

MEMO

To: Erik Wells, Town Manager
From: Williston Energy Committee
Date: September 27, 2023
Re: **ARPA Funding Discussion**

Town Manager Erik Wells is soliciting comments from town boards on how to use the 1.8 million ARPA funds that have not yet been allocated to specific projects. The Williston Selectboard must decide how to spend all the remaining ARPA funding by the end of 2024, and the funds must be spent by the end of 2026. The Selectboard is seeking community ideas and feedback on how to spend the remaining funds. The Energy Committee discussed this topic during their meetings of August 23 and September 13, and has prepared the following list of recommended projects for ARPA funding.

1. Expedite closing critical gaps in the pedestrian and bicycle network (also recommended by PC)

In coordination with Williston Safe Routes to School, assess and identify critical gaps in the town's bicycle and pedestrian path network. Identify 2-3 high-priority projects that would make walking to school safer. Get cost estimates and develop a budget for the highest priority project(s). For example:

- RRFB (Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacons) installation at 3 key locations - \$20-\$30 K
- Improved wayfinding signage for the "bicycle route" from Taft Corners to the Village through the Southridge neighborhood - \$50 K

2. Complete a scoping study for an offroad multiuse path connection between Taft Corners and the Village (also recommended by PC) - \$75 K

3. Allocate additional funding (\$70 K) to install additional public EV chargers in the Village and Taft Corners. Potential locations include:

- Library
- Williston Central School and/or Allen Brook School
- Town Hall parking lot
- Town owned parcel in Maple Tree Place