

ID	Please provide a description, with as much detail as possible, on how you believe Scituate should spend their allocated ARPA funding. Provide cost estimates for programs or projects when possible.
3	I feel a bonus to the essential workers (police, fire, public works etc) anyone who was still actively going into work every day (not remotely from their homes) during this pandemic and had to be extremely careful around people.
4	They can give the residents a stimulus check it would help me as I'm disabled due to my eyesight and raising a 12 year old
5	The first ARPA suggested use is "To respond to the pandemic or it's negative impacts including assistance to households". The pandemic prompted the federal government to print more money which has been a primary cause of the current inflation closing in on 10%. The most effective use of the ARPA money to impact the most citizens would be to eliminate any tax increase. 0% tax increase is the responsible goal in these costly times.
6	My suggestion is to use the ARPA funds to purchase the new emergency vehicle(s) in lieu of procuring a 1.5 million dollar bond. Any remaining funds could go to the proposed capital improvement projects.
7	<p>It would be great if some of the ARPA funding was used for investments in roads.</p> <p>North Doctors Lane has been in need of re-paving for years. It is full of potholes, frost heaves, and missing chunks of asphalt to such an extent that it's very challenging to traverse without hitting bottom. We have sustained damage to our low riding handicap van on several occasions. Use of this road has increased significantly since the pandemic as more and more people are enjoying the trails around Doctors field.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p>
8	I have no estimate but I'd love to see a dog park built in Scituate. By the questions and comments I see in some of the Facebook groups I'm sure other residents would love to see that happen too. Thanks
9	Use the funds to improve the school.
10	Refurbishing and resurfacing the tennis courts in Hope Park and North Scituate. Also upgrading Hope Park pathways and walking trail
11	I would like to see the walking trails near the Esek Hopkins playground groomed and marked clearly. Also a map printed so that people who want to walk there know where they are going.
12	sewers and/or water for north scituate.
13	I would like to see repairs and maintenance of roads, buildings and grounds. This is a great opportunity to catch up on maintenance of what we have before we move on to new projects. Sincerely, Bob

14	<p>#1) The Scituate High School does not have an easily visible sign indicating where the entrance to the Gymnasium is located. As I sometimes sit waiting for one of my grandchildren to come out, I see, often times buses from other towns try to drop off the sports teams in front of the Auditorium. I've seen parents/grandparents trying to go into the Auditorium to get into the Gymnasium and the doors are locked. I suggest large white lettering (matching the Scituate Middle & High School and Auditorium letters) be placed up near the Eastern end of that brick block so people will have a clue as to where to go for the correct entrance.</p> <p>#2) Could we have a yellow line painted down the center of Westcott road? The line should start at the intersection of Plainfield Pike/Westcott and continue ALL THE WAY on Westcott/Central Pike. I think this would help safety wise. So many drivers like to take their half out of the middle.</p>
15	<p>A portion of the amount to go to ems personal who had to endangered themselves to COVID.</p>
16	<p>We propose \$60,000 for a Hope Sewer Feasibility Study. The Town of Scituate has reserved capacity in the West Warwick Sewage Treatment Plant (WWSTP) since 1988 and has paid for upgrades to the plant, upgrades to the Clyde Interceptor, and a \$10,000 annual fee to reserve that space, all well in excess of \$300,000 to date. Approximately 60 homes in the village of Hope are currently discharging wastewater to a community septic system constructed in 1991. While there is no way to determine the lifetime of that galley type system, it is likely that, due to its proximity to the Pawtuxet River and the type of system, it is having a negative impact on the water quality of the Pawtuxet River. By carrying out a feasibility study, the Town would be better informed as to the wisdom of continuing to pay reserve capacity in the WWSTP. It will also determine what other options for sewer treatment are available and what funding sources are available (i.e. USDA grants, State Inter-municipal project grants, RI Infrastructure loans, etc.). Possible options, aside from connecting to the WWSTP, include tying into the proposed modular treatment system at the Hope Mill development or building a sewage treatment plant similar to the modular system at Hope Mill. Without a feasibility study, the Town will be unable to determine a path forward, what steps are necessary to get there and what types of funding are available.</p>
17	<p>would spend it on infrastructure projects. Town Buildings, Roads, perhaps allocate 50K to Rockland Oaks to drill a new well,</p>

