

12/5/22 ARPA Minutes

Workgroup Members: Trisha McCarthy, Joe Simone, Selectman Charlie Melvin, Fire Chief Alcainho, Police Chief Jewett, Jack Kozec, Pete Gagnon, Larry Foote (on leave)

Business:

1. The workgroup discussed the high cost of the camera security systems in the area of \$100,000.00. It was further suggested to take a look at the various camera needs in the various town buildings and try to shave off some of the costs (if possible). Chief Jewett will check the PD invoice and get it back to us. The group suggests removing the Beach and Greenie Park from the list (since installing internet and cameras will be costly). The workgroup discussed the invoice for station 2, and it was decided to remove that. The Fire Chief agreed. It was decided that an RFP should be completed on this item and to request qualifications and timelines.
2. Website Company: John Guilfoil (ask BOS for a decision) \$18,000.00 + \$12,000.00 for 1st yr This was discussed and will be brought up at the BOS meeting on the 6th.
3. Replacement Computers \$4,556.00 (Diane Morin) This is for the 4 laptops for the Fire Department and the Emergency Management Dept. The Fire Chief and the acting EMD stated they don't want to replace their current laptops. The ones they use are owned and are not overworked. The Fire Dept stores documents in the cloud, so they have plenty of life left.
4. Sugarloaf Invoice for Power Load Installation \$1,900.00. It was decided to recommend the BOS pay this from the ARPA funds. This is for the power-load for the Stryker Stretcher.
5. Wireless system for Kenwood \$2,248.00 (this was removed from the agenda)
6. Greenie Park: The Town Engineer was asked to take a look at the parking lot and contact Mike Pivero about the work that may need to be done.

Continue Meeting at 1:00pm

- Solar Company Presentation: The Solar Company came and did a presentation. Based on the costs, the ARPA funds will not be able to cover what the costs would be. They said we should keep in eye on the IRA (Inflation Reduction Act) Money. It may be another way for us to get solar. It will require some upfront money and we explained that the taxpayers just got their tax bill and this may not be the time to ask for more money that will impact on the tax-bills.

Respectfully Submitted:

Trisha McCarthy, Actin EMD