

ARPA meeting 01/17/23

Members Present: John Margie, Geraldine Hurley, Ken Reale, Danny O'Leary, Melanie Dean (non-voting), Glenn Tattrie

REC'D EB TOWN CLERK
28 FEB 8 PM 12:30

1. John Margie called meeting to order
 - a. Established a Quorum
 - b. Dan Picha absent, no minutes to review

2. John Shea School Committee Business Administrator is present to review request for 2 Mammoth Snowblowers/Salt Spreaders
 - a. Request for 2 36" snowblower/salter. 1 for High School and 1 at Mitchell Middle School
 - b. 1 machine would do the work of 2 custodians and provide quicker more efficient clearing of snow and ice.
 - c. Shea thought last years overtime for snow removal was 90K. Committee asked for this to be verified.
 - d. 1 snowblower currently not working. Remaining equipment over six years old.
 - e. Past year 5 slip and falls reported by students, staff and community members
 - f. Previously tried to receive funding from the Capital Committee-not approved
 - g. Melanie Dean asked if current machines could be repaired.

3. John Shea Recreation Committee is present to review request for replacement of Score Board at Strong Field
 1. Strong Field presented as a premier field on the South Shore
 2. Current score board is 60 years old. Currently working
 3. Field is used by Little League, High School and rented to teams outside of the town
 4. Replacement scoreboard would be wireless, handheld controllers, could be used by phone app
 5. Reported that current quote is stale from August 2022.

4. John Shea Recreation Committee is present to review request for Outdoor Movie System
 1. Currently town has an operation budget for outdoor events. Previous movie event was very Successful
 2. Shea suggested movie events would enhance community engagement
 3. Melanie Dean suggested library and other town offices might find use for this

5. John Shea Recreation Committee present to review request for Roofing Replacement for Youth Sports Building
 1. Request for three roofs being utilized by youth sports in town. Concession Stand/Garage at Little League Field Church Street, Concession Stand/Garage at youth soccer complex Belmont Street, Garage building at Little League/Soccer Fields at Church Street.

Geraldine Hurley Approved @
2/6/2023 meeting

2. Repairs would increase useful life of buildings
 3. Committee member Reale asked if volunteers could help with repairs. All agreed that volunteers are very difficult under current environment.
6. Diane Phillips present to review request of Friends of East Bridgewater Trails for Sachem Rock and Bennett Lane Sites
1. Committee made of up very small group of volunteers to maintain and repair the trails
 2. Trails include Sachem Rock, Bennett Lane and Bay Circuit Trails
 3. Repairs needed are beyond what the volunteers can handle. They need equipment and machinery. Trails are in need of safety improvements. Benches and bridges are needed.
 4. Diane Phillips reported their proposal was an estimate. ARPA committee suggested they should receive a quote from the town DPW to get a more accurate picture of costs. Diane will follow-up with the committee when she receives quotes from DPW.
7. ARPA Committee Discussions and Votes
1. Discussion of plans on how to move forward with our meetings and proposals
 2. Committee member Reale asked about status on the electronic sign proposal by the School Dept. Members answered with School Dept needs to get back to the ARPA committee on pricing question they had
 3. Melanie Deane discussed email sent by Charlie Seelig informing the committee that more of the County funds could be used for Revenue Replacement. Does not change the amount of funds that communities will receive. Melanie recommended that the committee should accept the proposal.
 4. Reale Motion made for proposed increase of funds for Revenue Replacement, O'Leary 2nd motion. All voting members approved the motion.
 5. Discussion around the Scoreboard. Reale questioned if the Scoreboard was necessary. Question was raised as to how the Rec Committee uses the fees they raise by rental of the facility. ARPA committee decided to put the Score Board recommendation to the Selectmen on hold until further information is determined.
 6. Reale Motion to approve the recommendation to Selectmen of the Outdoor Movie Theatre. Tattrie 2nd motion, all members approved the motion.
 7. O'Leary motion to approve recommendation to Selectmen for Roofing Repairs for Youth Sports Buildings, Tattrie 2nd the motion, all members approved.
 8. Discussion around what has been formerly recommended to the Selectmen from past ARPA Committee meetings. Melanie Deane will inquire about the formal recommendations and get back to the ARPA committee.
 9. Next meeting set for January 31st at 6pm.
 10. ARPA committee will request to set-up meetings for the following proposals:
 - a. Kaey's Trucking
 - b. Offsite Back up of System for Town and Schools, Migration of Accounting Software, Budget software
 - c. Turf Installation for Softball Fields, High School Baseball Fields Backstop and Netting, Leland Farms