18	<p>We propose \$50,000 for a Scituate Sidewalk, Pathway, and Trails Initiative.</p> <p>One thing that is clear from the pandemic, our residents love to get outside and exercise. Our DPW director says there are more than 7 miles of sidewalks in Scituate. In addition, we have about 5 miles of trails on our conserved lands. We propose hiring a consultant to figure out where we need to repair and/or add sidewalks and pathways to link what we already have and to recommend where we need new ones. Hope and North Scituate villages are locations where historic walkways could be mapped out. The project could include identifying the need for crosswalks and signage. If there's money left over from the consulting fees, we could use it for public works projects or as a match for trail work under the recent Recreational Trails grant.</p>
19	<p>Please note — question 1 did not allow me to select "all that apply." I am also a Scituate resident. Now that we have successfully completed the addition (new office and new kitten room) to the animal shelter, in partnership with the Town of Scituate, I think it would be beneficial to keep moving with other improvements the animal shelter needs. I know that both the adult cat room and the kennel room could use some standard improvements, such as redoing the floors in the cat room, and providing a large dog wash station and improved storage in the kennel room. A more serious need is the housing for cats held in isolation until they can see the shelter vet. They are currently housed in very small cages in "closets" off the kennel room, where they might have to spend up to two weeks with little human interaction, listening to dogs barking at them, until they can see the vet. It's a terrible situation, and one that could really use improvement, for more humane treatment of the cats that are stuck there waiting to see the shelter vet. This would call for another, but much smaller, addition, one that merely expands their space — basically, new walls, roof and doors. There should be no need for plumbing, electrical or HVAC work, other than moving existing electrical and ventilation.</p>
20	<p>Pave the roads. It's the one thing all taxpayers share. We have about 140 miles in town and a paving job lasts about 20 years so we need to pave at least 7 miles a year. This is a great opportunity to catch up on some paving that was not done during the 2008-2009 recession.</p>
21	<p>School facility improvements and eliminate unfounded pension liability</p>
22	<p>Since everyone was affected by this Covid, I think that everyone who pays taxes in the Town of Scituate should receive at least \$1000 off their real estate taxes.</p>

23	<p>If ri begins charging for covid pcr tests, pay full cost for uninsured and copays for insured. Invest in more affordable housing for low income and seniors. Upgrade ventilation systems in all schools to remove covid and other airborne pathogens and viruses from the air.</p>
24	<p>Full proposal document has been sent to Town Treasurer's office Ted Przybyla & Karin Beattie</p> <p>Please consider this a proposal to use a portion of the Scituate American Rescue Plan Act [ARPA] funds to create 15 – 20 Scituate Historic Informational Signage to honor our rich cultural and historic past. This signage will also serve as an educational & passive recreational mechanism for students, town residents and visitors. These types of signs are used by US Park Service, RI DEM, cities & towns and more.</p> <p>-We at the Hope Historical Society have the support of the Scituate Preservation Society for this proposal for \$65,100</p> <p>-Guidelines for ARPA funds: https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRF-Final-Rule-Overview.pdf</p> <p>P. 11 SPENDING ON GOVERNMENT SERVICES</p> <p>- “...Here are some common examples, although this list is not exhaustive: Road building and maintenance, and other infrastructure...”</p> <p>Definition of infrastructure</p> <p>- Per https://www.dictionary.com/ Infrastructure can be defined as the fundamental facilities and systems serving a country, city, or area, as transportation and communication systems, power plants, and schools.....</p> <p>- ARPA funds used for Scituate Historic Informational Signage fits into the communication systems category. Signage is a basic form of communication.</p> <p>-Scituate Historic Informational Signage aligns with the present Scituate Comprehensive Plan. Sections that match up to the proposal:</p> <p>- H-2.1 Policy Planning Chart - Cultural Resources Goal: Educate Residents about their Historic/Cultural Resources as well as Investigate other vehicles for local education.</p> <p>- This leads to H-4.2 Goal #2: Educate Residents About Cultural Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Continue and expand existing educational efforts. <p>-Request: authorization for Hope Historical Society, a 501-C-3 Not For Profit organization, to use Scituate ARPA funds to:</p> <p>- 1. Create / Develop 15 – 20 historical informational signs that would be town wide to honor our</p>
25	<p>Eliminate the Scituate car tax on privately owned vehicles. You know how much that would be.</p>
26	<p>My suggestion would be to use some of the money to offset any revenue lost by the town during COVID, hire a grants team. A grant writer that could assist all departments within the town to apply for available grants that could assist in the betterment of the town. You'd also need a grant manager to take care of the fiscal and programmatic reports. Under infrastructure, perhaps offset some of the water line issues at Hope elementary and also install a drain system at Manning so that we have a baseball field to utilize for the older boys in the town.</p>

