



Town of Ridgefield Tri Board Meeting

Approved Meeting Minutes
Monday June 14, 2021

I. Call to order

Rudy Marconi called to order the Tri Board meeting at 10:00 AM June 14, 2021 via Zoom due to Coronavirus. BOF Board Members Dave Ulmer, Greg Kabasakalian, Mike Rettger present. Karen Ogden and Amy Freidenrich absent.

Others Present:

Town Officials: Rudy Marconi First Selectman, BOS Members: Maureen Kozlark, Sean Connelly, Barbara Manners, Bob Hebert, BOE Members: Dr Susie DaSilva BOE Superintendent, Jonathan Steckler BOE Chairman, Sean McEvoy, Elizabeth Floegel, Rachel Ruggeri.

II. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds-Rudy Marconi announced that this is a preliminary meeting to discuss a process to allocate the funding of the ARPA. The process will allow for the transparency of the funds without one specific board dictating where the funds will be allocated. The town expects to receive \$7.3 million from ARPA with the first round of paperwork already being submitted. Guidance is to be given to the group who will be working on this project to ensure that all paperwork is correct in the event of a future audit. Dave Ulmer discussed that the BOF is looking at this closely with regards to the budget. \$1.55 million was used for this year's tax rate to cover revenue loses so that funds can go back to taxpayers. The town is in a good place with revenues much higher than expected. There are many possibilities for the funds to be used.

There was further discussion regarding possible participants for this project: ad hoc, residents, board members etc. Rudy Marconi is looking for the best impact for the town. A sub-committee from the three boards could be an initial first step in forming a final committee. Rudy Marconi will contact the leads from all three boards to discuss the number of people from each board to serve on the final board for this project. The funds can be used through December, 2026.

*Meeting adjourned at 10:35 am.