

JULY 2023 TOWN OF TEMPLE ARPA FUNDS UPDATE

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA)

In 2021, the town of Temple received funds through the **American Rescue Plan Act. These funds were administered as part of the State of NH's Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Program.**

The Temple Select Board sought public input from Temple residents on how best to use these funds.

A survey was conducted in October of 2021, and additional input was received at the Temple Harvest Festival in September of 2021.

Total ARPA Funds Received: \$148,868

ARPA ELIGIBLE USES

As per the “Final Rule”, eligible uses for the funds fall include:

▶ Replacing Lost Public Sector Revenue

“SLFRF funding may be used to pay for ‘government services’ in an amount equal to the revenue loss experienced by the recipient due to the COVID-19 public health emergency”

▶ Public Health and Economic Impacts

“In addition to programs and services, the final rule clarifies that recipients can use funds for capital expenditures that support an eligible COVID-19 public health or economic response. For example, recipients may build certain affordable housing, childcare facilities, schools, hospitals, and other projects consistent with final rule requirements.”

▶ Premium Pay for Essential Workers

“Eligible workers include workers ‘needed to maintain continuity of operations of essential critical infrastructure sectors.’”

▶ Water, Sewer & Broadband Infrastructure

See the Final Rule Overview document below for a list of eligible projects.

For more information, go to:

<https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRF-Final-Rule-Overview.pdf>

OCTOBER 2021 – TEMPLE SURVEY

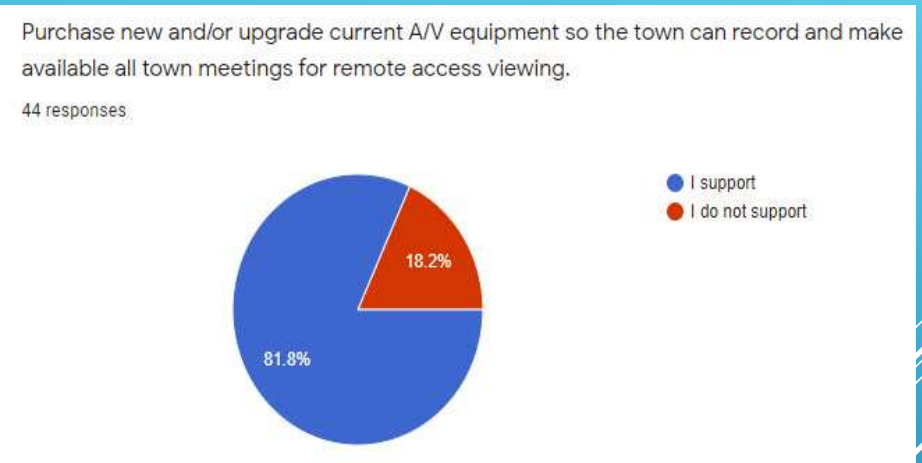
- ▶ The Temple ARPA Public Input Survey was launched on October 13, 2021 via the town website and social media after discussion at the Select Board meeting on October 12, 2021.
- ▶ The survey was intended to be used as a gauge of support from the community, to assist the Select Board when determining the best uses for the American Rescue Plan Act funds received by the town of Temple.
- ▶ Respondents were asked to state their support, or not, for five possible uses that have been suggested by Temple residents, with a space for respondents to suggest new ideas.
- ▶ Forty seven total responses were gathered up until October 26th, when the survey was closed.

Town Hall A/V System

There was broad support for offering town meetings virtually. Purchasing equipment to improve audio/visual access to town meetings appeared to be a high priority (82%). When asked to choose one, the A/V equipment received the second highest number of votes (21%).

The A/V System was installed in the Town Hall big room and the annex meeting room in 2022.

Total cost of the project: \$67,955



2021 SURVEY RESPONSES

Village Center Septic System

This option received broad support (79%).

An assessment was conducted and repairs were made using monies from the General Fund, and.

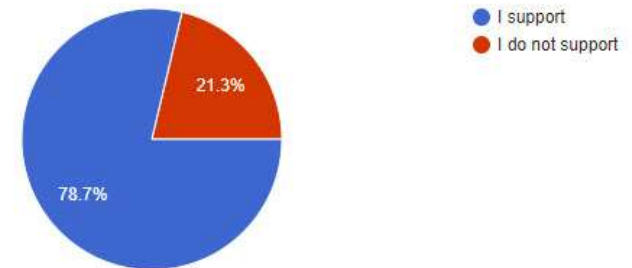
An annual maintenance plan was put in place in coordination with the Congregational Church, who shares the system.

The town's portion of annual maintenance expenses and future repairs will come out of the General Fund.

No further work is deemed necessary at this time.

