

12/12/22 ARPA Minutes

Workgroup members: Trisha McCarthy, Joe Simone, Charles Melvin, Jack Kozec, Pete Gagnon, Chief Alcaidinho, Chief Jewett and Larry Foote (on leave)

- Business: Diane Morin will update on the Town's Cybersecurity and laptops for Fire Department and Emergency Management Department: The new lease on the laptops is not going to happen. The fire department and the emergency management department have fairly new laptops that the town owns, so it seems like a waste of money to lease new ones. Diane explained the need for the upgrade on the Town's Cybersecurity. This technology is covered by the ARPA funds, and is an important need for the town. The total is \$15,610.00. The workgroup agreed that we should move forward with this.
- The Workgroup discussed the antenna that has been ordered. The police antenna's license is in the Police Department's name instead of the Town of Newton. It was discussed that the process to get the license in the Town's name should be started.
- The Butler Building was discussed for heating. Currently the Town is not paying for the heat in that building, but instead Mike Pivero is paying for it. He is looking for a waste-oil heater that could run up to \$13,000.00-\$14,000.00. He will get us a quote.

Respectfully submitted,
Trisha McCarthy, Acting EMD