

**Town of East Bridgewater ARPA Committee**

175 Central Street

East Bridgewater, MA 02333

Town Hall



**ARPA Committee Meeting Minutes  
November 14, 2023**

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**Members present:** John Margie, Dan Picha, Ken Reale, Geraldine Hurley, Melanie Dean (non-voting), Dan O’Leary, Nadia Clancy (entered at 6:15PM)

**Member(s) absent:** Paula Wolfe, Dave Walsh, Glenn Tattrie

**Guest(s):** Charlie Seelig, Town Administrator

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1. Meeting called to order at 6:00PM by Chairman John Margie
2. Meeting Minutes from October 24, 2023: M/Reale; S/Hurley – Approved 5-0
3. Town Accountant Melanie Dean provided an update on the status of current projects submitted for consideration. These items were presented at the Select Board meeting on 11/13 and current status is listed below.
  - a. Electronic Sign – approved
  - b. Sidewalks Union Street – on hold
  - c. Kaey’s Trucking – on hold
  - d. Sachem Rock Walking Trail Improvements – approved
  - e. Pavilion at Community Center – approved up to \$60,000
  - f. Premium Pay – put on hold
  - g. Foul Ball Netting Strong Field – not approved
  - h. Scoreboard at Strongs Field – approved
  - i. Leland Farms Feasibility Study – approved
  - j. Playground Equipment at Central School – approved contingent if it can be moved if school relocates
  - k. Pick up Truck – passed over
  - l. Drainage for Softball Field – on hold, need more information
  - m. Security Enhancements for Mitchell & Central – on hold
  - n. Snowblowers for School Department – approved
  - o. Electronic Signs Mitchell & Central – on hold
  - p. Budget Software – passed over
  - q. Back Up for IT – approved
4. Patrolmen’s Premium Pay Request: Patrolmen’s association expressed concern that other town’s police departments received ARPA funds. The Town Accountant surveyed other towns that did give bonuses – not premium pay. The committee requested clarification on whether premium pay was still supposed to go to low wage earners first.

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5. Kaey's Trucking Update: The Committee has asked for historical financial information from Kaey's. To date, we have only received 2022 financial information.
  - a. Motion to Not Recommend: M/Hurley; S/O'Leary – Approved 6-0
6. Motion to Adjourn 6:39PM M/Picha; S/Reale **Approved 6-0**

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Picha  
ARPA Committee Clerk