



TOWN OF WALPOLE

ARPA DISCUSSION

JUNE 7, 2022



TOWN OF WALPOLE: FAST FACTS



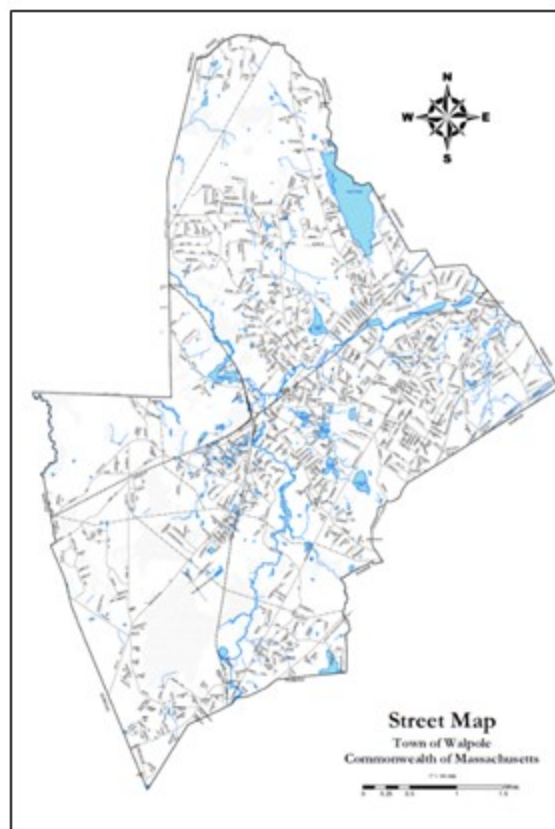
Governance

- 5-member Select Board
- 15-member Finance Committee
- 7-member School Committee
- Capital Budget Committee
- Sewer & Water Commission
- Representative Town Meeting (150 RTMs)

Budget (FY2023): \$108,574,280

Population (2020): 26,383

Land Area: 20.09 sq. miles



Total Walpole ARPA Allocation



Under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), Massachusetts state, county, tribal and local entities receive federal aid to respond to the public health and economic impacts of the public health emergency created by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Eligible uses:

- Expenses to respond to the public health emergency or negative economic impacts
- Premium pay to employees providing essential work during the emergency
- Revenue replacement and compliance
- Water, sewer, and broadband projects

At this time funds must be committed through **December 31, 2024**, and expended by **December 31, 2026**.

Total Walpole ARPA Allocation



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|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| US Treasury Allocation | \$2,637,648 |
| <u>Norfolk County Reallocation</u> | <u>\$4,747,960</u> |
| Total ARPA Allocation | \$7,385,608 |

Needs Assessment



TOWN OF WALPOLE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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To: Select Board
From: [Signature]
Date: [Signature]
Re: ARPA Projects to be identified for Norfolk County

The Select Board of Walpole is set to discuss Walpole's first round subgrant request to Norfolk County in the upcoming weeks. In total, the Town of Walpole is set to receive \$4,747,000 from funding provided through the ARPA program. 25% of that funding (\$1,186,750) is available for distribution to Walpole's select board. Walpole's total ARPA funding is \$4,747,000. However, Norfolk County is keeping 3.00% of that amount (\$146,854) as an administrative fee. Since our last discussion, I have worked with Town officials to prioritize a list of projects to submit to the County for consideration. I have also worked with County Administrator John Cronin and asked him to review and provide feedback on some of the projects that were submitted for consideration. John has provided me with a sense that the following projects would be acted on favorably by County officials.

It should be noted that this is the first of multiple requests that will be submitted to the County. In total, the Town is set to receive \$4,747,000 from the County and \$2,637,048 in ARPA funds where 30% of the funds have been received and the balance will come to us in June. In total, Walpole is set to receive just over \$7,384,048 in ARPA funds which are considered grants under M.G.L. Ch. 44A § 25A, which are governed by the Select Board, and are not subject to Town Meeting appropriation.

