

ARPA Committee
Meeting Minutes March 29, 2023
Board of Health Meeting Room

Present: Ethan Melad (Chair), Chris Caputo, Bill King, Lene Guertin, Bob Locatelli, Jason Petritis (ex-officio)

Meeting called to order at 6:31pm.

Minutes of March 8, 2023 approved unanimously.

Interim Superintendent of Schools Tim McCormick presented a request for funding to restart the recycling program at the schools. The discussion concluded with unanimous approval to fund the purchase of receptacles and collection by their current refuse collector thru June of 2024, in the amount of \$4,000. Funding after that will be provided for in the school budget.

Water Superintendent Jamie Flamand requested funding for an unexpected repair to the Ground Storage Tank of up to \$100,389. The Committee requested that additional quotes be obtained at which time the Committee will reconsider this request.

The request for funding of the Meridia electronic voting system was discussed. It was noted that in addition to the initial cost there appears to be an estimated \$600 annual cost for replacement batteries as well as the time needed to maintain and account for this equipment. On a split vote it was decided to not recommend this purchase.

Discussion continued on the subject of a Town Manager/Administrator. The Committee unanimously voted to recommend the immediate establishment of a Search Committee. Further, funding of up to \$400,000 for this position is to be provided until it runs out but not beyond December 2026.

Nest meeting April 26, 2023.

Meeting adjourned 7:57pm

Respectfully submitted,
Bob L.