

Capital Budget Committee

June 14, 2021

Minutes

Approved 7/26/21 3-0

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

Town Procurement and Contracts Manager: Leary

Town Hall Building Committee: Coffey

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

Update from Procurement and Contracts Manager

Salt Shed is out for bidding

Mowers for DPW have been procured

Some School Projects are underway

DPW Aerial Crane proposed at 30ft has not yet been ordered. Dormitzer shared that his conversation with Tree and Parks representatives indicated that a 45ft crane was needed, and is the size of the crane the town rents presently to address needs.

Town Hall Position Statement

The CBC convened to discuss next steps now that funds for completing design and bidding on the Town Hall Project had been approved at Town meeting. Concerns about mixed messaging by Capital Budget were expressed with the overriding concern continuing to be the development of a prudent financial plan, and financial and management practices that will insure (i) the ongoing financial health of the town; (ii) that the Capital Stabilization Fund continues to receive the monies it needs to support all other capital demands of the town, and (iii) that the funding of the Town Hall project does not result in excluded debt or an override in order to meet other Town capital demands.

The group discussed approaches to communicate its concerns. The group agreed that it needed to organize its viewpoints, but more importantly, create an environment of collaboration with the Select Board, Town Manager and other relevant committees to ensure success and establish accountability. Communicating by letter or memo, although good for capturing detailed concerns, was deemed to be not collaborative. The group agreed that an invitation be sent, inviting parties to discuss the success of the Town Hall vote and how we as town boards and leaders, could work collaboratively to develop a financial plan, policies and practices we can all support.

It was agreed that this process would have to occur and prior to pursuing construction bids which at this time are estimated to be \$13.5m to \$14.5m.

Coffey stated that the Town Hall Building committee would pursue bids will in advance of the next ATM.

Leary stated that Elder Affairs had comments about the relocation plans and had requested a meeting with the Select Board.

Expiring Terms

Lyons, whose term is expiring 6/30/21, agreed to continue on the CBC Board

Dormitzer asked to speak offline with Wakeman about the upcoming expiration of his term.

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

There being no further business we voted to adjourn at 20:00.

Respectfully submitted
Susan Franklin