Project: Estimated Amount
Waste St. Sewer Extension Project \$451,000

Comments: This expansion will extend the current existing sewer line further down Waste St. to provide for more sewer access.

Bridge Rehabilitation Design - East Elm Street \$300,000

Comments: The plan would be to use these funds to prepare plans, specifications and bid documents for the rehabilitation of the two-lane bridge on Elm Street and the two-lane bridge on East St. at the intersection of Route 27 and East. Both bridges have shown significant deterioration and each one spans over the Neponset River. Having a safe water supply community, Walpole is mindful that it is important to monitor any and all waterway runoff through the coverage that runs through to ensure that Walpole's water quality is maintained. Total cost of the construction is estimated to be \$2,500,000.

Walpole High School HVAC Improvements \$150,000

Comments: This would pay for the replacement of the HVAC System at Walpole High School. The investment will provide ventilation improvements to appropriate settings at the High School.

Department
Submission

Stakeholder
Engagement

Select Board
Review

SPRING 2022 TOWN MEETING
3-14-2022 7:00 PM
3-14-2022 7:00 PM

GENERAL APPROPRIATION

| Item | Amount | Balance | Encumbrance | Available | Commitment | Encumbrance | Available | Commitment |
|------------------------|--------|---------|-------------|-----------|------------|-------------|-----------|------------|
| 1. General Fund | | | | | | | | |
| 2. Capital Projects | | | | | | | | |
| 3. Debt Service | | | | | | | | |
| 4. Intergovernmental | | | | | | | | |
| 5. Special Assessments | | | | | | | | |
| 6. Other | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL | | | | | | | | |

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Preliminary Investment Priorities



| <u>Project</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Bathroom Facilities at SWCAC | \$775,000 |
| Winter Street Sewer Extension | \$450,000 |
| June Street Drainage | \$280,000 |
| Bridge Rehabilitation (East / Elm Streets) | \$500,000 |
| <u>Walpole High School HVAC Improvements</u> | <u>\$150,000</u> |
| Total Committed to Date | \$2,155,000 |
| Total remaining available | \$5,230,608 |

ARPA Public Meetings



November 16, 2021 ARPA Update to Select Board, Finance Committee, Capital Budget Committee, School Committee

January 18, 2022 Select Board Discussion on ARPA Funding

April 26, 2022 Select Board Discussion on ARPA Funding and discussion on Revenue Replacement Allowance Option

May 24, 2022 Select Board Discussion on ARPA Funding & Vote on Revenue Replacement funds from the County

June 7, 2022 Select Board Community Discussion on ARPA

Upcoming



June 7, 2022

Listening Session – Public input during Select Board Meeting

June 16, 2022

Deadline for Capital Budget Requests; prioritization of available funding

June 21, 2022

Select Board to listen to Compass Project Management regarding presentations for High School Feasibility Study, Old Town Hall and Johnson Middle School.

Summer/Fall 2022

- Review Status of projects this summer
- Compare Capital requests and APRA requests
- Select Board to consider final recommended investment priorities and eventually vote on APRA projects
- Review funded projects and make funding adjustments as needed

Remaining ARPA Funds Available



| <u>Project</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Revenue Replacement funds | \$3,146,288 |
| ARPA Eligible Categories funds | \$2,084,320 |
| ◦ Public health emergency or negative economic impacts | |
| ◦ Premium pay to employees | |
| ◦ Investment in Broadband Infrastructure | |
| ◦ Water and Sewer Infrastructure | |
| Total remaining available | \$5,230,608 |

ARPA Requests



Town Administration received more than \$43 Million in requests from various Town officials and residents.

ARPA funds are considered grants under M.G.L. CH 44 S53A which are governed by the Select Board, and are not subject to Town Meeting appropriation.

The purpose of the meeting tonight is for the Select Board to review the requests and listen to the various requestors regarding each of the items submitted for consideration.

ARPA Requests



Questions?

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