

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ADVISORY COMMISSION ON CAPITAL EXPENDITURES
FEBRUARY 24, 2022
7:00 P.M.
ZOOM ONLY MEETING**

Present: Michael Stevens, Nicole Greco, Jen Horn and James Mol

Absent: Brad Belcher, Dustin Rose and Ed Basile

Also in Attendance: Highway Foreman Mark Cervione and Facilities Manager Chris Matejek

Chairman Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

Public Participation

None

Approval of Minutes from the February 17, 2022 Regular Meeting

Item overlooked in error.

Prioritization of recommendations for Board of Finance for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Chairman Stevens started the conversation by asking the team for their thoughts on the overall list. The group began by looking at items that they knew they were planning to zero out which gave them the buffer and the delta that they would need to work with. Some items were low on the submitters priority lists that Chairman Stevens thought should be kept, there were also items that could be considered for COVID funding and there were some items that would be a flat out no for this fiscal year. In-depth discussion ensued among the members as well as participation by **Mr. Cervione** and **Mr. Matejek**.

Submission items were reviewed in the following order:

- Board of Education – items to zero out
- Fire Department
- Farmland Preservation
- Highway/Public Works
- Board of Education
- Town Engineer
- Police Department

The group circled back a number of times to fine tune the numbers and talked through the arguments for and against certain requests with COVID funds usage as a strong factor for a number of items. **Chairman Stevens** plans to make all updates to the prioritization list, identify bonding opportunities and distribute to the group in advance of presentation to the Board of Selectmen on Wednesday, March 2nd.

Adjournment

J. Mol motioned and N. Greco seconded to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristen O. Lambert
Recording Secretary