	<p>The Hope Sanitation Association is in disrepair. Three attempts have been made since 2013 to rally the members to come to meetings, pay the annual dues, and become active in the association. In 1991-ish we received a grant (\$300,000 I believe) to upgrade the system which is bordered by Mill Street houses and the beginning of the north branch of the Pawtuxet River. The holding tank, distribution chamber, and two leach fields were renovated/replaced. The distribution chamber was vandalized several years ago and is no longer distributing the sewage, which means it's being manually changed from one leach field to another.</p> <p>27 We would like to preform routine yearly maintenance to the system, ensure that the existing system will work properly after repairs are done, OR, replace the system if the damage is determined to be too great.</p> <p>I guesstimate the necessary repairs would cost \$100,000 to \$150,000, and replacement would cost \$500,000. I understand that the Hope Jackson Fire Department would like to replace their existing septic system. Perhaps this is something we could do at the same time to save money on the architectural design, engineering, construction, and grant writing.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
28	<p>More fields for kids sports and dogs. Reduce tax liability for everyone over 70 who are on a fixed income.</p>
29	<p>Low to Middle Income Families</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Roof Replacement due to excessive age, brittle roof, leaks, missing shingles, excessive moss or vegetative growth on roof shingles -Window and door replacement - broken or single pane -Plumbing work health and safety concerns -Well pump repair or replacement -Heating system replacement -Oil tank replacement -Water heater replacement - including stand alone tanks, tankless water heaters and indirect water heaters. -Pest removal/ exterminator services -Asbestos / vermiculite removal -Mold mitigation -Tree service to cut back overgrowth around homes <p>Community-resurface roads and repair or reinforce bridges</p>

30	Neighborhood park with off-leash dog area (ball field off North Doctor's Lane). Put electric lines underground (where reasonable) to protect the full growth of trees. Dedicated biking lanes.
31	I believe we should invest in our schools. My child goes to North Scituate Elementary, an old building in need of updates. When improvements for schools are put before voters they pass. Investments in schools raise property values and help generations of children.
32	How about letting the residents have a stimulus check? Other states are doing that
33	<p>Increase support for the volunteer fire departments and EMS who have been working through the whole Covid 19 pandemic and who have cared for and transported Covid 19 positive patients putting themselves at risk. The fire department in town are struggling to keeps active members. The paid EMS system is slowly failing, The standard is Advanced Life support and not all paid shift are at that level. Both North Scituate and Hope and Jackson have changed the way recruit and retain EMTs and Cardiacs are done. The biggest complaint is not how much money their getting paid but the fact it's 1099 job so no taxes are taken and the members are responsible at the end of the year to pay taxes on the money earned. We have lost many members just for that reason. Taking taxes out should not cost the town anything.</p> <p>Providing tax relief to those town residents who do volunteer. Even if it is simple as not charging vehicle tax seeing that we respond to calls from our home to the station.</p> <p>Up grade to the fire houses themselves. The Hope and Jackson station has a failed septic system. The sleeping area does not meet any type of building code. A lot of our members can not afford to live in Scituate so if their not at the station they response is delayed. Having better quarters will entice people to spend more time at the firehouses.</p> <p>I am volunteer at the Hope and Jackson station and it cost me a few hundred dollars a year just to have uniforms work boots etc.</p> <p>Cost: \$200 per volunteer for uniforms \$400 to \$800 per year in tax relief per volunteer. \$ one time upgrade to the fire houses just to meet the min standards. Switch from 1099 to W2 pay system</p>
34	DON'T RAISE TAXES PUT IT TOWARDS THE NECESSARY INCREASE AND / OR FIX THE TRACK FOR THE KIDS
35	Help the individual household who are struggling with everyday bills.

