DEPT./BOARD: Capital Budget Committee
DATE: May 10, 2018
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE: High School cafeteria

AGENDA

1. Re-review DPW/Rec Department facility proposal
Town of Burlington  ♦  Capital Budget Committee

Minutes of the Capital Budget Committee
Meeting of May 10, 2018

1. Chairman Zabolotny called the May 10, 2018 Capital Budget Meeting to order at 7:00p.m. in the Town Hall Annex Basement, Room B, 25 Center Street.

Members Present: Ernest Zabolotny, Pat Moreno, Gary Kasky, Gary Mercier, and Adam Senesi

Members Absent: Myrna Saltsman, and Steve Stamm who participated in the discussion by telephone. SLS votes recorded here separately in anticipation of confirmation meeting on May 14, 2018

Discussion of and recommendation votes for Capital budget requests of TM May 14, 2018

Terrace Hall sidewalk completion.
Article proposed by TM member Shari Ellis to complete the sidewalk section between the new firehouse and Ferguson Supply. Vote: 5 – 0 in favor. SLS –Yes  The sidewalk should be completed as a safety priority as well as to make it functionally useful.

Recreation Department

Simonds Park tennis and skate park repaving. Vote 5-0 to support  SLS –yes
Outdoor fitness equipment at Wildwood.  Vote 5-0 to support  SLS –yes
TRW fitness court  CBC is in agreement with the Rec. Dept. that this project should be supported in the event that they are successful in obtaining private sponsorship for the equipment.
Replace dump truck  Vote 5-0 to support  SLS –yes

Building Inspector
Vote 5-0 to support SLS – yes. The initial request was for 4 vehicles and was adjusted by Administration to one which was postponed from last year.

Police Department

Complete Taser purchase  Vote to support 5-0  SLS –yes
Renovate Firing range  Vote to support 5-0  SLS –yes
The committee is in agreement with the decision to postpone the start of work authorized last year and to perform the work as a single project rather than two separate elements so as to avoid duplication of effort as possible overall cost increases.
Fire Department

Command car replacement  Vote to support 5-0  SLS yes
ALS startup costs         Vote to support 5-0  SLS –yes
Replace Pierce Quantum engine 4.  Vote to support 4-1  SLS yes

The dissenting vote was of the opinion that an automatic five year replacement schedule does
not take into account the continuing trend that motorized equipment continues to experience
improved durability and service longevity. In addition, there is a potential for reducing wear and
tear on this equipment by improved matching of response to emergency need. While it is
generally prudent to be well prepared when responding to emergency events it may be
appropriate to better manage the level of over response to protect both equipment and responders
from unnecessary levels of use.

School Department

Technology Projector installation  Vote to support 3-2  SLS- abstain

Dissenting opinions were based on previous years’ expenditures for this type of equipment and
doubts about the effectiveness of such equipment in support of educational goals.

Pine Glen playground resurfacing  Vote to support 4-1  SLS- no

Dissenting opinions were based on the belief that as a community we pay more attention to
recreation than we perhaps ought to at the expense of attention to education.

Walk in freezer   Vote to support 4-1 SLS- yes

Roof top Penthouse repair at high school. Vote to support 5-0  SLS yes

Gym divider wall Vote to support 1-4  SLS yes  The objection in this case is not to the need but
the funding source. Since this is primarily an element of the sports program, the question is why
funds from the revolving account related to sports programs are not used to cover this expense?

Front parking spaces.  Vote to support 5-0  SLS- yes  It is expected that these new parking
spaces will include provision for additional handicap accessible positions

Francis Wyman bathrooms  Vote to support 5-0  SLS -yes

Francis Wyman fire alarm system  Vote to support 5-0  SLS- yes

Francis Wyman air conditioning installation  Vote to support 5-0  SLS- yes

Public Works

Road and parking paving   Vote to support 5-0 SLS yes
Traffic light repair ( Bedford and Middlesex Trpk ext.   Vote to support 5-0 SLS no

Dissenting opinion – questions the need based on personal observations
Mill Pond sludge removal system. Vote to support 5-0 SLS -yes Necessary to enhance reliability of water delivery.

MWRA connection. Vote to support 5-0 SLS- yes This is a necessary near term action to assure adequate water supply and in the long term offers a measure of supply redundancy that we currently do not have.

Sewer enterprise Vote to support 5-0 SLS- yes

Culvert /stream cleaning Vote to support 5-0 SLS-no The vote is to support the work, however, the committee supports the opinion of member Stamm that this is an annual operational expense and should be accounted for in the operating budget and not as a Capital expense warrant request.

Vehicle replacement. All five replacement vehicle requests were supported by 5-0 with SLS voting- yes.
Water division compressor. Vote to support 5-0 SLS- yes.

DPW/REC Maintenance facility.

The committee supports the overall plan and need for this facility and looks forward to the improvements that will result at each of the sites involved. In the course of our discussions with the Departments and Administration we suggested that:

- Justify the requests at Town Meeting by referencing the response time for fixing sewer issues when the trucks do not need to thawed during winter failures.
- Suggested taking the buildings completely down at Clark and Reid rather than renovating
- Show the public the current state of these facilities
- Establish a building committee for project oversight such as the one which has been very useful for the Terrace Hall fire station project. Assurances were made that such a committee will be empaneled.
- Provide a basis for the cost estimates that includes a material and labor breakdown for each major project task, operation and maintenance costs for the facility, projected pay down schedule( annual cost to taxpayers over 20 years)
- It was observed that the cost of refurbishing buildings in phase 1 seemed to be similar to the cost of new buildings in phase 2 which appears to be rather odd.
- Preliminary design work upon which the estimates are based.
- Information on cost of similar facilities in Mass.
- Potential need for extensive environmental remediation at each site

Although we support the goals of the project and the general project execution plan, the cost information made available to date, in our judgement, is not adequate to support a positive funding recommendation at this time.