



TOWN OF BOXFORD
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DATE: Friday, November 4, 2022
TO: Select Board
FROM: Matt Coogan, Town Administrator
RE: ARPA Funds for Demolition of Structures at 27 Main Street

My office has been working on procuring a contractor to take down the house and barn at 27 Main Street. We solicited Invitations for Bids, and received three by the October 26th deadline. The lowest bid was from Brighter Horizons Environmental at \$59,500. Of that amount, \$12,000 is for the asbestos abatement, which is being funded by an EPA Brownfields Grant through the Merrimack Valley Planning Commission. The remaining price for demolition, \$47,500, is more than the balance we have left in the appropriation from Warrant Article 8 at 2021 Town Meeting - \$26,800. We were expecting that there was enough funding to cover demolition based on preliminary pricing we received in early 2021. But like everything else, costs have increased considerably.

I propose appropriating \$26,000 in ARPA funds that would cover the funding gap and provide a 10% contingency for the project. There is about \$550,000 of unprogrammed ARPA funds from the plan the spending plan Board approved last fall. The Select Board has the authority to appropriate ARPA funds. With a vote of Select Board vote Monday night, we could award the bid, begin contracting with Brighter Horizons next week, and schedule demolition work.

There is additional necessary site assessment in order to comply with DEP's Massachusetts Contingency Plan, to be completed after the structures are removed from the site. This is in regards to elevated levels of arsenic detected in the soil during the Phase 1 and 2 Environmental Assessments. We have a quote from Weston and Sampson of \$21,000 to complete this phase, which will also be funded through the EPA Brownfields grant.