Replacing the Septic System in the village center used by the Library, Town Hall, Highway Department, and Temple Congregational Church. *The septic is 45-50 years old and does not meet current code/regulations. *

47 responses



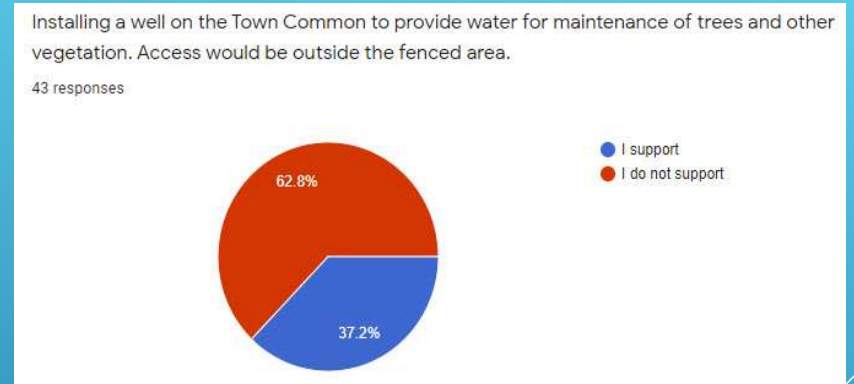
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Town Common Well

Although a majority of respondents were not in favor of using the funds to install a well on the town common when compared to the other options, after research was done by the Village Green Committee, and taking into consideration the results of the Septic research, the Select Board approved this project.

The new well on the town common was installed in 2023.

Total Cost: \$12,344



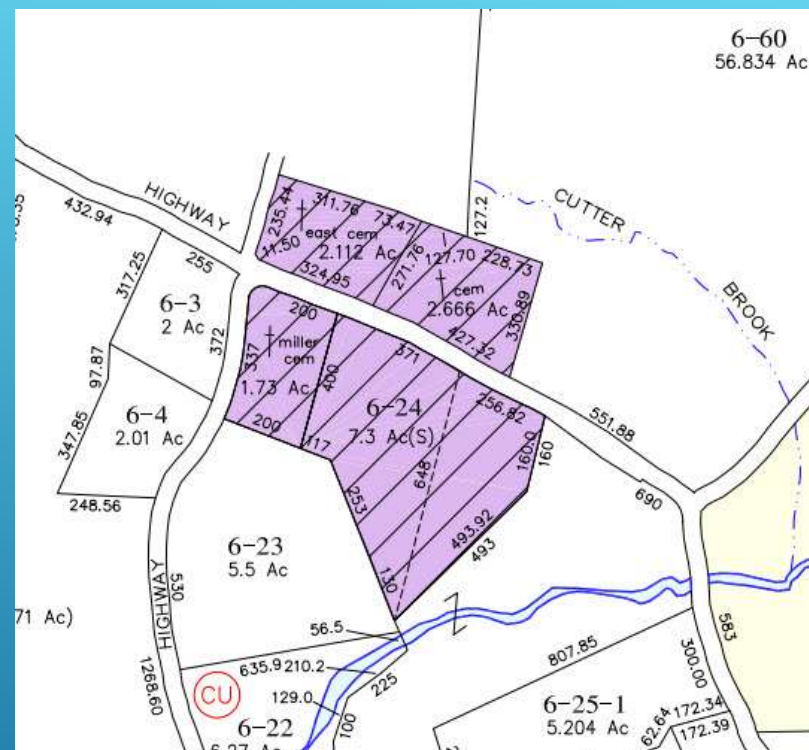
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Temple Recreation Area

Respondents were split on repairs and renovations to the recreation area located on General Miller Highway, although a majority were in support (58.5%).

This area includes the Hildrebrand Tennis Courts, Basketball Courts, and playground, located next to the baseball/softball field.

Since the town is required to maintain this property per the deed, the Recreation Commission has been working to get estimates on the repairs needed. An informal site walk evaluation took place in October 2021.



2021 SURVEY RESPONSES

TEMPLE RECREATION AREA SUMMARY OF INFORMAL EVALUATION (2021)

In October 2021, a small group met at the Recreation Area on General Miller Highway to inspect the facilities and make a list of items needing repairs and/or ongoing maintenance.

The meeting was prompted by two key factors:

1. As per the deed, the Hildrebrand Tennis Courts and surrounding recreation area must be maintained by the town or it will revert back to the owner(s) of the General Miller homestead.
2. Repairs to the area may be covered by the American Rescue Plan Act funds.

Potential projects assessed included:

- ▶ **Fencing** around the playground, tennis courts, and basketball court.
- ▶ **Tennis court surface**, backboard, and nets
- ▶ Basketball court surface and nets
- ▶ **Playground equipment**
- ▶ **Trees** around the basketball court, tennis courts, playground, and barbeque grills
- ▶ **Parking** area adjacent to the tennis courts
- ▶ Baseball Field

Other Responses considered:

- ▶ Premium Pay for essential workers.
- ▶ Move the Highway Garage and improve parking in the Village Center.
- ▶ Bike Paths

Other Responses submitted:

- ▶ Broadband Bond & User Fees*
- ▶ SB2
- ▶ Reduce Taxes*
- ▶ Strengthening the Power Grid

*Not permitted uses per the ARPA guidelines

2021 SURVEY RESPONSES

Total Funds Received: \$148,868

Project	Cost	Funds Remaining
A/V System (2022)	\$67,955	
Town Common Well (2023)	\$12,344	
Town Hall Emergency Roof Repairs (2022)	\$24,600	
TVFD Compressor (2022)	\$3,480	
Town Clerk Fireproof Cabinet (2023)	\$1,000	
TOTALS	\$109,379	\$39,489*

**Estimate. Some interest has accrued.*

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Projects currently under consideration or approved by the Select Board:

- ▶ Recreation Area/Playground Repairs
- ▶ Curbing on the Town Common
- ▶ Library Fence
- ▶ Electrical Work for the Town Well

Questions/Comments:

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