

Town of Burlington, Town Hall Annex
Capital Budget Committee Meeting Minutes
March 7, 2023

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM.

Committee members present: Gary Kasky, Gary Mercier, Margarita Prajapati, Salvana Shakaib, Myrna Saltman, Ernest Zabolotny, Mark Woods

Presenters: Brendan Egan, Parks and Recreation Director, and Dave Norden, Parks and Recreation Commission

Adam Senesi, TMM Precinct 1, was also in attendance to present with Gary Mercier, CBC, the viability of a Warrant to upgrade the Varsity baseball field.

Adam Senesi and Gary Mercier provided an overview of the current Varsity baseball field. The field was not graded properly originally which results in flooding and erosion of the infield after a rainstorm. As a result, the Parks and Rec. department, confirmed by Brendan Egan, have to continually regrade the field to bring it up to standard before it can be used for a game. This poses a safety concern and the field has also not been upgraded with amenities that are now common on other baseball fields, such as dugouts. The field is also used by local Babe Ruth teams and local cricket teams.

CBC voted 5-2-0 in favor of the Warrant initiative for the Varsity field.

Dept. 631 – Recreation: Maintenance – Purchase a Ford F-550 dump truck to replace worn F-350 pick up truck. This will allow the Parks and Rec. Dept. to maintain areas of responsibility without interruption when the current vehicle requires repair. This vehicle will also be outfitted with a plow and added to the plowing fleet.

Dept. 631 – Recreation: Maintenance – Purchase and replace dump body and liftgate on Recreation Maintenance vehicle R6. The current dump body is from an older vehicle that was put on R6 when purchased in 2013. The body is rotting out and becoming unsafe. The existing latch doesn't latch and needs to be replaced. The rest of truck is in great condition and runs well.

CBC voted 7-0-0 in favor.

Dept. 630 – Recreation: Director – Parks and Outdoor Facilities Master Plan. This will enable the department to adopt an implementation plan to make improvements to park and recreational facilities. The last master plan for the department was done in 2000. Incorporated into this plan will be ideas presented in or Needs Assessment, the Town's Open Space and Recreation Plan, the School's Athletic Field Master Plan and staff feedback to guide the department for the next 20 years. This request has been pushed back since FY21.

CBC voted 7-0-0 in favor.

Dept. 630 - Recreation: Director - Accessible Van. Additional funds needed to cover the increased cost of the van. Purchase of this van was approved in FY22 for use by the Therapeutics Recreation division. During this time vans were not being produced due to pandemic. Limited production has begun again with significant price increases.

CBC voted 7-0-0 in favor.

Dept. 630 – Recreation: Director – Renovate street hockey area at Simonds Park for pickleball. The creation of pickleball courts on an old tennis court has created a noise disturbance with neighbors on Church Lane. By

renovating the existing street hockey area into pickleball courts the department can then swap it with the existing pickleball courts to mitigate noise.

CBC voted 7-0-0 in favor.

Brendan also updated plans for Overlook Park. The site has four buildings, two of which will be demolished, one remaining building will be used for year round storage and one building for winter storage of lawn equipment. It was suggested by CBC to apply for a land and water conservation grant to potentially help pay for this project.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM

Submitted by Mark Woods, Capital Budget Chairperson, TMM Precinct 7