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This was posted yesterday. I am under the assumption that ALL the money has been allocated? If not, what is the balance after your recent distribution? Also it being an election year, you can use this, (suggestion box), as a tool for your re-election(s) campaign, (can't wait to see those results this year). BTW, the Democrats ranted a raved about the recent FTM and their/its successes....Remember only 1% of the taxpayers showed up in person, I don't consider that a victory by any stretch of the means...Oh yeah, messing with the Seniors taxes is not a good idea, even the thought is political suicide. One thing for sure, lots of houses for sale.....BTW I'm not Politically correct and I call it as I see it but you already know that.....I'd wish you all good luck, but you'll need more than that.

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This money should be spent on our schools. There is a great need for school building renovations in the town. Many other towns are renovating their schools from the ground up, and our district is falling behind. The middle and high school in particular does not compete with other schools and we will continue to lose students to CTE programs and private schools because our buildings are subpar and prevent the expansion of school programs due to the lack of infrastructure. Quality buildings with innovative programs are also how we attract high quality teachers and administrators. I would also support raising the pay grades for teachers and administrators, again to attract high quality candidates and retention. During the pandemic, my children had long periods of time where they did not get itinerant/specialist classes in elementary school (art, music, etc) because there was no teacher. Also other classes had substitutes for long periods of time due to teacher leaves. Remediation and enrichment programs are also needed in the form of after school programs to mitigate the learning loss for COVID. Our schools should be one-to-one technology where students take their chromebooks home daily. Classrooms should be equipped with STEAM tech, robotics, 3d printers, video/audio, computers with software for composing, editing, engineering, etc. We need to build a robust CTE program. The funds should be allocated to improving Scituate schools.

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Scituate Preservation Society proposes construction of a Memorial dedicated to the residents of the Lost Villages of Scituate. Proposed Memorial to be unveiled on the 100th Anniversary of the Reservoir's Official Opening Ceremony on September 30, 1926, with Governor Gainer presiding. A six page proposal with project details, requested funding estimates, and cover letter submitted by email to Town Clerk, Peggy Long, on April 15th, 2022.

39	Repair of facilities and grounds at Esek Hopkins park and North Scituate elementary school. Both are quite run down. The park has been used extensively during the pandemic.
40	I am a disabled wheelchair user who rides in a handicap accessible van. North Doctor's Lane has been in dire need of road repair for several years now. There are severe potholes, frost heaves, drastic uneven terrain and the road is crumbling apart. I have damaged my van on several occasions trying to navigate the street. I can no longer ride my wheelchair on the street due to the risk of damage to my wheelchair or the danger of becoming stuck. We desperately need road work.
41	Install air-conditioning into all schools (elementary, middle, and high school) and all class-rooms. This will help create a more conducive environment for students and teachers to excel.
42	Municipal Buildings repairs, upgrades, and maintenance.
43	Some ARPA funds should be allocated for exterior lighting in the parking area of the Scituate Senior Center. While this may be more of an infrastructure item, many town residents would benefit. When I went to get A COvid 19 booster shot- the hours were at a time when it was dark. While there were volunteers directing traffic at the entrance- it looked like they had hand held "batons", not a one had any sort of illumination. I nearly hit two of them when I entered. It was chaotic. The building is also a designated voter polling place (as is known). This is a chronic problem when voting after the work day and it is dark outside. Thank you for your consideration. MP
44	Our most important resource - children. We always hear the excuse when something happens to a child and DCYF doesn't have the money to cover all the cases. Maybe we could provide assistance on a local level to ensure the children are being cared for in the best manner.
45	Please help the small businesses who live and work in the Town by providing Grants, similar to what other cities and towns did. Thank you!
46	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Upgrade School Buildings. 2. Upgrade recreational softball fields so there is equity between the girls and boys of our town (beautiful 2 field baseball complex vs rocks and no grass at Berkhander!). 3. Tax relief or credits for residents when we are paying \$4.00 for a gallon of gas.
47	Install new energy saving Street lights throughout town.
48	Under the third bullet above, use funds to fix caito field immediately so there is no further delay to be able to use as intended. Seek reimbursement after from responsible parties. Two separate actions. Sent letter to town counsel via Abbie Groves regarding this.

