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To: Shawn Brown, Town Administrator
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From: Paul A. Croce, Chairman
Middletown Planning Board

Date: October 15, 2021

Re: American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) – Project Suggestion

During its meeting of October 13, 2021, the Planning Board discussed potential projects to be included for Town consideration for use of anticipated funding under the American Rescue Plan Act. **The Board voted unanimously to recommend that a project to extend the public water supply system to the east side of town be considered.**

Through discussion of development proposals over the past few years and the recent full-build impact study completed by Crossman Engineering, water supply for both domestic supply and fire protection has been identified as a significant concern. Groundwater quality and quantity has been questioned during review of recent development applications where public water is not currently available, and potential solutions for providing water for fire protection, including installation of cisterns, have also been explored. **All of these concerns can be addressed through the extension of the public water system.**

While the Board recognizes that the available funding will not be sufficient to complete such an extension project, any amount of funding the Town is able to dedicate to beginning the effort would be money well invested.

Please contact me with any questions regarding this recommendation.

Paul A. Croce, Chairman
Middletown Planning Board