

# CIP COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING

## MINUTES

March 29, 2022

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 5:05pm
2. **Members Present:** Juan Roman III, First Selectman; Ken Henrici, School Superintendent; Dick Weingart, Chair Board of Finance; Jaclyn Chancey, Chair CES Board of Education; Kevin Chavez, CES Principal; Dave Stone, DPW Supervisor; Andrew Barillari, CES Maintenance Supervisor.
3. **Discuss and Possible Action on CIP Plan:**

Dick Weingart stated that the revenue is ok this year, down about \$100,000 but expenses are skyrocketing, and they anticipate a complicated budget this year. The England Road bridge project may be starting sooner than expected and we may need to raise \$600,000 to support the Town contribution of 20%. There is also a tentative increase of \$300,000 in the assessment for Chaplin students at Parish Hill High School. The Board of Finance is looking at possibly holding a budget hearing on 4/18. The CIP projects need to be consistent from year to year. Jaclyn Chancey stated that the BOE are working hard on long term planning. Dick Weingart stated that he would like to use the template they used at the first meeting moving forward.

### Board of Education

- The BOE reviewed their projects and discussed in detail the urgent need for roof, cupola, and window caulking repairs. Also discussed were the need for security cameras in unmonitored areas. Dick Weingart suggested maybe not allowing students in those areas if possible until the system is in place. He also stated that we have the non-lapsing fund of approximately \$70,000 and they could tap into. He also asked that the BOE use the new template to address the plan to keep the water out of the building and bring it back to the committee. The school has researched grants for the security cameras and will continue to try and find one to cover this project. The Board of Education agreed to meet separately and review the projects and come back with a plan to prioritize them.

### General Government

- Conservation Fund - Open Space: Dick Weingart read a letter from Scott Matthies, Chairman Inland Wetlands Watercourses and Conservation Commission requesting the funds remain in CIP. Dave Stone also stated that the Recreation Commission discussed this and fully support that the funds remain. Scott Matthies, who was in attendance, stated that they would like to make a parking area for the Helen Garrison Trust property. It will be large enough for 6-8 cars and gravel will need to be put down. Dave Stone stated that maybe DPW can do some of the work. Maintenance of the area was discussed, and it will only be seasonal to start so no plowing in the winter then it can be reassessed in the future for possible cross-country skiing. The purchase of open space was discussed, and Scott Matthies stated currently due to conservation subdivision/zoning, you can put money in the open space fund when a property is subdivided. We only had one conservation subdivision and he doesn't see more purchase of open space needed. He does think it makes sense to keep maintenance of open space available. Dick Weingart stated that maybe maintenance would fall under parks and recs. Dave Stone stated that according to the ordinance for recreation that all parks fall under the Board of Selectmen and Recreation Commission. The CIP Committee agreed to keep funds where they are.

- **Museum:** Juan Roman reported that the Board of Selectmen supported the move of the museum, and the next step is to go to the Historic District Commission to request a hearing. They are looking at approximately \$60,000 to move the building which doesn't include the cost of site prep and police to traffic the road. ARPA funds might be available for this project but first they need to get a decision from the HDC. They may have to push the project out, move \$15,000 from FY22-23, but the building may not survive the next 5 years.
- **Chaplin 2022 Bicentennial Celebration:** They may have funds left over after the celebration. The committee is meeting soon to discuss the fireworks which will be about \$20,000 for everything. Any funds leftover can go to the fireworks line item.

#### Public Safety

- **Vehicle Replacement:** Dick Weingart reported that he spoke with the Chief, Joe Pinto, and that the money can be deferred a couple of years. He will move the \$25,000 for FY22-23 if needed.
- **Generator Replacement:** This is done, and they are just waiting for warranty. We may go over about \$1,000 due to price of generators now. They will leave the funds in the line item.

#### Public Works Department

- **Juan Roman** reported that there may be IIAJ funds for bridges and waiting to meet with them next week.
- **North Bear Hill Road Drainage:** This project is done and the \$5505 can be moved to another project.
- **Equipment Replacement:** For FY23-24 the target is \$210,000; currently have \$54,000. Dave Stone stated that road maintenance can be reduced to \$200,000 for FY22-23. The \$25,000 out of road maintenance for FY22-23 move to vehicle replacement as long as another \$65,000 is available in FY23-24. Then the other \$20,000 of road maintenance in FY22-23 add to equipment replacement. This will leave a total of \$200,000 in road maintenance for FY22-23. Equipment replacement will be a boom mower and he hope we don't have to replace the sweeper.

Dave Stone would like the drainage, tree removal, and Senior Center parking lot as is.

Dick Weingart stated that they will need money from the unassigned fund balance, but the question is how much, they need a budget decision before then can answer that.

#### **4. Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm

*Respectfully submitted by,  
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