

Joint meeting with the Capital

Improvement Committee and the Finance

Committee Meeting Minutes Swampscott High School, Room B129 Monday, April 1, 2019

<u>Attendance:</u> Finance Committee Members -Acting Chairman, Tim Dorsey, Members, Cinder McNerney, James Goldman, Mary Ellen Fletcher, Gail Rosenberg, and Joan Hilario. Member Mary Titcomb used remote participation to participate with meeting -due to audio this was ended after a brief few moments. Member Jill Sullivan not present.

Capital Improvement members were present.

Fire Chief Kevin Breen and Police Chief Ron Madigan present.

Finance Committee member Tim Dorsey spoke on past meeting minutes asked if any members had any changes or comments. No vote was taken.

No Resident Comment:

Open Discussion with Capital Improvement Committee and Finance Committee:

- > Capital Improvement -stated it's first time they are seeing the TA recommendations
- ➤ Bath House -\$200K -not taken up as a capital request for this year -not ready -Finance Committee member asked what the Town gets for this amount of money. Phase two is for next year.
- ➤ Redesign of Beach entrances
- ➤ Request for \$200K for Eisenman's & Whales, Preston for 2019- (including markers)
- ➤ Request for future funding request for \$250K-Phillip Beach in 2020.
- > Capital request from the DPW
- > DPW, Director, Gino Cresta will be asked to attend a future meeting to update the Boards on the following items, beach Marker expenses, infield grooming machine, snow sidewalk tractor and leaf vacuum, total cost of updates to Fisherman's Beach.

- ➤ Infield Grooming Machine / question was asked why this is under a capital request when cost is under \$20K, life expectancy of machine is 10-15 year -this is a Town Administrators request- one-time purchase -questions were asked who is playing on fields is the sports teams contributing questioned if it is only baseball field -DPW Director Gino Cresta will advise.
- > Funding request from DPW to replace a 2005 tow truck
- > Sewer Repairs & Sea Wall Repairs.
- ➤ Historic lights-Humphrey and Puritan up to the Fish Hone house lights Town has already spent \$230K -any funds left over from the allocated money from last year was asked.
- > DPW request for an Electronic Traffic Advisory signs -keeps track of data, cost of \$7,400.00 per sign, question why this does not fall under the Police Department request.
- ➤ School Comprehensive security plan was discussed.
- Finance Member Cinder McNerney asked what the amount was received from Chapter 90-\$294K funding from the Mass DOT was received last year.
- ➤ Middle School request of \$100K for assessment plan, time line was questioned (in particular members asked whether accelerating the contracting process would be possible if alternative funding were approved prior to Town Meeting the ultimate response was that the current timeline is suitable for the need), roof repairs and window repair/replacement, questioned is funding can be put aside in the capital budget for future repairs, if money is not spent can it be given back.
- > Fire Department funding for Technical Gear request -Fire Department Chief Breen spoke on pursuing grant options
- ➤ Police Department funding for Tactical Vest request -Chief Madigan -reimbursement grants request quotes for new cruiser -not hybrid --
- Town Administrator's request for \$50K to be used for a re-design of a shared work space between the offices of the Building Department and Community Development office at the Town Hall. Finance Member Maryellen Fletcher asked how the Town will measure improvement to these offices, questioned if the offices become combined is there a possibility of eliminating a full-time employee, Assistant Town Administrator Ron Mendes replied yes
- Finance Member Tim Dorsey questioned if certain items can be categorized as a capital request and should they be capital request in particular, suggestion was made to consider whether the Munis software program fee could be a capital item and, if so, to consider the pros/cons.
- Town's request for \$55K Electronic Vehicles Town applying for a grant -funding is split between Town and National Grid for electronic charging stations and two electronic vehicles. Electronic Vehicles will replace inspectional cars that are gas guzzlers. Questioned how many vehicles are used by Town Hall -questioned was the fire truck being kept in the Town Hall parking lot.

Adjournment:

Member Cinder McNerney voted to unanimously vote to close meeting, seconded by member Tim Dorsey-all members approved.

Maureen Shultz / Community Development -Not present

APPROVED ON 4/22