

Manager's Report

- The Town Manager's Office staff conducted another interview for the Community Development Coordinator position. Since that interview, we have received a third candidate's resume and cover letter.
- Met with several members from other towns along the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail (LVRT) to the East to discuss the future of collaboration efforts for the LVRT. The State of VT plans to reveal its draft operations plan of the LVRT in early June for public comment.
- Request for proposals (RFPs) have gone out for FY23 paving projects. Terrace Hill, Upper & Lower Cherry, Elm, Cottage, Dale, and W. Church are all on the list. With the prices for raw materials and fuel being the way they are, we will do our best to get these projects done with the funds we have budgeted for paving.
- I visited Ken Davis' Gravel Pit in Greensboro with G. Nolan consulting to do a preliminary walk through of the property. Mr. Davis just received a permit to operate the pit for another 20 years and has offered to sell the property to the Town of Hardwick. I am still in the information gathering stages and welcome any feedback from the board and/or community regarding this potential purchase.
- Keep an eye out for the Neighbor to Neighbor Community Gatherings scheduled for June in your perspective area. I would like to meet and hear from as many folks as possible at these meetings.

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Criteria for Prioritizing Potential Projects ARPA funds
(The SB evaluation document)

Name of Project:

Type of Project:

- Public Safety
- Economic Development
- Municipal Infrastructure
- Addressing Deferred Maintenance

The timeline

Does the timeline make sense?

Will the project fit into ARPA time constraints?

On a scale of 1-5 (low to high), how much weight will we give to this issue? 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5

The costs and funding

How much Town funding has this project already received?

What's the downside of not funding this project?

On a scale of 1-5 (low to high), how much weight will we give to this issue? 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5

What % of the ARPA funds are the applicants asking for?

What initiative has the applicant already shown?

On a scale of 1-5 (low to high), how much weight will we give to this issue? 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5

What other funding resources could support this project?

- Federal grant funding
- State grant funding
- Private philanthropic funding

How much money has been raised? In the pipeline?

Does the applicant have funds already “in reserve” for this project so that ARPA funds could complete it?

Will the completion of the project have positive or negative financial impact on the municipal budget for future maintenance?

On a scale of 1-5 (low to high), how much weight will we give to this issue? 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5

The benefits

How will this benefit the Town and/or its residents?

On a scale of 1-5 (low to high), how much weight will we give to this issue? 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5

What % of the Town population will benefit directly?

What % of the Town population will benefit indirectly?

Other considerations

Data Collection Form for ARPA Fund Projects
(applicant information)

About The American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA)

ARPA funds, passed from the federal government through the states to local governments, may fund projects that include maintenance of old infrastructure or building new infrastructure; protection and modernization of cybersecurity infrastructure; environmental remediation; and the provision of police, fire, and other public safety services.

In other words, the program provides local governments with the resources to:

- Maintain vital public services, even amid declines in revenue resulting from the COVID crisis
- Build a strong, resilient, and equitable recovery by making investments that support long-term growth and opportunity

Hardwick will receive \$855,000. The Selectboard will make the final decision on the how the Town spends the money. [Comment about timeline for the funds]

The Applicant

Name of Applicant _____

Name of Organization, if applicable _____

Contact information — email and phone:

The Project

Describe the project (or attach a description)

What is the timeline for the project? When will the ARPA funds be needed?

What has the applicant already done toward making this dream/vision a reality? (or attach a description)

What is the budget for this project? (or attach a budget)

Does the applicant have funds already “in reserve” for this project so that ARPA funds could complete its funding needs?

How much money has the applicant raised?

How much money has the applicant applied for but have not yet heard about?

Do does this project already receive funds from the Town budget? If so, how much for FY 2023?

What other funding sources have has the applicant identified? (or attach a description)

What will happen to this project does not receive ARPA funds?

The Impact of the Project

How will this project benefit the Town and/or its residents? (or attach a description)

When this project is completed, what short-term and long-term maintenance requirements will it have? (or attach a description)

Who will maintain it?

What proportion of Hardwick’s residents will feel the impact directly? _____ (This need not be a precise count.)

What proportion of Hardwick's residents will feel the impact indirectly? ____ (This need not be a precise count.)