

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
ADVISORY COMMISSION ON CAPITAL EXPENDITURES**
MARCH 3, 2022
7:00 P.M.
ZOOM MEETING ONLY

Present: Michael Stevens, Nicole Greco, Brad Belcher, Jen Horn, Ed Basile and James Mol

Absent: Dustin Rose

Chairman Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and thanked all the members of the commission for a job well done. He was impressed with how smoothly the process went this year.

Public Participation

None

Approval of Minutes from the February 17, 2022 Regular Meeting

Approval of Minutes from the February 24, 2022 Regular Meeting

Approval of Minutes from the March 1, 2022 Regular Meeting

Chairman Stevens noted that he had read all meeting minutes and felt they were accurate as presented.

Chairman Stevens motioned and N. Greco seconded to approve all minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/Feedback

Chairman Stevens noted that the Public Hearing on March 1st went well with only one public participant in attendance and no concerns expressed. Last night **Chairman Stevens** presented the ACCE priority list to the Board of Selectmen at their regular meeting. The selectmen raised questions pertaining to the big projects on the list and one suggestion came from **Selectman Hill** who recommended that the Fire Department Chevy Tahoe replacement be pushed off to a future year. **First Selectman Moll** voiced concerns with possibly spending COVID funds while there is a separate committee looking at opportunities for spending these funds. **Selectman Harrington** commented that when the priority list is presented to the Board of Finance it should be clear that if the board decides that the projects on the list are not something they want to fund with COVID monies, the ACCE team will need to reconvene and reprioritize. **Chairman Stevens** discussed possible big ticket items to be revisited should this be the case. He plans to emphasize the safety/maintenance items, the new pumper truck, updates to the town garage in order to get it into good working order and the High School Turf field. **J. Moll** noted that the SPED Van is a high priority for the Board of Education and if the grant funds do not come through for this item, it would be helpful to return this item to a higher priority level for ACCE. **Chairman Stevens** agreed to make note of this and adjust accordingly.

N. Greco asked for more information regarding the COVID funds and who is technically the “gatekeeper” of the funds. **Chairman Stevens** explained how the ARPA Commission will work as an advisory group to the Board of Selectmen. ACCE requests are not required to go before the ARPA Commission. Bonding for some of these projects will be up for consideration this year.

The Board of Finance meeting will be held on Monday, March 21st and **Chairman Stevens** encouraged all to attend if possible. The meeting will be a hybrid meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

M. Stevens motioned and J. Mol seconded to adjourn at 7:18 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristen O. Lambert
Recording Secretary