

**Carver Select Board
Meeting Minutes
Town Hall Meeting Room #1
October 18, 2021 - 10:05am**

In Attendance: Chair Mark Townsend, Robert Belbin, Jen Bogart & Jim Hoffman, Interim Town Administrator Rick LaFond, Assistant Town Administrator Elaine Weston & Shelby Roy

Absent: Sarah Hewins

The Chair led the Pledge of Allegiance

Presentation/ Acceptance of checks from Plymouth County Commissioners

Townsend thanked the Plymouth County Commissioners, Sandra Wright, Jared Valanzola and Plymouth County Treasurer Tom O'Brien who were present, for their efforts with helping the Town to access funds that are available through the CARES Act. He explained that the amount of \$1,768,756.20 being available to the Town has been critical in meeting the demands incurred by the pandemic.

Some examples of the critical assistance that CARES Act funding has provided include the following:

- Remote learning equipment for school students and administration
- Personal Protection Equipment for emergency responders/students/school & town staff
- Public health supplies for disinfecting & sanitizing town/school buildings and facilities
- HVAC upgrades in town and school buildings for the protection of the public and staff
- Digital library materials to serve the increased demand for remote materials
- Additional funding for our Meals on Wheels program
- Power load stretchers for the EMS department
- Vaccination and contact tracing capability and Safety equipment for firefighters

Townsend looks forward to having Plymouth County guide the Town in administering the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021. He also thanked the Department Heads and employees in Town Hall with their help on coordinating this program.

LaFond thanked the Department Heads and employees and especially thanked Tom O'Brien and the team for their efforts.

Belbin thanked O'Brien, Wright and Valanzola, along with the staff at Town Hall.

Bogart thanked the staff and mentioned that it does affect everyone that comes into Town Hall and even her daughter who calls the touchless doors the "wavy doors".

Hoffman thanked everyone and showed his appreciation.

Wright explained how she is very appreciative of the staff and employees from the Town. It was difficult, but was worth it to do this for this Town.

O'Brien explained that there will be four checks presented and given to the town.

Submission # (6) \$274,389.55

Submission # (7) \$56,974.59

Submission # (8) \$9,580.55

Submission # (9) \$289,382.24

Total: \$630,326.93

The Town of Carver's total funding from the Plymouth County Cares program to date is \$1,204,359.00 and The County Commissioners voted to approve a Phase 7, allocating an additional \$47,108.00 to the Town of Carver.

O'Brien explained that this program does have its own website that includes the six different applications for the different categories others can apply for.

Townsend asked if there were other towns that did not take everything that was available to them and would the Town of Carver have access to what was not used.

O'Brien explained that Towns are able to request additional funds starting October 22, 2021, however, there is no guarantee those requests will be funded.

Wright wanted to recognize Treasurer Tom O'Brien and how he took leadership in this program and how his efforts made this very successful.

Motion to adjourn by Belbin to go outside and have the checks presented at 10:35 am, second by Hoffman.

Vote 4-0