

**ARPA Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Joint Meeting with Carlisle Select Board and Finance Committee**  
**February 28, 2023 at 7:00PM**  
**Zoom Teleconference**

**Attendees:**

John Kaufman  
Kate Reid  
Scott Triola

**Select Board:** Barney Arnold, Nathan Brown, David Model, Travis Snell, Kate Reid

**Finance Committee:** James Catacchio, Aaron D’Elia, Lynne Lipinsky, Victor Liang, Melissa McMorrow, Heidi Sjoberg, Scott Triola

- **Joint Meeting with Finance Committee (FinCom) and Select Board (SB) to discuss FY24 Budget.**
  - FinCom and SB reviewed current FY24 budget status and open budget items including FY24 Capital Items and a potential Corey Auditorium Lighting System Warrant. Potential use of one-time funding sources including free cash and ARPA funds was discussed for these items.
  - Scott Triola informed the Select Board that the ARPA Committee had met on February 27 and had a general discussion about using ARPA funds for FY24 budget items. He indicated there was conceptual support for using ARPA funds for some FY24 items provided that some ARPA funds remained for potential projects outside of the normal budgeting process.
  - Nathan Brown commented that ARPA funds were a valuable funding tool that could be used by the Select Board outside of the normal budget schedule.
  - Select Board discussed how remaining ARPA funds should be allocated between FY24 and FY25. This was a general discussion with no recommendations made at this meeting.
  - Select Board asked how much funding the ARPA Committee wanted to retain for potential projects. Scott Triola did not provide a specific figure but said the ARPA Committee would meet to debrief on this discussion and provide its recommendations as needed.
  - Select Board reviewed ARPA Committee recommendation: *ARPA Committee recommends that the Select Board approve \$62,775 in ARPA funds to be used for the purchase and install of a new phone system for Town Offices and Carlisle Public Schools as requested by Carlisle Public Schools, Carlisle School Committee, Select Board and Town of Carlisle. Vote 3-0.*
  - Select Board passed motion (5-0) to approve \$62,775 in ARPA funds to be used to purchase and install of a new phone system for Town Offices and Carlisle Public Schools. (See Select Board Minutes for February 28, 2023.)

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM. Motion made by Kate Reid; seconded by John Kaufman.  
Motion passed 3-0.

Minutes taken and submitted by Scott Triola.