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From: Douglas Lapp
Sent: Friday, September 9, 2022 2:26 PM
To: Charles Heshion; Sherri Vallie; Daniel Duross
Cc: Chuck Heshion [REDACTED]; Dan Duross [REDACTED]
Subject: ARPA

Dear Sewer Commissioners:

I wanted to follow-up in writing regarding American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for the Sewer Department. Please accept this email note as formal confirmation that the Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator's Office has committed \$1,015,000 to the Sewer Department for capital improvement projects. This amount is comprised of the following:

- \$515,000 for the digester boiler replacement
- \$500,000 for Inflow & Infiltration repairs

This funding will come to the Town through Plymouth County, which has a rigorous application and review process. However, as sewer infrastructure projects are an explicitly allowable category under ARPA, I do not anticipate any problems receiving County approval assuming we provide them with all the required documentation. Per federal and state law, the receipt and use of these funds do not require a Town Meeting vote. The only personnel authorized to prepare initial ARPA applications to Plymouth County are the Rockland Town Accountant and the Rockland Assistant Town Administrator. The only personnel authorized to submit final ARPA applications and receive ARPA funds on behalf of the Town is the Town Administrator.

To date, the Town has submitted an application to Plymouth County for \$315,000 for a partial payment toward the digester boiler replacement. This application was submitted with the assistance of the previous Interim Sewer Superintendent who provided all the necessary documentation for us to include in our application to the County. This application is currently pending in the County's "level 2 review." We will let you know when we (presumably) receive final approval of this award.

Going forward, please submit all supporting documentation – including a project description, bid documents, contract(s), invoices, etc. – to the Assistant Town Administrator when you are ready to request the remainder of the digester boiler allocation as well as the I & I application. If you have any questions about the information required to submit a Plymouth County ARPA application, please contact Jen Constable directly at JConstable@rockland-ma.gov or (781) 871-1874 x1898, however, please do not reply-all or deliberate via email outside of a publicly posted meeting regarding this matter.

Thank you,

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