

**Town of Farmington, CT  
Town Council- Ad-Hoc Committee  
American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)  
Minutes- November 9, 2021**

**In attendance:**

C.J. Thomas, Town Council Chair  
Joe Capodiferro, Town Council Member  
Brian Connolly, Town Council Member  
Rose Ponte, Economic Development Director  
Russ Arnold, Dir. of Public Works/Town Engineering  
Joe Swetcky, Finance Director

**A. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Thomas at 6:00 PM.

**B. Public Comment**

Mr. Tim Kelly, 62 Westview Terrace, told the committee that children have been the greatly affected by the pandemic and he feels the ARPA funding should be used for education or to offset costs to the new FHS.

**C. Reading of the minutes**

- a. A motion was made and seconded by (Capodiferro/Connolly ) to accept the October 12, 2021, minutes. **Motion carried.**

**D. General Discussion**

Mr. Joe Swetcky reported the following information in regards to the ARPA funds:

- that the Town is to receive \$7.5 million, half the money has already been received, the second half is scheduled to be received in June 2022.
- The US Treasury is in charge of administrating the program, and final regulations have not been finalized. It is possible that increased flexibility for ARPA funds will be approved, if this happens then there will be more approved uses for the funds
- All funds must be obligated by 2024.
- One allowable use is a municipal loss component, the loss must be calculated according to a US Treasury Dept. formula.
- The funds can't be used to pay down pension obligations or pay lawsuit settlements, and the money can't be placed in a reserve fund, it must be spent.

The Committee has general discussions and questions for Joe and Russ.

**E. Next Steps**

The committee will consider possible uses for the funding, while awaiting final ARPA funding regulations from the US Treasury and will make recommendations for a plan to use the funds.

**F. Adjournment**

- a. A motion was made and seconded (Capodiferro/Connolly ) to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 PM. **Motion Carried.**

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Rose Ponte, Economic Development Director**