

**Meeting of the Waterbury Select Board  
Monday December 5, 2022  
Steele Community Room, 28 North Main Street**

**Attendees:** M. Bard, A. Johnson, R. Clapp, D. Kehlmann, C. Viens; Board; W. Shepeluk, Manager, T. Leitz, Deputy Manager, K. Petrovic, Town Clerk

**Attending by Zoom:** T. Bass, “iPhone,” D. Schneider, C. Parks

**Public in attendance:** see sign in sheet

The meeting was called to order by M. Bard at 7:00 pm.

**Approve Agenda**

R. Clapp made a motion to approve the agenda as written. D. Kehlmann seconded the motion. C. Viens asked to amend the agenda by adding an item after the ARPA Forum to discuss the school board. A vote was held, the amended agenda passed unanimously.

**Consent Agenda Items**

- a.) Minutes of November 21, 2022 Meeting
- b.) Approve 3rd Class Liquor license for CHCM LLC DBA Cold Hollow Cider Mill

D. Kehlmann made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by A. Johnson and passed unanimously.

**Public**

P. H. Flanders let the board know that the Employee Appreciation Breakfast will be held at St. Leo’s on Wednesday December 14th. A. Johnson wanted to publicly thank all the Town staff and organizers of the River of Lights parade.

**Select Board Items**

**Update on grant application to the 2023 Vermont Fruit & Nut Tree Program**

S. Lotspeich provided the Board with updated maps detailing where he would like to plant 8 fruit trees near the gardens behind the Municipal Building. These would be funded by a grant from Vermont Garden Network. This project is proposed in conjunction with the Rec program where the summer and afterschool program participants would plant and maintain the trees as well as harvest them for their use and that of the Food Shelf and/or Senior Center. **C. Viens made a motion to authorize staff to apply for a Vermont Garden Network Grant in the amount of \$750.00; D. Kehlmann seconded the motion, a vote was held and passed unanimously.**

**ARPA Funding Forum**

M. Bard and D. Kehlmann explained the intent of the forum, to obtain any ideas/wishes for other ARPA spending not previously explored.

C. Viens took a moment to explain the Gravel Pit item listed on the survey. The Town's current source has disclosed that they will no longer be a supplier and therefore a new resource will be needed.

A. Scileppi brought a letter which R. Clapp read (see attached).

P. Flanders asked for consideration of funds to be spent expanding the water service lines in Waterbury Center for increased fire protection and water quality for approximately 80 customers.

J. Blackman from the Senior Center asked for consideration of funds to be spent to upgrade the 25-year-old appliances in the kitchen at the Senior Center where Meals on Wheels operates.

K. Walker Beecher wanted to remind the Board the intent of the ARPA money when it was announced and not to have that get lost in the wants of the community.

H. Shepard suggested the Town be "shovel ready" with projects to move on in the event of federal funds for infrastructure improvements. Harry also said C. Viens is not wrong about the gravel resources.

C. Parks asked how long the current aggregate resources we have will last? T. Leitz will get back to her on that.

M. Callan would like to see a pedestrian walk from Waterbury-to-Waterbury Center. She would also like art projects and safe pedestrian access to the Waterbury Reservoir.

This concluded the public forum regarding ARPA funds.

### **School Board**

C. Viens stated he spoke to a School Board member from a neighboring community who was disappointed with the lack of movement at the school board level. Viens expressed concerns the public is not being served with current configuration. The Superintendent is due at the next meeting 12/19/2022 for further discussion.

### **Managers Items**

**R. Clapp made a motion to enter executive session to discuss personal at 8:15pm. A. Johnson seconded the motion; a vote was held and passed unanimously.**

**The board exited executive session at 9:04 pm having taken no action**

Next Meeting of the Select Board: Monday December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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Maureen White