49	<p>1) Flat rate subsidy for broadband for all residents of Scituate whose total income is less than \$50,000/year to have a fair and equitable access to broadband. If \$50/month was provided to 5000 residents (numbers are approx), this would definitely help in leveling the playing field and have an approximate annual cost of \$3,000,000.</p> <p>2) Improve groundwater, since most Scituate residents have wells and septic systems, it would seem ecologically sound to update or improve any cesspools or septic systems that are functioning poorly, especially on older properties. (I do not have any exact numbers as to how many properties this may include.) The approximate cost to install a new or updated septic system is about \$40,000/ property.</p>
50	Direct payments to residents.
51	<p>Scituate Rhode Island should use the ARPA Funds to bolster or most likely and more accurately, create an Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). Cities and towns across the United States and countries around the world are creating their plans for a major disaster or critical incident as some are called. In doing a quick Google search I can find hundreds of cities and towns with plans in place or plans in the works. I am not a preparedness expert, I do not have a cost estimate however, I understand the cost after a major event can be insurmountable if things are not put into place to help mitigate the impacts on the population, emergency services and local businesses.</p> <p>ARPA Funds were made available during a crisis situation. One that no one was prepare for or could have predicted. For the town of Scituate the impact of this event did not warrant the use of all these funds however in the future, availability to funds may be and most likely will be limited. Major events are growing at an alarming rate and being prepared is not always in reach of every citizens, which is why the town should be ready to assist. I was going to attempt to list a few "major events," however over the past two years anyone reading this can come up with a list larger than they ever expected to in their lifetime.</p>

52	<p>The NS Library would love to have an emergency backup generator for the library. As a public water supply, it would provide the necessary power to prevent a dewatering event during an outage. It would also allow the library to continue as a cooling and warming center when helpful. Having power during an outage would also allow residents to charge devices and medical equipment. We are currently in the process of obtaining quotes for the equipment and labor needed to install a generator at the library. I will submit that information as soon as I have it, but did not want to miss the opportunity to make our request.</p>
53	<p>Replace the Hope Pond docks. If there is any question if that is needed, just go have a look and consider that a good number of children use them daily during the summer heat.</p>
54	<p>Repairs, renovations & upgrades to the schools.</p>
55	<p>Concession stand and bathrooms for the high school turf field</p>
56	<p>Scituate has many needs as was demonstrated a few years ago when the Council received the Capital Improvement Committee Report. That Committee was established by the Town Council after the "Independent Men" were voted out of office. The Committee identified DPW, Recreation, School Department, Police, and Fire. This is your opportunity to resurrect that report and address the identified needs.</p> <p>The two fire stations that handle more than 75% of the calls are North Scituate and Hope Jackson. Both are old, too small for the activities performed today, and do not meet ADA, NFPA or OSHA standards. Pumping money into these buildings is a gross misuse of funds. Relocating these stations could lead to improved response times. Replacing these two stations now using these federal funds will enable to Town to meet a fiscal need now that the Taxpayers will otherwise have to address in the next 5 years or so. The taxpayers will be much more willing to support expending these funds for a pair of fire stations now that it is funded by the federal government rather than approaching the votes 3-5 years from now when it will impact their tax rate. Every year we delay the costs rise. A building that was going to cost \$125,000 around 1990 is now closer to \$2mil</p> <p>The suggestion of contributing funds to community non-profits may boost public relations for the specific group receiving the funds but negative PR for the organizations omitted and the failure to address the Town's existing infrastructure needs that I believe most tax payers would view as a higher priority for these funds.</p>

