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DEPT./BOARD: Capital Budget Committee

DATE: May, 28, 2020

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

PLACE: Virtual meeting via webex

AGENDA

1. Review of CBC recommendations and final votes to TM for FY 2021

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Thursday, May 28, 2020

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Town of Burlington  Capital Budget Committee

**Minutes of the Capital Budget Committee
Meeting of May 28, 2020**

1. Chairman Zabolotny called the May 28, 2020 Capital Budget Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Webex meeting.

Members Present: Ernest Zabolotny, Gary Kasky, Myrna Saltman, Salvana Shakib, and Mark Woods. Gary Mercier and Adam Senesi joined the discussion at 7:45 PM.

The CBC committee has reviewed the departmental capital requests for FY 2021 by meetings with personnel of each of the Town departments that have sponsored requests for the upcoming year. Because most of those discussions took place prior to the Public Health crises impact on Town operations, we have reconsidered our early judgements as to the need of each of the projects that were reviewed early in our evaluation process due to the broad negative impact that the Health crises has, and will most probably continue to have, on the State and local economies.

Our recommendation as to the overall Town budget is that we should anticipate significant reductions in prospective revenues from the State and local business community and lower overall revenues as compared to last year. We believe that we should reduce Capital spending to the extent possible without causing safety issues and critical service capability impairment.

Our recommendations to Town Meeting members on the individual Warrant articles are itemized below. Over the last month we have had several meetings in the course of which the consensus in our group has changed from a majority support position of the budget and other financial Warrant articles as proposed, to one increasingly concerned about future revenues and impact on residential taxes. We have also reviewed the articles that have been postponed since we believe that several of those items that have been postponed should be reconsidered.

Article 6. It is not customary for the CBC to make recommendations on the operating budget but at this time we believe that it is the responsibility of each TM member to pay particular attention to the overall budget because there is a substantially greater than usual risk in planning on the availability of normal and customary revenue streams available to the Town. In our opinion, the Town would be best served by continuing current spending levels until Sept. Town Meeting, at which time there may be a better definition of the level of State support and impact of commercial activity losses. CBC voted 7-0 in support of this approach and 0-7 in support of the budget as proposed.

Article 7-2 CBC voted unanimously to support this article before it was postponed. Our voting equipment has failed during elections and to ensure safe and secure election results we would recommend that it be reinstated provided that the equipment can be obtained before the Sept. primary election. CBC voted 6-1 to support reinstatement and approval.

7-3 Ballistic vests. CBC recommends support for this article by a 7-0 vote.

7-4 Radio box receiving system- We support postponement of this article by a 6-1 vote. The minority CBC support for this article to be reinstated on the basis of improvement to safety.

7-5- Administrative vehicle. CBC believes this article should be postponed. CBC, by a 7-0 vote, recommends that TM vote no.

7-6 Parks and Rec master plan- postponed. CBC agrees with the postponement by a 7-0 vote.

7-7 ProCore Aerator. The CBC by 7-0 vote, recommends delaying this purchase for one year. CBC voted 0-7 against this article at this time.

7-8 Wildwood sun shade. CBC agrees that it should be postponed. 7-0

7-9 Rahanis Tennis court. CBC expressed support for this article but on review recommends a no vote at this time. There is some consideration of the value that recreational facilities may be in greater demand and of greater benefit than usual given the health crisis but concerns for the need to find areas of budget reduction prevailed. CBC by a 6-1 vote recommends postponement of this project.

7-10 Stream cleaning postponed. CBC agrees postponement with the proviso that areas concerned with potential flooding issues be reviewed to determine if work at a reduced level is necessary.

7-11 CBC voted to support the DPW vehicle replacement program in March but now believe that this program should be suspended until the Sept. Town Meeting. The CBC voted, 5-2, in favor of this position.

7-13 Facility upgrades- CBC recommends support for this article. CBC vote was 7-0 in favor of this project.

7-14 Pine Haven roof and cupola repair. If the roof problem is not in a place where serious additional damage could occur, CBC agrees with postponement. If additional damage is a likely problem, CBC recommends reinstatement of this article and a 7-0 yes vote.

7-15 Town Hall generator. CBC recommends support of this article. The vote was 7-0 in support.

- 7-16 Vinebrook Filter repair CBC considers this article to be a vital element of a safe water supply system and recommends that the article be reinstated and supported by TM. CBC vote was 7-0 in support of this position.
- 7-17 Interactive technology. CBC recommended support of this article at the beginning of May but now recommend postponement until Sept. TM. CBC voted 5-2 for this position.
- 7-18 MSMS boiler repair. CBC recommends postponement of this article until Sept. TM based on the opinion that relying on the two new boiler units currently available is an acceptable operating risk. CBC voted 6-1 to postpone action until September.
- 7-19 Varsity field replacement. CBC agrees with postponement. CBC agrees with postponement 7-0.
- 7-20 Music Dept. installs and upgrades. CBC recommends that this article be delayed for a year except for the orchestra pit safety netting which should be covered by the operating budget. CBC voted 2-5
- 7-21 Audio Technology replacement. CBC recommends support this article by a 6-1 vote.
- 7-22 CBC recommends support for this article only for the safety related equipment (rigging and lighting) Other elements of the project should be delayed for a year. CBC recommends a no vote on the article as written and voted 7-0 for this position and 0-7 for the article as written.
- 7-23 Memorial playground resurfacing. CBC by majority vote of 6-1, recommends postponing this project for a year.
- 7-24 MSMS exterior bathroom. CBC, by majority vote 6-1, recommends postponing this project.
- 7-25 Water bubbler replacement. CBC recommends support by a 7-0 vote of this project.
- 7-26 Security Cameras. CBC recommends postponing until Sept. TM by a 7-0 vote.
- 7-27 Curriculum. CBC recommends support for this article by a 7-0 vote.
- 7-28 Design work. CBC recommends support for this article by a 7-0 vote.
- 7-29 Vehicle replacement. CBC recommends support of this article by a 7-0 vote on the basis of its' funding source.
- 7-30 FW Pump Station. CBC recommends support by a 7-0 vote for this article.
- 7-31 Pump Station maintenance. CBC recommends support for this article by a 7-0 vote.
8. Sidewalk construction CBC agrees that this article should be postponed by a 7-0 vote
11. MWRA Assessment CBC recommends support. CBC voted 7-0 in favor

12. DPW Road and Parking lots. As this is largely work to be performed by outside contractors, CBC recommends that this article should be supported at a reduced level to be determined at the September TM. Parking lot work, in particular, could be postponed for a year without significant consequence. If it becomes clear that revenue shortfall is less than expected, some or all of the funds for this program could be restored in Sept. CBC also recommends that roadwork be focused on low traffic periods where possible. The vote to postpone this item to September was 7-0. As written the vote was 0-7.

CBC recommends support for articles 13,14,15,16, 22, 25, 26, 29, and 30.

Adjourn

The Capital Budget Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.