

BRANFORD REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING

**LEGAL NOTICE AND CALL
SPECIAL MEETING**

Wednesday , May 17, 2023 at 8:00 p.m.

The RTM will be convened on Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at 8:00 p.m. in virtual format. to consider and act upon the following matters.

Virtual meeting information:

Join Zoom Meeting

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TOWN CLERK

1. Roll Call.
2. To consider and, if appropriate, approve the recommendation of the Board of Finance of an appropriation of \$2,115,000 to the ARPA Fund Budget for the fiscal year 2023-2024.
3. Adjournment.

Dated this 11th day of May, 2023

Dennis T. Flanigan, RTM Moderator

From: James Finch
Sent: Wednesday, May 10, 2023 11:43 AM
To: RTM - All
Cc: DEPARTMENT - Executive and Designee; Kathryn LaBanca
Subject: ARPA Fund Budget
Attachments: ARPA Budget FY 2024.pdf

All:

At last night's meeting the RTM concluded that the ARPA requests were not consistently reviewed during the committee process. After a friendly discussion regarding potential remedies including the use of waiving rule 4.4 (1) the body ultimately voted to refer the ARPA items back to the Ways and Means Committee. As you may recall, the ARPA appropriation process was designed to mirror the budget approval/amendment process since it was familiar to the appropriating bodies and offered a mechanism for public discussions and input. I have attached a summary list of all of the ARPA projects/items since inception.

These projects span a variety of governmental functions: general government, public safety, public works/engineering, and human services. As a review it is important to consider the following:

- All of the projects were previously presented to the Board of Finance and transmitted to the RTM.
- Some recommendations reflect an increase over the amount requested allowing the town to enhance its service efforts without dramatically increasing the tax requirements or additional debt
- Some recommendations are linked to recommended reductions in the FY 23-24 budget approved by the RTM.
- For those projects which reflect enhanced funding and for which the town is seeking to continue beyond the ARPA funding process, the town's strategy is to provide a glide path so that the general fund increases in future years remain logical and budget sensitive.

While I don't want to be presumptuous with regard to the final ARPA outcome it is worth noting that the RTM validated the recommendations of the Board of Finance by passing the budget as presented with the exception of a recommended pension adjustment pursuant to anticipated changes in the CMERS program. My sense is that since all of the requests were previously transmitted to the RTM that this effort is designed to ensure procedural consistency and as a result the impact on the departments with ARPA projects may be minimal.

Jim

**TOWN OF BRANFORD
ARPA FUND
FISCAL YEARS 2022-2024**

Department	RTM Approved 2022	RTM Approved 2023	2024 Recommendations	BOF Recommended FY 2024	RTM Approved FY 2024
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GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Desktop Computers	Information Technology	0	30,000	30,000	0
Cybersecurity	Information Technology	25,000			
SAN Storage Device	Information Technology	160,000	0	0	0
Shoreline Chamber of Commerce	Executive	25,000			
BACA (Arts)	Executive	70,000			
Athletic Field Study	Executive	400,000			
Reserve for Non-Profits	Executive	425,000			
Total General Government Services		160,000	30,000	30,000	0

PUBLIC SAFETY

Lucas CPR Device	Fire Department	32,000	0	0	0
Gear Extractor Dryer	Fire Department	30,000	0	0	0
Ambulance Equipment	Fire Department	75,000	0	0	0
Ambulance Purchase	Fire Department	220,000	0	0	0
Total Public Safety Services		357,000	0	0	0

ENGINEERING/PUBLIC WORKS/SEWERS/SOLID WASTE

Paving	Public Works	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	0
Street Lining	Public Works	125,000	125,000	125,000	0
Dock Replacement Marine 5	Public Works	85,000	85,000	85,000	
Branford Wharf Replacement	Engineering		400,000	400,000	
Vets Park ADA and Stormwater Upgrades	Engineering		200,000	200,000	
Meadow Street Boardwalk - Engineering Services	Engineering	75,000	0	0	0
Sidewalks	Engineering	550,000	225,000	225,000	0
Curbside Recycling Program	Solid Waste	925,000			
Total Public Works & Highway Services		2,675,000	2,035,000	2,035,000	0

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HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Basic Needs		100,000	50,000	50,000	0
Total Health & Human Services		100,000	50,000	50,000	0

RECREATION & LIBRARIES

Showmobile		220,000			0
Recreation					0
Total Recreation & Library Services		220,000	0	0	0

TOTAL ARPA FUNDING REQUEST		380,000	4,077,000	2,115,000	2,115,000	0
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RECONCILIATION OF ARPA FUNDING

Opening ARPA Fund Balance	8,257,021
FY 2022 Approved Appropriations	380,000
FY 2023 Approved Appropriations	4,077,000
FY 2024 Allocations	2,115,000
Closing Balance	1,685,021
Percent Remaining	20.4%