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1/29/2024 - Minutes

I. Pledge Of Allegiance

Vice-President Simmons called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and lead the Committee and the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

Members Present:

John Simmons
Dan Donovan
John Costello
Pat St. Pierre
Kathleen Prescott

Members Absent:

Chris Shamp
Craig Cameron

Staff Present:

Town Manager Michael Borg
Assistant Town Manager Antonio Morabito
Town Accountant Linda Catanzariti
Treasurer/Collector Chris Sweet
DPW Director Mark Hollowell
Parks & Recreation Director Steve Carvalho
NAFD Chief Coleman

North TV Director Peter Gay

Residents Present:

Lisa Deck of Sisters at Heart

Documents Reviewed:

- Finance Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes of the January 11, 2024, Meeting
- Measure 2024-047- General Government Capital Improvement Plan Projects -FY2024 Free Cash
- Measure 2024-052- Appropriation request for the utilization of FY23 Retained Earnings for Comcast PEG Access for North TV (for additional funding for Measure 2023-073) for the North Attleboro High School Press Box in the amount of \$8,335.50.
- Measure 2024-054- Award Sisters at Heart \$25,000.00 of ARPA NEU Funding

II. Approval Of Minutes

- a. Approval of Finance Sub-Committee Minutes of January 11, 2024

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Councilor Donovan made a motion to approve the Finance Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes of January 11, 2023.

Councilor Costello seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0-1.

III. Resident And Community Comment

None at this time.

IV. Old Business

None at this time.

V. New Business

- a. Measure 2024-047- General Government Capital Improvement Plan Projects -FY2024 Free Cash

Measure 2024-047- General Government Capital Improvement Plan Projects -FY2024 Free Cash

I hereby submit the following measure to the Town Council for its consideration and action:

"That the Town of North Attleborough appropriate the sum of \$776,000.00 for the purpose of completing the Capital Improvement Projects listed on the Summary of Capital Improvement Projects with FY2024 Free Cash as indicated below:

Department Cash	Project	FY24 Free
Fire	Shift Commander Vehicle	\$156,000.00
Park & Recreation	Mason Field B'Ball/Pickleball/	\$250,000.00
Public Works	Truck Replacement	\$45,000.00
Public Works	268 Smith St. Demolition	\$325,000.00
		Total:
\$776,000.00		

Town Manager Borg reviewed this measure with the Committee. He reviewed individually each of the projects listed above. He explained that these projects were already brought forward to the Town Council as anticipated FY24 CIP projects. Now that the FY24 Free Cash has been certified and the FY24 Capital Projects are to be implemented, each one is being brought forward to be explained and discussed at the Finance Sub-Committee Meeting tonight and referred back to the Town Council to request approval for implementation.

NAFD Chief Coleman reviewed the request for the Shift Commander Vehicle in the amount of \$156,000.00. He explained the need and the benefits to both the Department and the Community if this request is approved.

There was discussion amongst Chief Coleman and the Committee.

Parks and Recreation Steve Carvalho was in attendance to review the request for the Mason Field Baseball, Pickleball, and Ice Rink CIP Projects in the amount of \$250,000.00, and answer any questions the Committee may have had.

There was discussion amongst the Committee and Mr. Carvalho.

DPW Director Mark Hollowell was in attendance to address the Committee and answer any questions that the Committee may have had. He explained both the truck replacement request in the amount of \$45,000.00 and the demolition of 268 Smith Street in the amount of \$325,000.00 were two CIP Projects that the DPW had requested.

There was discussion amongst the Committee and Mr. Hollowell.

Councilor Donovan made a motion to refer Measure 2024-047- General Government Capital Improvement Plan Projects, That the Town of North Attleborough appropriate the sum of \$776,000.00 for the purpose of completing the Capital Improvement Projects listed on the Summary of Capital Improvement Projects with FY2024 Free Cash back to the Full Town Council with a positive recommendation.

Councilor Costello seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0.

- b. Measure 2024-052- Appropriation request for the utilization of FY23 Retained Earnings for Comcast PEG Access for North TV (for additional funding for Measure 2023-073) for the North Attleboro High School Press Box in the amount of \$8,335.50

Measure 2024-052- Appropriation request for the utilization of FY23 Retained Earnings for Comcast PEG Access for North TV (for additional funding for Measure 2023-073) for the North Attleboro High School Press Box in the amount of \$8,335.50.

