

Ware Board of Health Meeting – Joint Meeting with Select Board

March 1, 2022 Selectmen's Conference Room

Present: John Desmond, Jennifer McMartin, and Katrina Velle

In Attendance: Stephen Bell

John called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

John asked the board if they would be in agreement with inviting Judy Metcalf to attend the next scheduled meeting to discuss ReSource Waste Services and their recent proposal. All members agreed that Judy should be invited to the next meeting.

**Discussion 1: ARPA Funding for COVID-19 Spending**

John opened the discussion by asking what amount the board thought would be appropriate to respond to public health crises, both presently and into the future. He suggested the board as the Select Board to approve \$100,000 to be put aside for use by the health department to respond to emergencies. This could be used to purchase COVID-19 test kits as the need arises. He also suggested requesting \$10,000 immediately to spend on COVID-19 test kits, focusing on seniors and low-income residents, who he identified as high risk.

John motioned to officially request that the Select Board set aside \$100,000 worth of ARPA money for the health department to allow better response to future emergencies, and to request \$10,000 more to be released immediately for the purchase of test kits. Jennifer seconded, all were in favor.

**Discussion 2: Meeting with Select Board**

See the minutes from the Select Board meeting for 3/1/2022.

John motioned to adjourned at 8:03 PM, Jennifer seconded, all were in favor. Next meeting to be March 16, 2022 at 6:00PM

Respectfully Submitted,  
Stephen Bell

Meeting minutes approved 4/20/2022