

The February 21, 2023, Regular Meeting of the Woodbridge Board of Selectmen was convened at 5:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Central Meeting Room by First Selectman Beth Heller.

Present: First Selectman Beth Heller, Deputy First Selectman Sheila McCreven, Joseph Crisco, Dr. David Lober, and David Vogel.

Absent: Paul Kuriakose

Present for Staff: Administrative Officer/Director of Finance, Assistant Administrative Officer/Budget Analyst Karen Crosby, Media Specialist Pua Ford, and Geraldine Shaw, Clerk.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024

The Board of Selectmen made the following recommendations to the Board of Finance for the Capital Improvement Budget and the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA)

The Board review the proposed distribution of the ARPA funds:

Business District	\$1,314,568
Renovation of the Former Fire House.....	\$ 500,000
Center of Town grove improvements.....	\$ 500,000

The Board then reviewed a memo from Dwight Rowland, Chair of the Center Renovation Committee requesting \$580,000 of ARPA funds to address unexpected construction work and costs for the renovation of the Center Gym, HVAC system, and upgrading of the toilet rooms.

Dr. Lober recommended that \$2M be designated to the revitalization of the business district. Both Dr. Lober and Mr. Vogel stated that none of the funds be designated to the renovation of the former firehouse or the grove improvements. That only the State grant of \$2M be used – and the Board wait to see if the building was utilized enough by the residents to support additional funding. Ms. Heller reminded the Board that the SLR presentation (revitalization of the business district) included the statement that most of the proposed work could be covered by federal money from the Infrastructure Bill.

Mr. Crisco made a motion to approve the distribution of the ARPA funds as presented in the document entitled “Capital Improvement Program”. Ms. McCreven offered a “friendly amendment”.

“That a line be added to put some money into the Center Gym renovation reflecting Dwight Rowland’s memo dated February 17, 2023”. **New distribution list:**

Business district revitalization.....	\$1,314,568
Renovation of the former fire house.....	\$ 334,000
Center of Town grove improvement.....	\$ 333,000
Center Gym renovation.....	\$ 333,000

Mr. Crisco accepted the friendly amendment. Ms. McCreven seconded the motion.

VOTE: Aye – Heller, McCreven, Crisco

Nay – Lober, Vogel

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The Board made the following changes to the Capital Improvement Program:

Woodbridge Board of Education – Items scheduled for 2025 in the amount of \$1,372,700 be moved to 2024.

Police Department – Building upgrades in the amount of \$4,858,496 be moved to FY2025.

