

Town of Hooksett
ARPA Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 13, 2023

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2 The ARPA Subcommittee met on Wednesday, September 13, 2023, at 5:00pm in the Hooksett
3 Municipal Building.

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5 **CALL TO ORDER**

6 Chair Lapierre called the meeting to order at 5:00 am.

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8 **PROOF OF POSTING**

9 Chair Lapierre provided proof of posting.

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11 **In Attendance:** Chair Randall Lapierre and Councilor Timothy Tsantoulis

12 Staff Support: André Garron and Wendy Baker

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14 Chair Lapierre asked if anyone would like to speak for Public Input.

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16 Kathy McLean, resident of Hooksett presented her idea of having shade canopies at the Donati Park
17 Playground. She shared pictures of the canopies and of how hot the playground was this summer.

18 She said she met with Andy from the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee and they were going to
19 look into estimates. At this time there were no estimates to review.

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21 **APPOINTMENTS**

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23 Leann McLaughlin and Andre Garron presented their Project for Necessary Technology Upgrades for
24 ARPA funds consideration. L. McLaughlin said in their review of IT needs they found a number of
25 areas throughout town that was in need of upgrades. The budget will be focused going forward and
26 there will be an introduction of an IT Capital Reserve Fund. The total cost for this project is \$37,631.98.

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28 **Chair Lapierre motioned to move the Project for Necessary Technology Upgrades to present to**
29 **the full Council. Seconded by T. Tsantoulis.**

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31 ***All in favor 2-0***

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33 Chief Sargent presented Outer Carriers & Uniforms Project for ARPA funds consideration. Chief
34 Sargent had an Officer present to model the new outer carrier and said this takes all of the weight off
35 the officers hips and displaces it evenly. It also has a mounting for body cameras. The total estimated
36 cost for this project is \$10,836.00.

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38 T. Tsantoulis asked if they could purchase half now and half later?

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40 Chief Sargent said he would rather purchase them all together because of the training program and the
41 need for everyone to train at the same time.

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43 **T. Tsantoulis motioned to move the Outer Carriers & Uniforms Project to present to the full**
44 **Council. Seconded by Chair Lapierre.**

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46 ***All in favor 2-0***

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48 Ben Berthiaume, Public Works Director presented the Lew Goodwin Concessions Project for ARPA
49 funds consideration. B. Berthiaume explained that the concessions cannot currently be operated
50 because of the permitting and food license. The upgrades will bring in into compliance. The bathrooms
51 also do not meet ADA and he has included that upgrade in the proposal as well. The total cost for this
52 project is \$24,200.00

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54 T. Tsantoulis asked if the building is too old to save?

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56 Chair Lapierre asked if HYAA wants to see if up and running and have they said if they will contribute to
57 the project?

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59 B. Berthiaume answered they do want to see it up and running but they have not offered to contribute.

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61 **Chair Lapierre motioned to move the Lew Goodwin Concessions Project to present to the full**
62 **Council. Seconded by T. Tsantoulis.**

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64 ***All in favor 2-0***

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66 Ben Berthiaume, Public Works Director presented the Parks & Recreation Equipment Trailer Project for
67 ARPA funds consideration. B. Berthiaume said they have 24' enclosed trailers from 2012 that need to
68 be replaced and thought ARPA would be a good way to have one replaced. The total cost for this
69 project is \$16,500.00.

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71 After discussion there was no motion to move the project to full Council.

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73 Ben Berthiaume, Public Works Director presented the Softball Dugouts Project for ARPA funds
74 consideration. This is a cost sharing with HYAA. The total cost for this project is \$6,000.00.

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76 Chair Lapierre felt there should be one more try at changing the cost sharing with HYAA or perhaps
77 fundraising for it.

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79 After discussion there was no motion to move the project to full Council.

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81 Heather Rainier and Mark Glisson from the Library presented the Library Smoke Detector Upgrade for
82 ARPA funds consideration. H. Rainier explained that the current detectors are from 1998. The total
83 cost for this project is \$16,218.00

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85 **Chair Lapierre motioned to move the Library Smoke Detector Upgrade Project to present to the**
86 **full Council. Seconded by T. Tsantoulis.**

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88 ***All in favor 2-0***

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90 **OLD BUSINESS**

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92 Update on ARPA funds available – there was no time to discuss this.

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94 **NEW BUSINESS**

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96 **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

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98 **T. Tsantoulis motioned to approve the minutes of June 23, 2023. Seconded by Chair Lapierre.**

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100 **All in favor 2-0**

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102 **ADJOURNMENT**

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104 ***Chair Lapierre motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 am. Seconded by T. Tsantoulis .***

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106 ***All in favor 2-0***

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108 Respectfully submitted,

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110 *Wendy Baker*

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113 Executive Assistant