

**Arden Budget Committee Meeting
Wednesday, August 18, 2021
Via Zoom Video Conferencing**

Attending: Deborah Ricard, Vicki Scott, Brooke Bovard, Nick Stalloni, David Gerbec
William (Skip) Bailey – Guest

Call to Order: 7:30pm

- The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm.
- **A Motion was Made** and unanimously passed to approve minutes of **July 15, 2021**. Vicki will post them on the town web site.
- Members were informed that the town is considering a new option for trash removal to potentially replace Waste Management whose rates are projected to increase with the next contract.
- Fee proposals for trash removal will be shared with Advisory on **9/7/21** and presented to residents at the **9/27/21** Town Meeting. It is anticipated that a vote on trash removal services will take place at the Town Meeting.
- David will be prepared to update the draft budget based on the outcome of the vote.
- **A Motion was Made** and unanimously passed to accept the trash removal service that wins the majority vote and to include the fee associated with that company into the draft budget before the referendum is distributed to residents.
- Skip provided a figure for investment interest income of \$3,000 and stated that it does not include interest earned from the Schroeder Fund.
- The American Rescue Act funding must be spent by 2024. Community Planning is developing ideas for consideration.
- The next Budget Committee meeting is scheduled for **9/16/21**. Debbie will send the Zoom invitation. Vicki will be out of town and so another committee member will have to record the minutes.

ACTIONS:

- Vicki will post prior meeting minutes to the town web site

Next Meeting: **Thursday, September 16, 2021, at 7pm via zoom**. Debbie will schedule.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:05 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki L. Scott