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**NEWTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**DATE: TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2022**

**TIME: 7:00PM**

**LOCATION: NEWTON TOWN HALL, 2 TOWN HALL ROAD and  
ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL**

**PUBLIC HEARING MEETING MINUTES**

**Zoom Conference phone number 929-205-6099**

**Meeting ID 818 7979 5674**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81879795674>

**I. Call to Order**

Chairman Burrill called the public hearing meeting to order at 7:02pm. In attendance were Selectmen Matthew A. Burrill, Chairman, Robert Marchand Jr, Vice-Chairman, Charles R. Melvin Sr., Michael Connolly, and Selectmen's Secretary Diane M. Morin. The public hearing meeting was videotaped; the public hearing meeting minutes were transcribed and typed by Secretary Morin.

Selectman Lawrence Foote was not present.

**II. Scheduled Business**

Chairman Burrill read the following:

The Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, July 19, 2022, beginning at 7:00pm at the Newton Town Hall, 2 Town Hall Road, Newton, NH and via Zoom.

To take public input on the acceptance of \$25,612.80 from FEMA-4516-DR-NH Public Assistance Grant program. These monies are from the electronic message board sign usage from October 21, 2021 – December 31, 2021.

Acting Emergency Management Director (EMD) Trisha McCarthy addressed the Board. She explained that the funds are from electronic messages that were displayed on the electronic message board informing the public of COVID related topics. The funds will go into the General Fund until a warrant article is passed by the voters to move the funds into the Emergency Management Operations Center fund. Those funds are used to pay staff salaries during an emergency.

Selectman Melvin asked the amount of funds generated by using the electronic message board. Acting EMD McCarthy estimated the amount to be \$107,000.00. She expects to add another \$43,000.00 later in the year.

**Selectman Marchand moved per RSA 31:95-b to accept unanticipated funds in the amount of \$25,612.80 from FEMA-4516-DR-NH Public Assistance Grant program. These monies are from the electronic message board sign usage from October 21, 2021 – December 31, 2021. Seconded by Selectman Melvin with a unanimous vote.**

Chairman Burrill closed the public hearing at 7:06pm  
Chairman Burrill opened the public hearing at 7:07pm

Selectman Melvin read the following:

Per RSA 31:95-b to accept and expend unanticipated funds in the amount of \$257,955.30 from the State of New Hampshire. This is the second payment under the America Relief Plan Act that has been received.

Acting EMD McCarthy stated that this is the second half of the ARPA fund. These funds can be used by the Town for COVID related expenses. Any unused funds must be returned to the Federal Government at the end of 2026.

**Selectman Melvin moved per RSA31:95-b to accept and expend unanticipated funds in the amount of \$257,955.30 from the State of New Hampshire. This is the second payment under the America Relief Plan Act that has been received. Seconded by Chairman Burrill with a unanimous vote.**

Chairman Burrill closed the public hearing at 7:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane M. Morin  
Board of Selectmen Secretary