

# Planning Commission Recommendations

## ARPA Projects for Newfane

January 18, 2022

# Quick Overview of ARPA Survey Results

How the People of Newfane Spent their \$100

- Economic Sustainability (ES)                      \$14,171
- Community Life (CL)                                      11,439
- Transportation (T)    9,500
- Housing Access (HA)    8,090

# Source for our Recommendations

Recall... we also asked survey takers to choose among the sub-categories below each of the 4 major categories.

We looked at those responses, totaled the numbers, and created the following 6 recommendations.

# Recommendation #1

- Purchase and/or renovate a building or buildings in Newfane (e.g. Newfane Inn or abandoned South Newfane Country Store) to develop a multi-use center for housing and to promote businesses & provide multi-generational community space.

# Reason for Recommendation #1

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	<u>Responses</u>
• Develop a <u>community center</u> by upgrading existing <u>community</u> building(s) (CL)	97
• Create a fund for <u>community</u> arts, <u>recreation spaces</u> and events (CL)	70
• <u>Purchase and renovate property</u> in Newfane for economic development and housing (ES)	64
• Create <u>business incubation space</u> (ES)	13
• Fund support for local child-care (ES)	96 340

## Recommendation #2

- Partner with neighboring towns to create a multi-use center providing multi-generational community space and create a shuttle service between Newfane and neighboring towns. This space could include food service, entertainment and recreation such as a skate park, swimming pool or skating rink.

# Reason for Recommendation #2

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1. See reasons for Recommendation #1 (prior slide)
2. Discussions with Leland & Gray students who want places to go
3. Considerable interest in transportation

Establish bus service to connect Newfane residents w/ work, school, & services (T) 143 responses

# Recommendation #3

- Provide funding for renovating or upgrading septic systems for homeowners who want to create long term housing units in their homes or as accessory dwelling units.



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Fund incentives for creation of affordable and accessible long-term housing, in individual homes and appropriate-scale multi-dwelling units (HA) 189 responses

# Recommendation #4

- Allocate funding for broadband drop costs and possible underground connection costs to residents when not affordable.

# Reasons for Recommendation #4

- Allocate funding for broadband drop costs (connection to broadband) and possible underground connection costs to residents for whom such costs are not affordable.

1. Economic sustainability received the most dollars in the survey overall. Broadband is an essential component of the workplace (whether one works at home or away from home).

2. The votes for the initiatives below suggest a need to support local and home-based businesses (or to develop new businesses).

	<u>Responses</u>
• Establish <u>local farmers, crafters, artists</u> markets (CL)	127
• <u>Promote local businesses, arts, farms,</u> recreation, and tourism (ES)	97
• Provide recovery relief for <u>local businesses</u> (ES)	49

# Recommendation #5

- Support residents' health by establishing bicycle and walking infrastructure.

# Reason for Recommendation #5

- Support residents' health by establishing bicycle and walking infrastructure.
- Establish bicycle and walking infrastructure (T) 144 respondents

# Recommendation #6

- Implement a water/septic study to assess opportunities or obstacles to economic, business, and housing opportunities such as those mentioned in Recommendations #1 and #3.

Recommendation #1: Multi-use center - renovating existing structures or building a new one.

Recommendation #3: Upgrading septic for long-term housing or Accessory Dwelling Units

Generally speaking – Any duplex or triplex proposals in the villages have to be attentive to water & septic