Elizabeth Walton

~~Stephanie Egan~~

Justin Blackman

Alison Seherm

Amy Yavitz

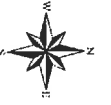
Monica Callan

Lisa Scagliotti - Wby Roundabout

Keren Walker Beecher

Alan Beecher

→ Out of Executive Session @  
9:04 pm w/ no action taken



# Community Gardens North - Fruit Tree Planting

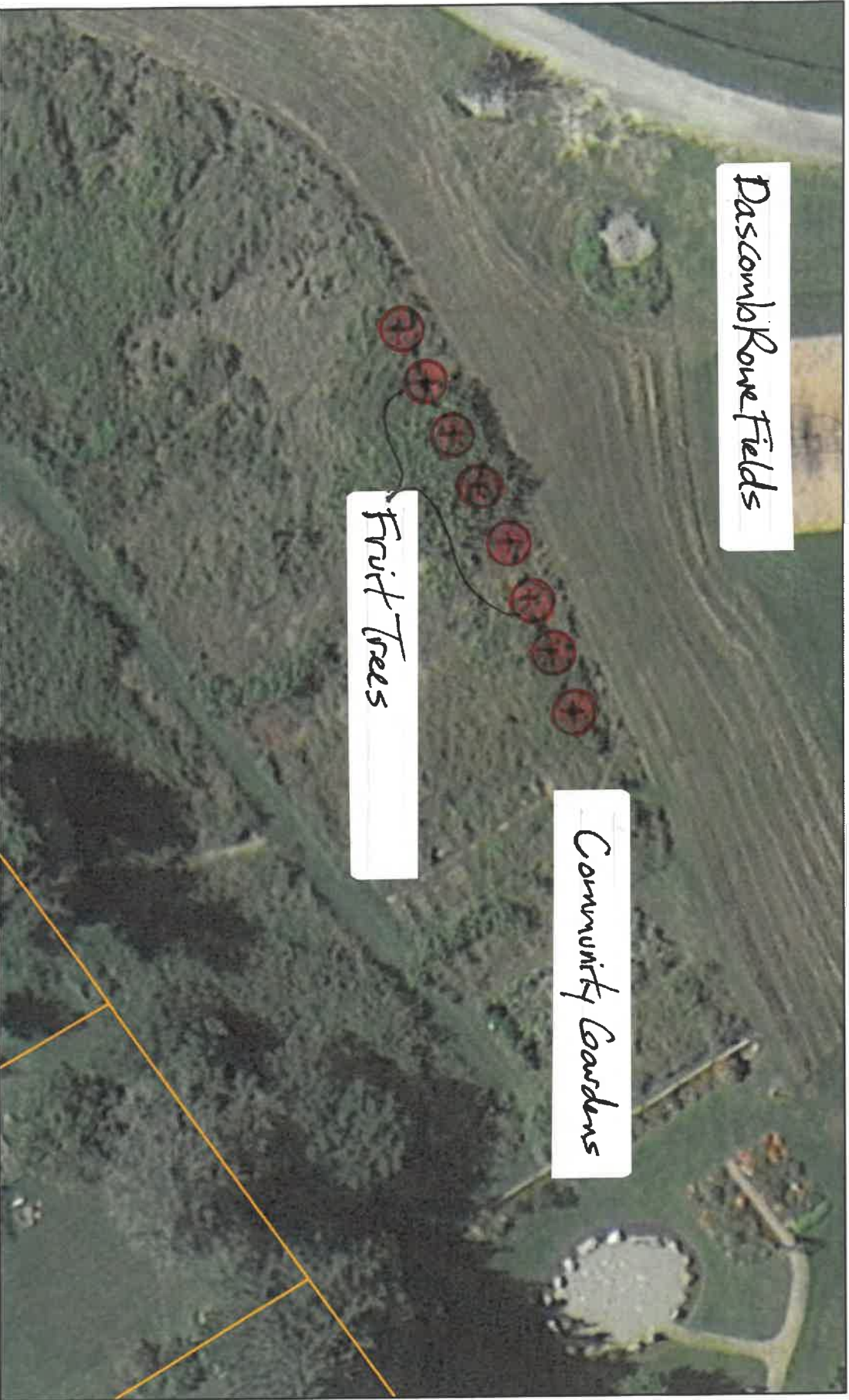
Waterbury, VT

1 inch = 47 Feet

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## Rob Sprague

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**From:** Alison Scileppi <alison@dorabluedesign.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 5, 2022 6:49 PM  
**To:** Rob Sprague

