

Request for Board of Finance

TO: Water & Sewer Commission

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DATE: June 3, 2024

SUBJECT: Request to reallocate funds from Boston Post Road Tank and Well 5A Upgrade ARPA Projects to Well 4 and Well 1A/6 PFAS Removal Project.

Summary of Agenda Item:

The Water and Sewer Commission requested and Board of Selectman previously appropriated \$750,000 of American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) to sandblasting and recoating the Boston Post Road water tank. The project has been very successful and was completed about \$187,000 under budget.

The Well 5A Water Treatment Plant Improvement Project was also completed with \$920,000 of approved ARPA funds and has been performing very well.

Recently, the East Lyme Water Department discovered PFAS in two well treatment sites and is in the early stages of selecting filtration technology for its removal. The Water Department is requesting that the unspent funds from the two water projects identified be used to help fund a project that would remove PFAS from these two well sites. It is expected that while the upgrades to these facilities will cost millions, the remaining ARPA funds could be used to fund initial design costs for the project. Staff is requesting that the Water and Sewer Commission endorse and request that the Board of Selectman allocate all remaining ARPA funds originally designated for these completed projects to be reallocated to the Well 4 and Well 1A/6 PFAS Removal Project.

Action Needed:

Motion to request the East Lyme Board of Selectman to reallocate \$187,000 from the Boston Post Road Tank Project, account #85-70-007-700-711 and \$8,000 from the Well 5A WTP Upgrade Project, account #85-70-004-700-004 for a total amount of \$195,000 to be transferred into an account to be created and titled "Well 4 and Well 1A/6 PFAS Removal Project to assist in the design, engineering, and procurement of equipment related to the removal of PFAS from East Lyme Water sources".

Attachments:

None

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