Each year the Town receives funds from Comcast for the funding of North T.V. Capital Improvement Projects to enhance PEG access. Measure 2023-073-Utilization of FY24 Retained Earnings for Comcast PEG Access for North TV was approved in the amount of \$6,600.00 for the following capital purchases:

2 Sony 100M Hybrid Optical Cable	\$2,750.00
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1 325' SDI Cable (2), Audio (2), CAT5 (1)	\$1,250.00
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Install- Snake Sony camera cables, audio, video	\$2,500.00
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and CAT cable between press box and

van location. Terminated cables

Incoming Freight	\$100.00
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Total : \$6,600.00

After this amount was approved by the Town Council, North TV Director Peter Gay met with the Vendor, Ockers Company, and the scope of services was modified, additional equipment was needed and therefore additional funding was required.

The addition of a digital scoreboard and feeding video from the North TV production van to the press box requires additional cables, equipment, monitors, and installation expenses that had not been originally anticipated. The cables and equipment include 325' SDI cables, one 31.5" 4K Hi-Def monitor, one 28" 4K Hi-Def monitor, two wall mounts for the monitors, additional cables and connectors and the necessary installation. This additional equipment totals \$8,335.50. The current amount is \$217,230.00.

Therefore, I respectfully request that the Town Council approve the request for the utilization of FY24 Retained Earnings for Comcast PEG Access for North TV for the North Attleboro High School Press Box in the amount of \$8,335.50. These funds will supplement the request of approved Measure 2023-073-Utilization of FY24 Retained Earnings for Comcast PEG Access for North TV was approved in the amount of \$6,600.00 for the North Attleboro High School Press Box.

North TV Director Peter Gay was in attendance to explain this request. He reviewed this request in explicit detail with the Committee.

Councilor Donovan made a motion to refer Measure 2024-052- Appropriation request for the utilization of FY23 Retained Earnings for Comcast PEG Access for North TV (for additional funding for Measure 2023-073) for the North Attleboro High School Press Box in the amount of \$8,335.50 back to the Full Town Council with a positive recommendation.

c. Measure 2024-054- Award Sisters at Heart \$25,000.00 of ARPA NEU Funding

Purpose:

The primary purpose of this measure is to authorize the allocation of funds from North Attleborough's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Non-Entitlement Unit (NEU) funds to Sisters@Heart. Specifically, the measure seeks to address the funding shortfall caused by the recent 9C cuts, ensuring the completion of a critical health project initiated by Sisters@Heart.

Justification:

Completion of AED Installation Project: The installation of Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) is a public safety priority. AEDs are essential in providing immediate assistance in cardiac emergencies, significantly increasing the survival

rate from sudden cardiac arrests. The measure will ensure the completion of installing the remaining four AEDs, making them accessible to the public, especially in high-traffic areas. The 50% reduction in the earmarked funds due to the Governor's 9C cuts has created a significant financial gap for Sisters @ Heart. Utilizing a portion of the ARPA NEU funds, which currently stands at \$600,000, to fill this gap is a strategic and impactful use of these resources.

Community Impact and Awareness: Sisters @ Heart plays a crucial role in supporting the community and raising awareness about heart and brain health. This aligns with the broader goals of Town Council with support for public health and community welfare.

Utilization of ARPA Funds: The ARPA NEU funds are intended to support urgent COVID-19 response efforts, replace lost public sector revenue, support immediate economic stabilization, and address systemic public health and economic challenges. The funding for Sisters @ Heart falls within these guidelines, as it addresses a public health need and contributes to the community's long-term well-being.

Town Manager Borg reviewed this measure with the Committee.

Ms. Lisa Deck of Sisters at Heart was in attendance to explain this request. She informed the Committee of the importance of these AED Stations around Town. They will have them installed at five locations in North Attleboro, and in addition, they are also going to give training on how to use these AED's. Sister's at Heart is a Volunteer Organization that would like North Attleboro to be a Town that can save lives. These AED's are very user friendly, they instruct by an automated voice how to use the lifesaving device.

There was discussion amongst Ms. Deck and the Finance Sub-Committee. The Committee thanked her and her foundation for the wonderful volunteer work that they are doing to help save lives.

Councilor Donovan made a motion to refer Measure 2024-054- Award Sisters at Heart \$25,000.00 of ARPA NEU Funding back to the Full Town Council with a positive recommendation.

Councilor Costello seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0.

VI. Adjournment

Councilor Donovan made a motion to adjourn.

Councilor St. Pierre seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM.