

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
ADVISORY COMMISSION ON CAPITAL EXPENDITURES  
FEBRUARY 23, 2023  
7:00 P.M.  
HYBRID MEETING**

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

**Absent:** Mark Englander

**Also in Attendance:** First Selectman Moll

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

**Public Participation**

None

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

**M. Sattan** motioned and **B. Belcher** seconded to approve the minutes from the February 9, 2023 regular Meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes from February 21, 2023 Regular Meeting**

Agenda item tabled.

**Presentation from Colin Moll – First Selectman**

**First Selectman Moll** noted that he had three (3) capital requests to present to the commission this evening.

**Veterans Memorial Monument Expansion**

- Veterans Memorial Expansion Committee was created to address those veterans who were not included on the current memorial
- Final four veterans names have been inscribed on the existing Veterans Monument
- The Veterans Memorial Expansion Committee has also been tasked with the creation and design of a new monument area for the Global War on Terror and determining the criteria necessary to be included on the new monument
- Proposed design includes 2 marble slabs that run behind the current monument – one slab will represent the Global War on Terror and the other will represent veterans living in Suffield
- Verbal quote has been received for between \$90,000 - \$100,000 and includes:
  - 2 marble slabs (10 feet wide by 4 feet high)
  - Inscription of approximately 300 names
  - Additional costs:
    - Design work on the marble
    - Pedestals to prevent slabs from sinking into the ground
- Current funds available include \$70,000 in Veterans Park account and \$15,000 in Veterans Monument Expansion account
- Request for \$50,000 should allow the project to be fully funded with any remaining funds to be swept into the general fund

**Pedestrian & Traffic Safety Measures - \$50,000**

- Pedestrian and Traffic Safety Infrastructure Committee was created to evaluate and make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen with regard to Pedestrian and Traffic Safety needs town wide
- Tighe & Bond traffic safety study has recently been completed
- Study reported on the highest areas of concern, identified major impact areas and provided short and long term goals for addressing issues
- Traffic is the number one complaint received by the First Selectman
- \$77,000 is currently in a Traffic and Safety Initiatives capital account that can be used for pedestrian and traffic safety infrastructure initiatives
- An annual ACCE request of \$50,000 is being proposed which will allow funds to build up for future pedestrian and safety projects
- All recommendations will be presented to the Board of Selectmen for approval

### **Building of Bridge Street Park - \$600,000**

- Open space property at 90 Bridge Street – currently an empty lot
- 3.43 acres in the Town Center Village District
- Board of Selectmen continue to review park plan design options for this parcel of town-owned land
- Numerous plan options have been reviewed with regards to the possible park construction and potential costs for each
- Park would be installed in three separate phases and is estimated be completed within a year
- Other available funds include \$300,000 balance remaining in the Bridge Street School Demolition account and approximately \$14,000 balance remaining in the Bridge Street School Property Revitalization account
- Estimated that the park will cost between \$2.2 million – which includes phase 1 and phase 2
- Phase 1 includes site work and Phase 2 includes the west side of the park and Phase 3 includes the east side of the park which could potentially include a field or additional walking paths
- Additional funding sources *may* be available and include: ARPA Funds and Parks and Recreation Department fundraising
- At this time, the Board of Selectmen has not yet approved the project

Discussion ensued among the commission members who asked questions of **First Selectman Moll** which he answered accordingly.

**Chairman Stevens** reminded the group that next Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> will be the prioritization meeting via zoom and Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> will be the Public Hearing.

### **Adjournment**

**B. Belcher motioned and J. Irwin seconded to adjourn at 7:31 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,  
 Kristen O. Lambert  
 Recording Secretary