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**NEWTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
PUBLIC HEARING**

DATE: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2021

TIME: 7:00PM

**LOCATION: NEWTON TOWN HALL, 2 TOWN HALL ROAD and
ZOOM AUDIO CONFERENCING**

PUBLIC HEARING MEETING MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Chairman Foote called the meeting to order at 7:03pm. In attendance were Selectmen, Charles R. Melvin Sr.; Vice-Chairman, Matthew A. Burrill, Edvin Crnolic, Town Administrator Nancy J. Wrigley, Board of Selectmen Secretary Diane M. Morin and members of the public. Utilizing Zoom Conference Call was Selectmen Michaels.

Vice-Chairman Melvin read the following:

Per RSA 31:35-b to accept unanticipated funds in the amount of \$257,955.29 from the State of New Hampshire. This is the first payment under the American Relief Plan Act.

Vice-Chairman Melvin stated the town was awarded \$515,910.58 for the American Rescue Act and this is the first payment for 2021 in the amount of \$257,955.29 that was received, and the second payment will be allocated in 2022.

Selectman Burrill said the public hearing is to get input from the public for the money received and then come up with a plan on what it will be used for, following the proposed guidelines.

Town Administrator Wrigley asked the Board, we aren't spending any of the money right now because the Board needs to approve the expenditures, correct? And we don't have a plan in place to make sure the expenditures are being used correctly, is that right? Selectman Melvin said that is correct and we don't have a plan in place yet because this is something that just came up. Ms. Wrigley said she wanted to be sure, because she thought she heard that it was already being applied to the payroll.

The Board opened the floor for the public's input.

Road Agent Mike Pivero suggested that the Board of Selectmen form a board or a committee to look at areas where this money can be best spent. He said we have time, and it would be prudent to have a board or committee in place to ensure the funds are used in the best interest of the Town.

Selectman Burrill moved to accept the \$257,955.29. Seconded by Selectman Crnolic with a roll call vote: Melvin – aye, Burrill – aye, Crnolic – aye.

Selectman Kathryn Michaels joined the public hearing at 7:09pm.

Selectman Burrill asked to add this to the November 2nd meeting agenda to keep things moving. Selectmen Secretary Diane Morin asked the Board if they should motion to accept and expend, otherwise they will need to hold another public hearing to expend. The Board agreed they need a detailed plan and they will have to hold another public hearing to vote to expend.

Selectman Melvin moved to close the public hearing at 7:10pm. Seconded by Selectman Burrill with a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Wrigley
Town Administrator