

Special Select Board Meeting Minutes  
November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Present: Emily Grube, Steve Chamberlin, John Peters, Jon Harrington, Chuck Gundersen

Public: Neil Lamson (Lister), Sarah Wraight (Two Rivers), Ben Brickner (ZBA, Auditor), Ellie Pizzani, Becky Fielder (Town Clerk), Ann Bower (Library Trustee), Jun Wanhen (Standard), Cynthia Hewitt (SB Asst)

1. Emily called the meeting to order at 6:04.
2. This is a Special Select Board meeting – The only agenda is gaining public input on how best to spend the ARPA funds. Sarah Wraight from Two Rivers is in attendance to assist in this process. Neil Lamson explained that Pomfret would receive \$254,000 over two years. He also explained that there are specific areas where the money can be spent. Sarah had created a spread sheet outlining where the money might be used.
3. Specific Suggestions
  - a. Digitizing land records – would allow attorneys to perform their work from offsite and thus eliminate their presence at the town office
  - b. Audio-Visual equipment to be installed in town office, town hall, and library to improve virtual meeting capabilities
  - c. Improving accessibility to the town offices and town hall with wider doors, paved driveway, etc.
  - d. Facilitating broad band for those residents who need help
  - e. Organizing a way to offer emergency services to needy residents
  - f. Would like to begin an affordable housing movement
  - g. Continue stormwater abatement, bridge, and culvert production
4. The Select Board will continue researching, scheduling, seeking public input and creating a timeline.
5. Adjournment: John move and Jon seconded adjournment at 7:18 pm. Motion carried