I am speaking on behalf of the residents of Little River Rd. We have spoken in front of the select board several times to ask the town to dedicate funds to fix problems on our road. These problems include increased traffic, trucks hauling ever larger boats, cars and trucks traveling at unsafe speeds, and the overwhelming dust that is created by all of the above on our unpaved road. All of these are related to the increased recreational use of our road, the boat launch, campground, and mountain biking trails in the state park. We believe that paving the residential section of the road and putting in speed bumps would go a long way to keeping the residents safe and visitors feeling welcome. We know that you are discussing how to use ARPA funds tonight and we are again asking the select board to use some of those funds, or money from the town budget, to help keep us all healthy and safe, and to allow all to enjoy the wonderful recreational resources that our road provides.

Sent from my iPhone

TO: Waterbury Select Board  
FROM: Skip Flanders, EFUD  
SUBJECT: ARPA Assistance-Recommended Route 100 Water line Extension Project  
DATE: Dec 12, 2022

I would like to recommend for consideration by the select board a project that could be partially funded through ARPA. The EFUD Commissioners have been working on this project for two years now. Its development will result in many benefits to the Waterbury community. The commissioners believe an appropriation of ARPA funds to this project will provide significant value to the town as a whole and it will help make the project more affordable.

This project is the extension of an 8 inch water line cross-country from Guptil Road near the town garage to the development around Cabot Annex on Route 100. The Commissioners have authorized Stantec Engineers to prepare engineering plans and obtain permits for the project. The design phase is about 90% complete and permitting is complete except for the cross-country segment of the proposed main.

This project involves 3,300 feet (.6 miles) of 8 inch water line cross-country from Guptil Road to Route 100, partly along East Wind Drive. This line extension will provide many benefits.

- 1) It will provide increased fire protection with fire hydrants to be used for fire protection of the residences and commercial developments in the area.
- 2) It will enable the EFUD Water System to provide water to customers now served by three privately owned "public water systems". These three systems may ultimately be eliminated, relieving their owners of sampling and testing requirements. The water quality to those served by these private systems will be improved significantly. The three systems are McNeil Farm Complex, Woodstock Farmers and the East Wind Mobile Home Park, which has about 28 units. The East Wind Mobil Home Park is subject to major upgrade to improve drinking water quality. A number of individual wells also have water quality issues.
- 3) Providing reliable municipal water service to this area may spur more development of much needed multi-family housing.

The estimated the cost of the extension is \$3 million dollars. Without grant funds or other assistance the estimated cost per user for the 80 existing users is estimated to be an additional \$2,170 per year on top of the regular water bill. As this is far more expensive than an average user will be willing to pay, the Commissioners will be seeking grant funds that may be available to lower the cost to the users.



The EFUD Commissioners do not believe raising the water rates on all the existing customers of the EFUD system to pay for this line extension is justifiable. While it is an important project that will provide the many benefits to the general public already described, it provides no direct benefits to current users so asking them to pay a significant share of the costs for this project is not realistic.

Current water customers already bear the burden of providing the infrastructure to provide fire protection in the densely developed areas of town. The water customers have paid for and are continuing to pay for the construction and maintenance of two reservoirs providing for the storage of more than 2 million gallons water that can be used for fire protection, the adequately sized transmission and distribution mains to carry necessary fire flows and all of the hydrants that provide access to the water in the event of a fire. All of this investment, along with the investment the town has made in its fire department, provides important fire protection services that benefits most property owners in Waterbury. These investments already improves the ISO rating of our volunteer fire department, which translates to lower costs for fire insurance for property owners.

This project will replace the water sources for three privately owned public water systems. For customers of those systems, the safety and quality of the drinking water will be improved markedly. In addition, in an area where significant commercial and residential investment has already been made, fire protection services can be improved through the installation of a hydrant system where such protection can now be supplied only through the deployment of tank trucks. It is more than reasonable to suggest the benefits for the community far exceed those of the earlier proposal by the municipal manager to utilize \$600,000 of ARPA funds to replace the distribution lines in the Kneeland Flats Mobil Home Park. A grant of ARPA funding will reduce the annual costs needing to be passed along to the end user, making the economics of the project much more viable.

Attached is a map showing the location of the proposed line extension. We would be glad to answer any questions and provide any additional information. Thank you for your consideration.

