Town of Burlington  🗂️ Capital Budget Committee

Minutes of the Capital Budget Committee
Meeting of March 27, 2018

1. Chairman Zabolotny called the March 27, 2018 Capital Budget Meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. in the Town Hall Annex Basement, Room B, 25 Center Street.

Members Present: Ernest Zabolotny, Myrna Saltman, Gary Kasky, Gary Mercier, and Adam Senesi

Members Absent: Pat Moreno, and Steve Stamm

2. Review of finalized Recreation Department Wildwood project Capital Request

Continued to the next meeting.

3. Review of DPW current Capital budget requests and 10 Year Capital Plan
   - Presented by: Town Engineer Thomas Hayes, and Director of DPW John Sanchez

   a. Requested Capital Budget items

   - DPW & Recreation Department Facility - $32,000,000

   Phase 1 ($16,000,000) to design and renovate the existing buildings for DPW and recreation maintenance at the former Clark and Reid site. The buildings will be used for recreation maintenance, wash bay, and vehicle maintenance. ($1,000,000) Replace the rusted fuel pumps at Town Hall. Phase 2 ($15,500,000) to reconstruct the Great Meadow Road location for the Highway and Water/Sewer Divisions.

   Capital Budget Committee commented:
   - Justify the requests at Town Meeting by referencing the improved response time for fixing sewer issues when the trucks are not parked outdoors
   - Suggested taking the buildings completely down at Clark and Reid rather than renovating
   - Show the public the current state of these facilities

   - Road & Parking Paving - $3,000,000
This funding will be used over the course of two years to pave municipal parking lots ($1,000,000) and roads ($2,000,000). This includes the schools.

Capital Budget Committee commented:
- Suggested getting additional funding from the schools for their parking lots and roads
  - Mill Pond Automated Sludge Removal System - $1,270,000

The Mill Pond Water Treatment Facility has to be shut down regularly to perform cleaning and sediment removal from the sediment basin. The request for an automated sludge removal system will reduce the three-day shut down period for manual cleaning. In the last few years staff has not performed a full clean because of time issues.
  - DPW Vehicle Replacement Program - $530,000
    - New 2019 Cemetery Tractor ($60,000): current tractor damages graves, the new tractor is lighter and won’t do that
    - Replace 2005 H-01 Chevrolet K1500 Pickup Truck ($31,000) – current truck has 100,000 miles, and will be kept for a year or two for the stream cleaners, and the new vehicle would be used by the supervisor during storm events.
    - Replace 2009 H-11 Elgin Pelica Sweeper ($235,000) – a lot of money has been spent repairing the current sweeper’s hydraulic, and if a new sweeper is bought, the old sweeper would be kept as a back up. The swept streets must to be tracked, and that data has to be submitted to the EPA.
    - Replace 2003 H-22 Trackless ($155,000) – currently there are three sidewalk snow blowers, which are also used for brush cutting, and grinding. The old trackless will be kept as a backup.
    - Replace Highway Sander ($26,500) – current sander is beyond repair, but the truck is still in good condition.
    - Water Compressor ($22,500) – currently the water division has a small compressor used for water main breaks, but it is not designed for what they need it for.

Capital Budget Committee commented:
- Add a plow to the supervisors new pickup truck

- Phase I MWRA water Connection - $700,000

The Water Committee recommended a plan to tap into the MWRA for an immediate supplement to Burlington’s drinking water supply. There is limited water production from Vine Brook because of contaminated drinking water wells. The tap will be through Adam Street from Lexington, and it will produce 1 million gallons of water per day. Mill Pond and Vine Brook will continue to be maintained. The cost to fix the 1,4 dioxane is more than the tap.

Capital Budget Committee commented:
- Cost for an emergency water supply is expensive
- Importance of redundancies in a system
Would the Vine Brook well fields flood if their not being used

- Stream Cleaning/Drainage Repair - $200,000

This work is done annually, and this year it will be stream along Daniel Drive, and next will be the steam along Cedar Street.

Capital Budget committee commented:
- Concerned about the water levels on Sandy Brook Road
- This recurring cost should be in the operating budget

- PS Rehabilitation - $50,000

Last year the town spent $250,000 to bring the station up to code, and now the request is to appropriate $50,000/year to the repair and replacement program.

- Traffic Light Repair - $50,000

This request is to upgrade the light at the intersection of Bedford Street, and Middlesex Turnpike Extension.

b. Previously Budgeted Items

- Streetlights LED conversions – this project is completed, and Burlington is saving money on their electric bill. Money was gifted to the town for this project from Eversource and the state.
- Human Services Building Renovations – this project is on going, and it is staying on schedule

4. Citizens Time

No one spoke

5. Minutes

MOTION – To approve the Capital Budget Committee minutes of February 27, 2018, March 6, 2018 and March 21, 2018.

APPROVED: 5-0-0

6. Upcoming Meetings
Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 7pm at the Grandview Farms
  o Town Facility Projects

7. **Other Business** None

8. **Adjourn**

The Capital Budget Committee Meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm.

*Respectfully Submitted by*
*Noelle Judd,*
*Recording Clerk*

*Minutes approved in an email dated May 15, 2018.*