



MINUTES

TOWN OF WALPOLE

Board/ Committee: CAPITAL BUDGET COMMITTEE

Meeting Date: TUESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2018 Time: 7:00pm

Meeting Location: Executive Conference Room Walpole Town Hall

Members & Staff Present: Patrick Shield (Assistant TA) (PS), Ed Forsberg (EF), Josette Burke (JB), Al Tedesco (AT), Noreen Gordon (NG), Cheryl Caron (CC), Michelle Kelley (MK), Anne Healy (AH)

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm and adjourned at 7:30PM

MINUTES FROM CAPITAL BUDGET MEETING

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In attendance: Patrick Shield (Assistant TA) (PS), Ed Forsberg (EF), Josette Burke (JB), Al Tedesco (AT), Noreen Gordon (NG), Cheryl Caron (CC), Anne Healy (AH)

Review and Approve Minutes of 8/21/18 meeting

Deferred to next meeting

Water and Sewer Requests

- (see Fall 2018 Capital Budget Summary and individual department submissions)
- Seeking funding for water system improvements to Baker/Common/OPR as specified in 8/20/18 request
- Funding will come from borrowing
- Some borrowing rolling off at the same time
- Financing will be covered from Water/Sewer revenue
- No impact to total budget

Vehicle Maintenance Requests

- (see Fall 2018 Capital Budget Summary and individual department submissions)
- Review of vehicles present in department submission

DPW/Parks Requests

- (see Fall 2018 Capital Budget Summary and individual department submissions)
- High Risk Tree Removal - request to fund contractor to per schedule in attachments
- Standard Yearly contribution to Turf replacement fund of \$50k
- Fund is at \$350k. Expected replacement cost is \$500k
- Installed in 2008
- Target replacement in 2020
- Woodward Playground request for replacement equipment
- Omni spinner of \$10,000
- Must meet accessibility standards

- Bucket Truck Purchase
- Current cost of contracting out is \$50k / year
- Approx \$40k / year could be saved by in-sourcing
- Will have other uses beyond tree removal

DPW/Highway Requests

- (see Fall 2018 Capital Budget Summary and individual department submissions)
- Rural Cemetery Roadway Improvements
- Catch Basin Repair
- Standing item funding via fixed funding each year. Basins are repaired/replaced until the money runs out and the remainder addressed in the next budget cycle

DPW/Engineering Requests

- (see Fall 2018 Capital Budget Summary and individual department submissions)
- Refurbish /repair tennis courts at WHS
- Refurbish /repair basketball courts at BMS and JMS
- Resurface South St / Clark Ave
- Town parking lot improvements

Recreation Requests

- (see Fall 2018 Capital Budget Summary and individual department submissions)
- Seeking \$1.5M from Free Cash to partially offset expected borrowing costs for construction of new playing fields on R 1A
- RTM appropriated \$500k in Fall 2017 for and design of fields and amenities
- Total cost is expected to be \$7 - 10M
- Selectman have awarded design contract to Weston and Sampson
- Goal is to have design completed and construction bids in hand by May 2019
- It was noted that year over year operating cost for maintaining this complex is unknown as the time
- Board Member AT noted that earmarking of \$1.5M is premature since the overall plan and total costs have not been reviewed and accepted by RTM

School Requests

- (see Fall 2018 Capital Budget Summary and individual department submissions)
- School Committee Chair Bill Buckley gave an overview of the request to earmark \$1.5M for a secondary school study. This money will be partially refunded if Walpole is admitted into a state programs that will offset costs of school replacement building. It was agreed that the school representatives would return at a later meeting to have an extended discussion.
- Review of Chromebook additions and replacements for grade 5 and 6
- Review of purchase request of 14 passenger vehicle for use in after school activities such as sports, clubs, etc. this vehicle can be driven by traditionally license driver (e.g. teachers, coaches) and is projected to save \$20k / year for athletics alone due to eliminating the need to rent expensive buses.
- OPR phone replacement - final phase of system-wide replacement project

List of Documents and Other Exhibits used at Meeting:

- Capital Budget Agenda
- Capital Budget FTM18
- Fall 2018 Capital Budget Summary
- Capital Expenditure Request Forms for Fall 2018 Town Meeting” and other related handouts submitted by departments listed above