

Capital Budget Committee

April 27, 2021

Minutes

Approved 7/26/21 3-0

CBC Members Present: Wakeman, Dick, Dormitzer, Franklin, Host

Others:

Mr. Wakeman opened the meeting at 1900 with the above quorum present.

Sewer Department, No Represents from Sewer were present

The committee discussed the Funding Request received from Sewer Department for a Sludge Drum Thickener (\$200,000). The Sludge Drum Thickener is used to remove excess liquids from waste. The new unit will replace an existing Sludge Thickener that is over 25 year old and no longer operating effectively. \$49,000 of funds will be repurposed toward the acquisition of the new unit with the balance of \$151,000 coming from retained earnings.

Motion

A motion was made to recommend the expenditure of \$151,000 for the Sludge Drum Thickener. That motion was seconded and the motion was approved 5-0 by a roll call vote by Ralph, Sam, Susan, Brian and Michael.

A discussion followed regarding the failure of the Sewer Department to come before the committee to present their capital request in person. The CBC desired to express to the Select Board and the Sewer Commissioners disapproval in the failure of the Sewer Commissioners to meet with the CBC to discuss capital expenditures, supporting financials for such expenditures. In addition, the CBC requests that Sewer Commissioners attend a CBC meeting as requested, at least annually CBC to Capital Expenditures, their 5-yr Capital Plan and the effect of expenditure on future debt service.

A motion was made to draft a letter to that effect and disseminate that letter to the Select Board and the Sewer Commissioners. That motion was seconded and the motion was approved 5-0 by a roll call vote by Ralph, Sam, Susan, Brian and Michael.

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A motion was made, and seconded, to approve the minutes of April 5 and April 20. That motion was seconded and all of the minutes were approved 5-0 by a roll call vote by Ralph, Sam, Susan, Brian and Michael.

Next meeting was established as Town Meeting on May 24. Sam informed the group that he was stepping down as Chairman but will remain on the committee. Wakeman also informed the group of upcoming term expirations for Ralph and Francine.

Finally Wakeman stated he would circulate a draft of the town warrant when received.

There being no further business we voted to adjourn at 19:25.

Respectfully submitted

Susan Franklin