

TOWN OF COLEBROOK

**American Rescue Plan Act
MINUTES
FOR
SPECIAL MEETING
Thursday July 14th, 2022
4:30 PM
Land Use Office
1st Floor**

Members Present:

Ben Bartlett
Alison Jassen
Chris Johnstone
Kate Kennedy
James Millar
Martha Neal

Members Absent:

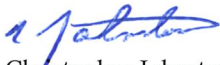
None

Others Present

None

1. Meeting called to order at 4:30PM by Chris Johnstone.
2. On a motion by Jim Millar, seconded by Marty Neal the minutes of the May 23rd, 2022 meeting were amended to show that Martha Neal was present for the meeting. Motion passed, unanimous.
3. Public comment – None.
4. Discuss purchase of fire truck – Johnstone discussed the purchase of the fire truck that was approved at the Special Town Meeting held on 21 June 2022. Total cost for the fire truck is \$719,107.00, the town approved using \$318,633 from the general fund for the initial down payment. Johnstone recommended using \$400,474.00 of ARPA funds to pay for the balance of the cost of the truck. Johnstone also recommended using the ARPA funds for the deposit and to use the General funds to pay the balance of the cost once the truck is delivered. A motion was made by Jim Millar, seconded Ben Bartlett, to use the full allocation of ARPA funds in the amount of \$414,330.82 that the Town Of Colebrook will receive to use for the down payment for the purchase of the Pumper Fire Truck for the Forge Fire Department. Discussion, Martha Neal questioned if the Town had received the full allocation of funds. Johnstone explained that the town had received only the first tranche of funds and expects to receive the second tranche by the end of July. Johnstone also explained that the deposit for the Pumper Fire Truck does not need to be paid until the factory receives the cab and chassis. Johnstone expects that the down payment for the truck will not be due until October 2022. Motion passed, unanimous.
5. Discussed project requests that had been received and a decision was made by the committee to only fund the purchase of the Fire Truck.
6. A motion was made by Kate Kennedy, to send the recommendation by the ARPA Committee to the Board of Finance for approval to fund the purchase of the fire truck with the full allocation of ARPA funds in the amount of \$414,330.82, seconded by Ben Bartlett. Motion passed, unanimous.
7. Community involvement - The use of ARPA funds will be discussed at the next Town meeting.
8. Next meeting date – TBD.
9. On a motion by Marty Neal, seconded by Jim Millar, the meeting adjourned at 5:00PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Christopher Johnstone
First Selectman