

# CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN COMMITTEE

## Special Meeting

Chaplin Town Hall

February 26, 2026

### MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.
2. **Members Present:** James Harrington, First Selectman; Leslie Ricklin, Selectman; Dick Weingart, BOF Chair (remote); Dave Stone, DPW Supervisor; Joe Pinto, Fire Chief; Andy Skarzynski, Superintendent of Schools; Jaclyn Chancey, BOE President; Jobina Miller, RD 11 Business Manager; Kevin Chavez, CES Principal; Mary Calorio, Town Administrator; Jordan Lumpkins; Town Administrator.
3. **Audience of Citizens:** None
4. **Approval of Minutes:** None
5. **Discuss and Possible Action on CIP Plan:** Joe Pinto chaired the meeting. Discussions began with reviewing the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) spreadsheet, line by line, starting with General Government. Led by J Harrington, topics discussed were IT services, modifications to the Ferrara Community Room, repurposing of the Bicentennial Celebration fund balance, and ADA compliance funding. Discussion of Public Safety line items was led by J Pinto and included replacement of SCBA bottles, gear replacement, hose replacement, cellular capable tablets for use in mapping, facility exhaust system and infrastructure/fire pond maintenance. J Pinto noted that the vehicle replacement line item has been removed due to the escalating cost of emergency vehicles. He also noted that the Public safety CIP balance will soon be zero. J Pinto also offered to defer the previously discussed tablet line item until next year. Discussion of the Public Works line items was led by D Stone and included the ability to defer certain line items by one year; adjustments made to the vehicle replacement line and the addition of a facility storage to replace the former roof rack line. Also discussed was the new line-item request from the cemetery sexton for the repair of cemetery stone walls. J Miller led the Education line-item discussion. The discussion included the possibility of bonding, borrowing or grant funding the CES roof replacement. New line items under Education include parking lot repaving, exterior painting, interior painting and playground safety upgrades.

CIP Committee members agreed to continue exploring deferments and reductions and will bring these to the next meeting.

The March Meeting of the CIP committee is yet to be scheduled.

**Adjournment: MOTION to Adjourn at 8:00 PM was made by J Pinto and seconded by J Harrington. All in favor. Motion carried.**

*Respectfully submitted by  
Susan Welshman, Administrative Assistant/Recording Clerk*