

Capital Budget Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 5, 2017

Present were: Ed Forsberg, Josette Burke, Donna Donnellan, Noreen Gordon (arrived late), Anne Healy, Tim Hempton, Albert Tedesco
Also Present: Thomas Gregory, Assistant Town Administrator

Time meeting began: 6:40 p.m.
Ending time: 9:30 p.m.

ED FORSBERG was unanimously voted as CHAIR;
AL TEDESCO was unanimously voted as CO-CHAIR;

ED FORSBERG presented Motion to accept the 8/29/17 minutes, which was seconded by AL TEDESCO; motion was unanimously voted by the Board after TOM GREGORY contacted the Fire Chief (via phone) to confirm information about the new and old fire truck, specifically:

- a) fire truck is a 1989 truck, and has required \$121,000 in repairs + \$89,000 in refurbishing from 2008-2017 (9 year span);
- b) life expectancy for new truck is 15-20 years
- c) there is a limited warranty, but is is unknown
- d) will take 1 year to build the new truck

ARTICLE 3 (fields)

- \$500,000 would come from free cash
- project could cost between \$6-8 million dollars
- adult leagues want to rent fields from other towns as well
- 800 use recreation programs presently
- shortage of fields for sports groups and limits growth
- presently 20 town-owned fields
- fields benefit families and improves quality of life
- approximately 1,500 athletes use fields each week, variety of sports
- present overcrowding and potential of injuries
- 2013 Spring meeting authorized purchase of this land across from MCI Cedar Junction
- State took steps to acquire this land
- Patrick met with Presidents of youth leagues, and all were in favor
- Field could host tournaments and large scale events

- Weston & Sampson did a draft, which was presented to Capital Budget
- there will be a bidding process
- locks in the bidding at \$500,000 for design
- Engineering design cost exempt from bids
- No hard bids
- There would be invitations to bid
- TIM HEMPTON questioned capping of the bid
- AL TEDESCO asked if we were capped at \$500,000 for the design; confirmed add'l approval required above that
- ED FORSBERG questioned if the design would have a limited shelf life & inflation factor
- PATRICK indicated that Summer, 2016 conceptual renderings were produced, and he met with Presidents of leagues
- PATRICK indicated that a committee would be established
- DPW indicated that new field would alleviate wear & tear & maintenance goes down
- potential to produce tournament fees of \$400-\$500
- fields could be used until 10-11 p.m.
- Revenue generated by user fees can alleviate expenses, but not clear where the fees would be allocated
- Rec department issues permits to leagues presently (\$20 goes to regular field maint. & \$5 goes to Turco Field)
- TOM GREGORY indicated there is a "designer selection law" (not bid), and a committee formed; put notice for qualifications; firms submit qualification and ability to execute design; it is reviewed & recommended by committee; fees generated not yet established; staffing and expenses could more than double
- BOB LEBLANC (DPW) indicated that Jarvis Farm and Johnson Middle cannot accommodate because they are in "sensitive areas" - the aquifer - and that synthetic turf lasts 12 years; we have quality fields

ARTICLE 5 - ponds

- dredging would be done in winter
- question of what the soil would be used for (new fields possibly?)
- most agreed that Memorial Pond is a landmark in Walpole and should be done

ARTICLE 11 - DPW

- DPW presented a diagram of Fisher school paving project; took 2 years to complete by Walsh Co. Paving

- Chapter 90 requires \$775,967, which the state allots; DPW checks bills & apply for reimbursement

-Borrowing \$200,000 (requires 2/3 vote) to:

- complete Phase II at Fisher lot
- sidewalks on High Plain;
- catch basin repairs;
- Common Street conditions (utility & construction work have caused damages);

VOTING:

	ARTICLE 4 (FIRE)	ARTICLE 5 (PONDS)	ARTICLE 3 (FIELDS)	ARTICLE 11 (DPW)
ED	yes	yes	yes	yes
Josette	yes	yes	yes	yes
Ann	yes	yes	yes	yes
Noreen	yes	yes	yes	yes
Donna	yes	yes	yes	yes
Tim	yes	yes	no	yes
Al	yes	yes	no	yes
TOTAL:	7-0-0	7-0-0	5-2-0	7-0-0

Motion/Second

Article 4 (Tedesco / Healey)

Article 5 (Hempton / Tedesco)

Article 3 (Burke / Healey)

Article 11 (Hempton / Burke)

Motion to Adjourn by AL TEDESCO

Seconded by TIM HEMPTON

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Donnellan
Capital Budget Committee