

Town of East Bridgewater ARPA Committee

175 Central Street

East Bridgewater, MA 02333

Town Hall



**ARPA Committee Meeting Minutes
November 9, 2022**

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Members present: John Margie, Dan Picha, Ken Reale, Geraldine Hurley, Nadia Clancy (entered at 6:08PM)

Member(s) absent: Paula Wolfe (non-voting), Melanie Dean, Glenn Tattrie, Dan O'Leary, Melanie Dean, Dave Walsh, Paula Wolfe

Guest(s): Charlie Seelig (Town Administrator)/attended remotely, Superintendent Liz Legault, School Business Administrator/Rec Commission John Shea; Peter Furia, Rec Commission; Nancy Hill, COA Director; Paul O'Brien, Chief of Police; Brian Kiley, Facilities Manager

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1. Meeting called to order at 6:00PM by Chairman John Margie
 2. Review of ARPA proposals:
 - a. **Pavilion at COA:** Nancy Hill and Brian Kiley; During the pandemic the COA was able to leverage the outdoor grounds during COVID. The COA wants to have a pavilion the COA can use for education classes, town events, as well as renting it out for private events. It would be easier to have a permanent structure where chairs/tables can be stored. The estimate for cost was derived by Brian Kiley contacting an engineer the town had worked with in the past -- it's not a formal estimate. Unknown costs would be electricity and excavation work. Project would need to go to bid. To go to bid you need a schematic design which would have a cost (*need to find out from Plymouth County if ARPA funds can be used for schematic prior to obtaining bids*). The pavilion would need to be ADA compliant and accessible. The group is also flexible on the size of the pavilion.
 - b. **Central and Mitchell School Entry Enhancements:** Doors at Mitchell and Central schools are old and mostly glass. School Department views the doors as a security concern. John Shea provided the Committee with photos of each entry way to the schools and an outline of projects for both Central and Mitchell.
 - c. **Renovation/Repurposing Two Courts at Church Street:** John Shea and Peter Furia from the Rec Commission. The two existing courts are 40 years old. Over the past 40 years it has been up to volunteers to keep them up; the DPW has also provided support to keep the courts functional. The Rec Commission has sent out a survey to local youth groups and usage of the courts was a top priority. A grant was obtained from the state for \$55,000 to cover a portion of this project. Total cost estimated to be \$250,000; there is also a \$40,000 Capital Budget article for this. The grant and capital item would cover the cost of the courts and the added \$146,000 for added projects as listed in the request. Basketball courts are unusable today.

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- d. **LED Lighting at Church Street (being submitted by Rec on behalf of Little League):**
John Shea/Peter Furia from Rec Commission. Funds would be used for upgrading lighting at little league fields and softball fields. John Margie asked the Rec Commission to explore rebates available through National Grid, Mass Save, etc.
 - e. **Church Street Little League Concession Stand/Storage Shed exterior repair/electrical upgrade:** Roofing, electrical upgrade to the concession stand/storage shed, renovation to the exterior of the building (for Snack Shack). Rec Commission polled Youth Sports groups and this was a prioritized request.
3. The Committee engaged in discussion around the requests presented this evening.
 4. **Follow up required:**
 - a. *Many projects may require going to bid and if going to bid some pre-work (schematics, etc.) to be completed. How do we best handle this? The groups don't have the budget to do this. Can ARPA funds be used? **Follow up from Charlie & Melanie***
 - b. *The Committee would like a representative from the BOS to attend so the Committee can understand the BOS' expectations/timelines. **Follow up from Charlie***
 5. Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - a. October 26, 2022 – Motion to approve by Clancy, Second by Reale (approved 5-0)
 6. Next meeting to be set for November 22, 2022, at 6PM
 7. Adjournment at 7:04PM M/Picha; S/Clancy (approved 5-0)

approved. 12/6/2022

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