Expand the town's hiking and biking system and bring in solar powered EV charging stations

One thing that was a saving grace during the last couple of years was the ability to get out and enjoy the local surroundings

Since Scituate is restricted in bringing in industry due to the presence of the reservoir expanding the use of natural resources and charging out of town guests (much like the towns of Narragansett do for beach access) to use them can help sustain the effort. And in conjunction and in support of the sustainability project is the need to consider the deployment of solar powered EV charging systems strategically located around Scituate. Schools in California have solar panel covered canopies that

57 provide power to staff EV vehicles (Recent article describes Massachusetts joining forces with the DOE to install such systems in New Bedford and Plymouth area)<https://www.southcoasttoday.com/story/news/local/2022/05/05/massdot-adding-solar-canopies-new-bedford-plymouth-harwich-park-and-ride/9633437002/>

In addition to placing them at schools some consideration to add them to the center of town to attract EV users to shop the businesses

Place them at trail locations too....and charge for the use to help offset cost

Also implement 5G coverage for the same areas

Skyscrapers is the amateur astronomy group that operates the Seagrave Memorial Observatory at 47 Peepoad Road in Scituate. Throughout the year the observatory is open to the general public and youth groups to view the night sky and learn about astronomy.

Currently the two entrances to our meeting hall have no ramps. We, therefore, would like to request funding to purchase an aluminum ramp to make it easier for those individuals who have difficulty with the two or three steps needed to enter the building from one of the two doorways.

58 Of secondary importance is a 5' x5' aluminum platform with steps for the other entrance. People currently using this entry have to stand on a narrow step as they open the door and must move out of the way as the door swings open. The platform would eliminate this problem.

We have received the following cost estimates from an access ramp vendor:

Ramp to Meeting Hall south entrance (our main priority): \$15,441

5' x 5' aluminum platform with steps to Meeting Hall north entrance: \$5,303.

Proposal for Scituate ARPA Funds

Pilot Program: Curbside Organics Pickup and Composting

Rationale:

By most estimates, food waste accounts for about one third of all landfill tonnage. Scituate sends over 7,000 pounds of food waste EVERY DAY to the Central Landfill. Reducing the amount of food waste in our state landfill not only makes sense from an environmental standpoint (the Central Landfill is slated for closure in 2034), but it also makes sense economically.

In 2020, the town of Scituate sent 3,861 tons of refuse to the Central Landfill, going 604 tons over our cap and triggering greatly increased tipping rates. As a result, the town paid over \$60,000 in additional fees to the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Commission (RIRRC) that year. If all food waste from Scituate households in 2020 had been diverted to composting, the town would have spent approximately \$122,000 in tipping fees, instead of the roughly \$207,000 that we did spend. In addition, we would likely have qualified for a larger tipping rebate by increasing our recycling rate (tons of waste recycled divided by tons of total waste) over 35%, keeping even more local tax money in our town.

According to the RIRRC, diverting organic waste (food waste) from the landfill is the most straightforward approach to the sustainability of our waste stream process, in addition to robust recycling programs. The rich organic compost that results is a valuable bonus to participating communities.

Proposal:

The Town of Scituate is asked to consider committing \$40,000 of ARPA funds to a one-year pilot program involving 200 volunteer households in once-a-week curbside pickup and composting of organic (food) waste. Two local vendors (at least) are able to provide such services, City Compost (<https://www.citycompost.com>) and Black Earth Compost (<https://blackearthcompost.com>)

I have lived at this location for 45 years. Because of what I am seeing on my road and around town over the last 5 years or so. I feel it is time to make an investment in traffic safety. I am requesting that the town use the ARPA funds to purchase 6 Shield Radar Speed Signs at a cost of \$6000 each. These signs can be placed at various location around town such as the high school or Plainfield pike which has become a major cut threw for heavy trucks and commuters for out of town traveling to the Providence area. Usually these signs are placed in pairs on the same road to cover both direction. We should also invest in 1 mobile ATS-5 Radar Trailer at a cost of \$33,000. This unit can be placed and set up
60 anywhere around town. The one the town currently has is older and out dated. These newer units can collect traffic information such as the number of vehicles, speeds, and times of the heaviest traffic. And most importantly this data can be checked with an internet connection from police headquarters while in use. You can view these units at www.alltrafficsolutions.com Please make this most important investment in our town. Thank you all for your time.

