

Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes

December 4, 2023

7:00 PM

Present: Christi Andersen (Chair), Jason Cole (Vice Chair), Steve Noone, Dave Wellinghoff, Roland Bourdon, Adam Nolde, and Vlad Kan

Ms. Andersen called the meeting to order.

1. Joint meeting with Select Board to receive the presentation of the Capital Improvement Plan

Mr. Mangiaratti introduced the FY2025-2034 Capital Improvement Plan with members of the Finance Committee in attendance. Mr. Mangiaratti explained all capital projects that have been requested, indicating there is over \$17.867 million in general fund capital requests. Terra, Mass Ave – questioned if there was staffing in the capital plan; suggested utilizing volunteers for community events and departments; recommended having Town staff park vehicles at the fire station instead of Town Hall/Library parking lot, supports the Town Hall Memorial Library parking plan, stated unspent ARPA money can be allocated, questioned whether Hayward and Main light project was a Select Board goal. Mr. Snyder-Grant noted that the Town is heading towards an operational override. Suggested going over each capital project that is listed as high priority, and allow Board members to comment on each section. Mr. Charter noted the prioritization the Town Manager was well done, noted the fuel pump relocation should be a top priority, as should the ladder truck and complete streets for Hayward and Main projects. He stated he does not support any new sidewalk construction at this Select Board Meeting Minutes, December 4, 2023 time. Ms. Arsenault doesn't feel the light at Hayward and Main should be a high priority. Mr. Snyder-Grant feels the Hayward and Main construction and analysis didn't show an increase in traffic and would recommend cutting as a high priority. Mr. Martin feels the fueling station relocation is a priority, the fire truck replacement could be delayed and indicated air tanks and radios are a higher priority. He mentioned the Town should start on facility improvements in Town Hall; recommended having a consistent funding for most road safety and storm water improvement projects that will be in the amount of roughly \$1.2 million dollars, and include sidewalk construction. Ms. Nicol agrees with the sentiment that a high priority is the fueling station relocation project, and asked that a cost analysis be done looking at a possible shared fueling station with other community; feels the fire truck replacement should be a higher priority and Hayward and Main not as high a priority. She indicated she would like to see the parking lot improvements at Maple Street and Town Hall/Library be deferred; and the bridge and culvert repair project should be a higher priority than sidewalks. Ms. Nicol also commented on the ARPA allocations that have not been spent, asking which projects

could be allocated; she agrees with top 3 priorities as well as consideration for the driveways at the cemetery and gate repair project, noting CPA funding could be used for the cemetery gates. Mr. Charter questioned the capital money approved a few years back that was allocated to the Cemetery for the construction of a columbarium from Town meeting 3 years ago that has not been expended and will expire and could be returned and reappropriated for cemetery purposes. He also noted the CPC received a request for Town Hall improvements that included painting and gutter work for \$750K and asked where it fits within the Capital Improvement Plans. He noted the request is half of what is available in CPA funds, and also mentioned the NARA roofs need replacement. The Board had a conversation on the different roofing materials that could be used for the NARA roofs as well, primarily focusing on the proposed metal roof installations.

Mr. Noone moved to adjourn. Mr. Cole seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Documents and Exhibits Used During this Meeting

Capital Improvement Plan