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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
FEBRUARY 16, 2022
MINUTES

Members Present: Michael Purcaro-Chairman, James Fay, Douglas Harding, David Olender, Barry Pinto, *Joseph Wehr

Others Present: Lori Spielman-First Selectman, *Tiffany Pignataro-Finance Officer/Treasurer, Selectmen Melinda Ferris, David Stavens, Ronald Stomberg, John Turner, and Charlotte Ward, Timothy Webb-DPW Director, *Mary Blanchette-HML Board Chmn, *Brian Greenleaf-Dir of Fin. & Oper. BOE, *Jennifer Dzen-Chairman BOE, *Peggy Busse, Thomas Palshaw

*Via Zoom

Call to Order

Chairman Michael Purcaro opened the meeting at 6:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Citizens Forum - None

Board of Selectmen present Capital Improvements FY 2022-23

First Selectman Lori Spielman and Selectman David Stavens presented the Capital Improvements Budget as approved by the Board of Selectmen for FY 22-23.

Road Construction – $818,005

Road Overlay $650,000; LOCIP $108,005, Unimproved Road Improvements $30,000, Large/Small Bridges $30,000.

Building Repairs –$242,000

DPW-Town Hall Renovation/Addition $30,000; EVAC-Engine Exhaust Removal System $25,000; BOE-Gymnasium Floor Replacement $92,000; BOE-EMS Elevator Modernization $95,000.

Miscellaneous –$865,000

DPW-Parking Lot Renovations $505,000, DPW-HML Air Conditioning Replacement $100,000, DPW-Tennis & Basketball Court Maintenance $30,000, DPW-High School Track $230,000.

Equipment Purchase –$375,000

DPW-Pick Up Truck $45,000, DPW Pool Car/Town Staff Vehicle $70,000, IT-Computer Replacement Cycle $145,000, BOE-Modern Classroom Furniture $30,000, DPW-Police Cruiser $50,000, FS-First Selectman Vehicle $35,000.

Mr. Stavens stated that the total capital budget is $2,300,005 less State grants and funds and capital reserve fund appropriation for a net to be funded of $1,224,279.

Questions:

Tim Webb asked that the description under Building Repairs be changed to Town Hall Renovation and under Miscellaneous change to HML Air Handlers.

Questions about the vehicles; a new vehicle will be purchased for the First Selectman and the existing vehicle will be given to Emergency Management. Mr. Harding asked if the price for the Police Cruiser includes all the equipment and was told that it does. Mr. Fay asked the size of the air handlers at the Library. Mr. Webb stated they are all difference sizes and that the price includes the electrical and plumbing. Mr. Fay asked if installation was included in the computer replacement item. Ms. Pignataro stated that they come fully loaded; the computer equipment is plug and play so there is no installation charge in the quote. They are researching grants for the computer equipment but as of this time, none have been found. Mr. Olender asked about the parking lot renovations. Mr. Webb stated that this line includes the full reclamation and repaving of the Town Hall Parking Lot and the Library parking expansion where the house was taken down. The Library lot will include 20+ new spaces, new lighting, a new traffic flow, a green space as well as drainage. Ms. Ferry asked when Library personnel will be included for their input. Mr. Webb stated that after the budget is approved. Mr. Harding asked if there are any grants or state funding for the elevator at the Middle School. Mr. Greenleaf stated that there is not because it is considered up keep and maintenance. He will double check on it. Mr. Purcaro asked about the bridge inspections, and Mr. Webb stated that the State is watching Webster Rd and that the replacement of Strawberry Bridge is scheduled for 2023. He is also working with the Town Engineer on the culvert on Burbank Rd. The bridges capital item is budgeted

each year and added to the balance for possible work that may have to be done. Mr. Purcaro asked if the vehicles are undercoated and Mr. Webb stated that they are done with the black spray when they arrive. The pickup truck on this list is to replace the 2012 truck that the Foreman drives. The pool cars on this list are for the replacement of the Recreation van and DPW Director's vehicle.

Lori Spielman told the Board that at a meeting she attended, the Town of Ellington received no recommendations for improvement regarding the audit because the Finance Officer did a great job and came in on time. Mr. Purcaro commended her and her staff.

Mr. Turner warned that the oil spills he has read of in the news lately can happen anywhere and hoped that the Town has safeguards and protections against this happening here. It was suggested that the Emergency Management Director look into it. Mr. Webb stated that all town buildings are on either gas or propane and that there is one above ground double walled tank at the garage. Mr. Greenleaf stated that the schools are on gas or propane and that all underground storage tanks have been removed.

Mr. Purcaro thanked everyone for putting this budget together and stated that the Board of Finance will look at this through a zero based budgeting lense to get the best value for the taxpayers.

Adjournment

MOTION (HARDING) SECONDED (PINTO) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 6:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Lori Smith

Lori Smith, Recording Secretary