

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
ADVISORY COMMISSION ON CAPITAL EXPENDITURES  
FEBRUARY 21, 2023  
7:00 P.M.  
ZOOM ONLY MEETING**

**Present in person or via Zoom teleconference:** Michael Stevens, Brad Belcher, Jim Irwin, Mark Englander, Alexander Lepage (alternate) and Scott Crosson (alternate)

**Absent:** Mike Sattan

**Also in Attendance:** First Selectman Moll and Director of Community Services Peter Leclerc

**Chairman Stevens** called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes from February 2, 2023 Regular Meeting**

**B. Belcher** motioned and **J. Irwin** seconded to approve the minutes from the February 2, 2023 Regular Meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes from February 9, 2023 Regular Meeting**

Agenda item tabled.

**Public Participation**

None

**Presentation from Community Services Director Peter Leclerc**

**Mr. Leclerc** noted that he had one capital request to present to the commission this evening. **Mr. Leclerc** is requesting funds to replace the current flooring in the Senior Center Great Room with a Multi-Purpose Vinyl Synthetic Recreation & Sport Floor. This flooring is durable, easily maintained and has a layer of foam backing for forgiving impact, however, it does come with a high upfront cost. **Mr. Leclerc** provided details of the room and noted that the current flooring is a Vinyl Composite Tile which is quite durable, however, it is also an extremely hard and slippery surface that requires a high level of maintenance including washing, stripping and reapplying a new coating of polyurethane every two years.

The Senior Center Great Room is a multi-purpose room currently used for various types of activities including youth basketball, dance classes, enrichment programs, low impact activities and exercise classes. **Mr. Leclerc** explained that as the Senior Center increases its use hours and begins offering expanded programming for multi-generational users, the proper flooring will be essential to ensure a high quality and safe experience for all participants. **Mr. Leclerc** explained that the current flooring is functional for what it has been used for in the past, however he does not feel it is functional for the type of multi-generational programming that is occurring now and stressed that it will definitely not be functional for the type of programming he is planning for the future.

**Mr. Leclerc** shared with the group information he had gathered from two separate companies who handle this type of flooring. He noted that the flooring is similar to the flooring installed at the Spaulding School's gymnasium and auditorium. He also shared that the two quotes average approximately \$26,000 with a similar scope of work and contingency. **Mr. Leclerc** pointed out that this type of programming

generates revenue for the town and being able to provide the highest quality experience is essential to increasing participation.

Discussion ensued among the commission members who asked questions of **Mr. Leclerc** which he answered accordingly.

**Adjournment**

**B. Belcher motioned and J. Irwin seconded to adjourn at 7:22 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Kristen O. Lambert  
Recording Secretary