\$2,071,000
Electric Vehicles & Infrastructure	3	\$139,000
Sewer Infrastructure	2	\$1,500,000
Business Support Initiatives	3	\$150,000
Enhance/Expand Programs: Public Facing	9	\$1,518,000
Enhance/Expand Programs: Internal	9	\$1,696,624
	Total	\$7,333,974

Comprehensive Funding Plan - Board Member Project Requests

→ Board Member Submissions

- [Link to Board Member Submissions](#)

→ Discuss Consistent Areas

→ Next Steps

- Public Engagement?



Preliminary Next Steps

→ **Pandemic Set Aside?**

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→ **How often to revisit?**

