

## ARPA Minutes 8/2/22

ARPA Work-group meetings are open to the public and we encourage input and/or concerns. It never hurts to ask.

- Stipend's (Police & Highway)  
ARPA Work-group approved stipends using the State Guidelines  
As follows: 8 Full Time Police & 1 Full Time Highway= \$2485.71  
7 Part Time Police – 1242.86  
Note: (Bookkeeper has names)  
Fire Dept Stipends will be presented at the next meeting. The US Treasury Guidelines state that any 1<sup>st</sup> responder that goes on emergency calls (regardless of how they were hired (salary, full time, part time, on call, volunteer etc.) may receive a stipend. Because our Fire Dept has various categories the ARPA Work-group will present the Stipend list to the BOS at next meeting. (P.S. Also, if you have not gone on a call since January, then you get nothing). For anyone hired after June 30<sup>th</sup>, they will be entitled to a stipend in December of this year.
- Technology, computers, camera's, security (ARPA Work-group is meeting with a Camera Security Company at 1pm on 8/8/22 and a Life Safety Public Relations Company at 2pm on 8/8/22)
- Printer for Planning/ZBA RFP (we have one more company giving us a quote. We will present options at next BOS meeting)
- Filter's for Town Hall and Library were discussed. At the last BOS meeting there was talk about new buildings, so it was decided that portable filters will be the best option at this time. ARPA work-group We will present options and quotes at next BOS meeting
- HVAC system/filters for Police. If the BOS feels this building is going to change, it seems not sensible to pay for upgrades at this time.
- Police Dept: needs an updated digital antenna. This will be discussed at our next ARPA meeting
- Recreation Dept: Has give ARPA a list of potential needs at the Town Beach and Greenie Park. This will be an ongoing list as we continue to upgrade at these locations. Anyone with suggestions, please contact me at [tmccarthy@newtonnh.net](mailto:tmccarthy@newtonnh.net) . The public is welcome to participate in our meetings.
- Life Guards are also entitled to a stipend and will be discussed by the Recreation Dept and advise ARPA Work-group.

- Solar Company has not gotten back to us yet with suggestions for panels on the roof of the FD/PD. May not make sense to put on PD if this building exterior may change.
- ARPA approved a printer for the EOC because the EOC doesn't have one, but instead share the one in the Fire Dept. Printer has now been set up by our Tech Company RMON.
- Requisition: for Fire Dept Boat: \$19,298.00 This is a Sole Source Product and the only known producer in the US with this type of hull. (read letter to the public during the BOS meeting). The ARPA Work-group recommends that fire department staff are allowed to use this boat for water-related emergencies only and be required to take the Boat Safety Course and Copy of Certificate be given to Fire Chief and our Town Administrator (when we get one). When not in use, Fire Department Boat will be stored according to fire department protocol.
- Requisition: Repeater- Kenwood Atlas for \$17,598. We obtained 3 quotes. The ARPA Work-group recommends the Quote from Netcom Wireless Facilities. Our repeater is old and not clear which is now becoming a safety issue.

EOC/Update: During the Heat Wave the EOC checked on multiple residents to confirm they are comfortable. My cell was given out just in case we needed to open up the cooling center. Both Police and Fire were willing to assist if need be.

Covid has not gone away: 8 new cases in last 14 days. 44% of our residents have been fully vaccinated. That is up 6/10<sup>th</sup> of a percent since the last BOS meeting.

No school cases reported yet, but there is a growing concern when school opens.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trisha McCarthy, Acting EMD