To the distinguished members of the town council.

I am writing on behalf of the Scituate Sustainability Initiatives Committee regarding your request for ARPA ideas.

With information available to the public via the RIRC website, it can be shown that in the past 5 years the recycling trend for town residents is consistently below average. As a matter of fact Scituate has consistently scored in the bottom 10 towns in the state for recycling.

Year	Population	Tons of refuse/house	Pounds of waste/person	% Recycled	Rank
2017	10349	4858	939	30.9	30th
2018	10360 (+11)	5105 (+250)	985 (+46)	31.4	31st
2019	10372 (+12)	5198 (+93)	1002 (+17)	29.2	28th
2020	10383 (+11)	5529 (+331)	(not recorded)	29.4	32nd
2021	10384 (+1)	5370 (-159)	(not recorded)	28.1	31st

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To encourage town residents to reduce their waste production and improve their recycling practices the Sustainability Initiatives Committee would like to purchase each household a 90-gallon trash receptacle. The ones we are proposing are exactly like the recycling bins currently in use. This 90-gallon container would be a visual cue to residents to limit their waste and utilize their recycling options more. And be more convenient for our seniors. There are other programs out there, like pay as you throw that create a lot of controversy. This concept of giving the residents a physical item makes it seem like they are gaining something, when in fact it's the town budget that benefits. We pay increasing tipping fees and penalties for exceeding our tonnage each year. The investment in new receptacles will pay for itself over time. Each one of these containers will cost approximately \$100, and one for each household will cost approximately \$44,000. Director Loiselle reported to our group there are just about 4,400 households in the town. We are allowing for growth and replacements. Speaking of replacements, many residents are reporting their large recycling bins are failing. Given many of these are over 7 years old it is not surprising. The committee is also recommending the purchase of replacement recycling receptacles. Together with the decrease in trash tonnage and

Hope Associates, Inc. proposes an allocation of \$80,000 of ARPA funds to address roof repair and replacement of the Howland Barn in the Village of Hope. The Howland Barn is owned by Hope Associates, Inc., a private non-profit 501(c)3 organization based in Hope but serves all residents of Scituate.

Built circa 1912, the Howland Barn is a significant structure in the Village of Hope and has historically served as a site for a variety of community based activities through the years. Given its age, history of use, and its location within the boundaries of the Hope Village Overlay District the Howland Barn should be considered a building of historic significance. In the past, the Howland Barn has provided a venue for square dancing, roller skating, community dinners, basketball, furniture refinishing, teen activities, playgroups, etc. At present the Howland Barn provides much needed meeting space for several community groups, serves as the headquarters and archives of the Hope Historical Society, and can be reserved by small groups for collations, showers, birthdays, and other celebrations. It is also used by the Town Recreation Department for summer program activities and the Hope Library used the meeting space for summer reading program events. Many of our older residents often share fond memories of their participation in activities at the Howland Barn.

