

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ADVISORY COMMISSION ON CAPITAL EXPENDITURES
FEBRUARY 27, 2024
7:00 P.M.
HYBRID MEETING**

Present in person or via Zoom teleconference: Brad Belcher, Mike Sattan, Mark Englander, Jim Irwin, Alexander Lepage, Don Miner (alternate) and Scott Crosson (alternate)

Also in Attendance: First Selectman Moll

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

Public Participation

None

Approval of Minutes

None

Prioritization

Chairman Belcher explained that this evenings meeting was a continuation of the prioritization discussion begun on Thursday, February 22, 2024. He noted that since the meeting on the 22nd, the commission has had an opportunity to speak with both the First Selectman and the Board of Finance who provided the group with a more defined direction. He reported that the commission had also been given permission to reallocate funds from some of the open capital accounts that had been identified during this year's departmental meetings. The total amount available for reallocation is \$881,000. The group agreed to use between 80% -85% of the available funds to assist with the capital requests.

Chairman Belcher walked through the departmental requests again, adjusting the prioritization spreadsheet in real time. The group removed requests that could not be accommodated and assigned a ranking to the remaining items. They also discussed which requests would be funded, partially or in full, with the reallocated capital funds. Those requests were identified accordingly on the spreadsheet. In-depth discussion ensued, with all members contributing to the conversation, until they came to an agreement on what should be included in their recommendation to the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance. All members felt confident with the amount of requests being recommended for funding, especially in light of this year's large ticket item for the Police Radio Project.

J. Irwin motioned and M. Englander seconded to approve the prioritization list as determined this evening. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Belcher reminded the group of the upcoming Public Hearing on Thursday, February 29, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the upper conference room at Town Hall. This meeting will be an in-person meeting only.

Adjournment

M. Sattan motioned and M. Englander seconded to adjourn at 9:02 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristen O. Lambert
Recording Secretary