

**Middlesex Budget Committee  
Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, July 19, 2023  
4:00 PM**

**Present: Randy Drury, Elias Gardner, Mark Harris, Zara Vincent, George Longenecker, Dorinda Crowell**

## **Meeting Minutes**

4:03 Call to Order - Amendments - none

4:05 Other Business

- Review and approve June meeting minutes
  - 2023-06-20 Budget Committee Minutes.rtf
    - George moved to approve the June minutes as-is
    - Zara seconded
    - The motion passed 4-0-1
- Review Action Items -
  - AI 38 was closed on June 29th
  - Mark's update on AI 39 was to have a draft distributed by the end of July
- Budget impacts of July 9th/10th storm:
  - Federal disaster relief:
    - Mark asked about a total damage estimate. There isn't one at this time.
    - Randy reported that the Culver Hill repairs alone will cost an estimated \$90,000. Govt. Hill, another hard-hit area, has no estimate currently. It's conceivable that the total damage figure will exceed \$500,000.
    - FEMA reimbursement for fixing the town roads is estimated to be at least 75% of cost
      - It could be more, we don't know, as it's our first time dealing with FEMA
      - The driveway culvert work that the Town will do will also be included in the FEMA reimbursement request
      - Randy has also suggested that waterway cleanup of debris be included as well
      - FEMA's reimbursement schedule is not known - i.e., reimburse as invoices are submitted, or reimburse one time, at the end
  - ARPA funds:
    - We still have about \$350,000 left of the \$515,000 awarded
    - Use of these funds is at the discretion of the Select Board
  - Paying for road repairs before FEMA reimburses:
    - Dorinda reported that with this year's estimated budget surplus, and last year's, the General Fund will have about a \$300,000 balance, which could be used to finance the early repairs
    - There is flexibility for the treasurer to use other funds to pay for repairs, and then reimburse them when FEMA \$\$ come through
  - Future budget planning for these events:

- If the level of damage doesn't reach a Federal disaster, it could qualify as a State disaster
  - Dorinda reported that we received State reimbursement for storm damage back in 2019
  - If the damage is not enough to declare a State or Federal disaster, the repair costs are on our dime
  - The consensus was that we should consider a new Capital fund to be used for future extreme weather event repair. This will be on the August meeting agenda (*Action Item 40*)
- New (used) Rescue vehicle financing:
  - The General Fund will also be used to fund this purchase
  - Will cost \$135,000, \$13,500 (10%) down now
  - Remainder payable in October, to the town of Hyde Park
- The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 15th, at 4:00 PM
- The meeting adjourned at 4:38 PM

<b>Date Created</b>	<b>Action Item #</b>	<b>Assignee</b>	<b>Action Item</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Date Closed</b>
5/16/23	36	Mark	Add quarterly budget review to Oct. mtg agenda	10/13/23	
6/20/23	38	Zara Mark	Update the Capital Asset Inventory for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Updated Shady Rill Section 1 estimate</li> <li>- Updated town capital fund balances</li> </ul>	7/18/23	6/29/23
6/20/23	39	Mark	Draft a PPT presentation for the September Capital Budget public meeting	7/31/23	
7/18/23	40	Mark	Put discussion of new Capital fund on the August meeting agenda	8/11/23	
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