1. Chairman Zabolotny called the February 27, 2018 Capital Budget Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Annex Basement, Room B, 25 Center Street.

**Members Present:** Ernest Zabolotny, Myrna Saltman, Pat Moreno, Steve Stamm, Gary Kasky, Gary Mercier

**Members Absent:** Adam Senesi

2. **Citizens Time**

   No one spoke.

3. **Review of Recreation Department current Capital Budget requests and 10 Year Capital Plan**

   **Presented by:** Parks and Recreation Director Egan, Recreation Commission Chairman Sullivan

   **a. Update on the previously budgeted items:**

   - Dog Park at Rahanis is 2/3 of the way completed
   - Town Common Electrical – landscaping needs to be done, 6 by 6 inch solar caps need to be bought for the outlets so they can be seen at night, and Eversource did a temporary connection and they will return later to complete the phase three connection

   **b. Requested Capital Budget items**

   - **Ford F550 Dump Truck - $62,000**

   This will replace the existing truck that is 11 years old. To pass inspection the rust had to be removed and the body welded. It cost over $8,000 in repairs over the last three years, and there is a letter from the mechanic that recommends replacing the vehicle. A new plow needs to be bought, because the current plow will not fit the new vehicle. This item is on the capital plan, and the life span of the new vehicle is 10-12 years.
Capital Budget Committee commented:
  o Request the number of miles/hours on the current truck
  o Explore buying a diesel truck
  o Ensure the body can handle the road salt

- Simonds Park Tennis Court & Skate Park Paving - $150,000

To extend the life of the tennis court surface by 15 years, a contractor covered it with a sports court. That sports court is slippery, and the grass is growing through it now. The tennis courts need to be redone, and pickle ball court lines added. In addition, an access point for the mowers will be added from Church Lane, and in the future a bocce court may be constructed in the area. Skate park equipment will be removed for construction, and then returned. Simonds Trust is buying two new pieces of skate equipment ($20,000) and contributing $25,000 for the paving/fencing project.

Capital Budget Committee commented:
  o Ensure the correct thickness of black top and binder are used for the surface

- Fitness Court - $30,000

Through the National Fitness Campaign, a 7-minute high intensity fitness court will be installed at TRW field. A business will sponsor the equipment purchase, and the town will fund the installation. It will be located along the walking/running path. The sponsor cannot be named at this time, but if the sponsor does not agree to fund the equipment purchase by town meeting, then this warrant will be pulled. The sponsor will not have priority over the equipment, there will be an app to download that goes with this, and the back wall of the equipment will have the sponsor’s name on it. Recreation Department will coordinate programs to use this equipment as well.

Capital Budget Committee commented:
  o Request paving the TRW field parking lot

- Fitness Circuit - $35,000

The Recreation Commission has not voted on this item, because they haven’t agreed on the location of the equipment.

Capital Budget Committee commented:
  o If the equipment is too far from the playground, parents won’t be able to use the equipment and watch their kids

This item was continued to the Capital Budget Committee meeting of March 13, 2018.

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c. General Discussion
• Tennis shed at Rahanis will be removed and replaced in the future
• Improve Varsity Fields by having the Recreation Department and School Department work together

4. Review of Police Department current Capital Budget requests and 10 Year Capital Plan

• Presented by: Police Chief Michael Kent

a. Requested Capital Budget items

• Tasers - $66,308

The Tasers approved last year have not been used, because the Collective Bargaining Agreement needs to be done prior to implementation. More money is being requested this year for Tasers, because that amount includes training. Officers cannot take these Tasers home.

• Shooting Range Rebuild - $100,000

The original plan was to do this project in two phases, but when it was put out to bid it was discovered that the cost of doing it that way would be too high. In addition to the previously approved $118,533.40, the department is requesting the other $100,000 to build the entire shooting range. The $100,000 is an estimate/place holder

Capital Budget Committee commented:
  o Request the bottom line number for the shooting range when it is available

• Vehicle Replacement Program - 3 Police Cruisers

Police cruisers are replaced base on mileage. The old cruisers are then turned over to the DPW for auction.

5. Minutes

NONE

6. Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 7pm in the Town Hall Annex basement
  o Building Department and Fire Department

Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 7pm in the Town Hall Annex basement
  o DPW
7. **Other Business**

None

8. **Adjourn**

The Capital Budget Committee Meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.

*Respectfully Submitted by*

*Noelle Judd,*

*Recording Clerk*

*Minutes approved at the Capital Budget Meeting of March 27, 2018.*