

ORDER
STANDISH TOWN COUNCIL

DATE: December 14, 2021

ORDER NUMBER: 102-21

SUBMITTED BY: Gaba

TITLE: APPROVING AN INITIAL PLAN FOR ALLOCATION OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) authorizes federal funding for the Town of Standish in the amount of approximately \$1,066,549.73; and

WHEREAS, there are several authorized spending categories of ARPA funds by municipalities, including, without limitation, (1) to respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts (i.e., assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries); and (2) to provide premium pay to eligible workers responding to the public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Town Manager has offered a proposed spending plan to the Town Council for an initial portion of the Town's ARPA funds in the amount of \$195,000;

WHEREAS, an opportunity for public input on this proposed spending plan for an initial portion of the Town's ARPA funds has been provided;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED that the Town Manager's proposed spending plan for \$195,000 in ARPA funds be approved as follows:

- (1) \$105,000 to provide premium pay to eligible workers responding to the public health emergency;
- (2) \$50,000 to provide assistance to local non-profit organizations providing assistance to vulnerable populations during the COVID-19 pandemic, which organizations will be determined by the Town Council at a later date;
- (3) \$30,000 for heating assistance to Standish residents experiencing hardship during the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- (4) \$10,000 for the Steep Falls Library to provide additional publicly accessible computer related improvements and Internet access for Standish residents.

APPROVED _____ DISAPPROVED _____

ROLL CALL	YEA	NAY	ABSTAIN
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BUTLER	_____		
DELCOURT	_____		
GABA	_____		
LECLERC	_____		
LIBBY	_____		
MACRI	_____		
PAUL	_____		

CLERK/SECRETARY _____