The Howland Barn has certainly been the site of a diverse offering of activities that has added to the character, culture, and history of Hope Village. The Scituate Comprehensive Plan in section H "Cultural Resources" and specifically H- 3.1.6.3 "Threats to Village Character" speaks to providing incentives for rehabilitating structures threatened by deterioration". Ashley Sweet in providing story boards reflecting updates for consideration to the Scituate Comprehensive Plan notes in the document on Historic and Cultural Resources a first goal which states "Preserve, protect, and maintain the Town's historic, cultural, and archeological resources as a representation of the Town's heritage." The Howland Barn is in current need of roof replacement to protect from water and animal damage which would contribute to the deterioration of the building. It was discovered that the current roof material is of hazardous asbestos and therefore requires specialized abatement work as part of the roof replacement. This has driven the cost of replacing the roof to an unaffordable level for Hope Associates. To not address the roof concerns will be to place the historic and culturally significant Howland Barn at risk. The ARPA funds represent an opportunity for the Town of Scituate to support

63	<p>Hope Associates, Inc. proposes an allocation of \$ 40,000 of ARPA funds to update a feasibility study from 1999 for a Pedestrian Trail and Scenic Overlook along the Pawtuxet River in the Village of Hope. The plan is rooted in the philosophy that preservation and enhancement of natural, historic, and cultural resources help to ensure the preservation of open space for both active and passive recreation use, improve quality of life, and promote economic development. Hope Associates, Inc., a private, non-profit 501(c)3 organization has already contributed time, expertise, and financial resources to realize the creation of a small neighborhood park with a gazebo on Main Street in Hope Village representing the “Scenic Overlook” section of the plan.</p> <p>The update of the feasibility study would focus on the creation of pedestrian bridges over the Pawtuxet River to access a 30 acre parcel within which an informal trail system that currently exists can be developed. It is believed this parcel was part of the original Joseph Remington (first settler of Hope) land purchase. The was also the location of the route for the Pawtuxet Valley Railroad which serviced the Hope Depot near Mill Street. A covered trestle bridge was built in 1874 for the railroad to cross the river but dismantled circa 1910. (A photo of this original bridge is available.) The proposed pedestrian bridges would be constructed using the abutments of the original trestle bridge. The footprint of the original rail line will form some of the trail network within the site.</p> <p>This project would complement the Scituate Sidewalk, Pathway, and Trails Initiative proposed by the Scituate Land Trust and Conservation Commission. The Scituate Comprehensive Plan in section J-2.0 speaks to a goal of providing a range of active and passive recreational facilities supported by a suggested policy to develop a system of greenways and trails. In section J-3.3 the Greenways/Trails System is explored in more depth and reference is made to “another possible trail system along the Pawtuxet River as part of the Riverwalk system being developed by the Pawtuxet River Authority.</p> <p>Hope Associates, Inc. is grateful for the opportunity to present this plan for consideration of funding with ARPA funds. We would be available to provide council members with a walking tour of the property to assist in understanding the nature of the proposed project.</p>
64	<p>I think the town of Scituate should use some of the ARPA funds to fix Caito Field ASAP. It is a shame the field has been closed for over a year with no news of it being fixed soon. Hopefully, the litigation can move along and either RAD or the engineering company will be forced to pay the cost of fixing the field. The Scituate students and residents should not have to wait much longer to use this field which is a great asset to this town.</p>
65	<p>Replace three docks that are in poor and deteriorated condition located at Hope Pond used primarily by the summer recreation. Estimated cost fifteen thousand dollars each, total forty five thousand dollars.</p>

Hope Library is an important community meeting place and resource. We provide computer and WiFi access, entertainment, continuing education, community outreach, early literacy, and friendly professional service to all. We bring a world of information to your home town.

Unfortunately, our present HVAC system is antiquated and inadequate to meet today's clean air standards. This deficiency became especially apparent during the Covid-19 pandemic. The system is original to the building and uses a refrigerant that is no longer manufactured. This makes an upgrade impossible. The last cost estimate to replace the system was over \$80,000 in 2019. We respectfully
66 request that the Town of Scituate use part of their ARPA funds to install a new HVAC system at Hope Library so we can provide safe access to vital resources even in the event of a future health crisis.

Recently, Hope Library cleared some dangerous trees from our backyard which opened up a large area for potential development. The library would appreciate the town's financial assistance in turning that area into a learning landscape with play equipment and interactive exhibits for hands-on learning. The cost of the project is estimated at \$100,000 and it would establish Hope Library as an important destination for families in Scituate. The location is ideal given our close proximity to the Summer Recreation Program and Hope Elementary School.