

TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON
CAPITAL COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2024
TOWN HALL 2ND FLOOR MEETING ROOM & VIA ZOOM

Minutes

Present: Chairman Jack Solomon, Jordan Werme, Ted Turner, Alannah Coshow and Augie Arndt.

Also in attendance: Town Manager David Cox, Finance Director Jeff Jylkka, Police Chief Dennis Woessner, Director of Public Works Matt Walsh, Fire Chief Robert Rainville, Deputy Fire Chief Martin Swan, Superintendent Paul Smith, and Board of Education Director of Technology Rich Fielding.

Call to Order: Chairman Solomon called the meeting to order at 5:30pm in the Town Hall 2nd Floor Meeting Room and via Zoom.

Approval of Minutes:

- a. **January 4, 2024:** *A motion was made by Ms. Coshow, seconded by Mr. Werme, to approve of the January 4, 2024 regular meeting minutes as submitted. Voted 5-0 in favor.*

Review, Continued Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Upcoming Capital Plans

Mr. Cox provided an overview of the remaining items left to be discussed including renovating Company #1 Fire Department meeting room, like replacing water damaged ceiling tiles, controls of the library's HVAC system, replacing the flooring in the library with a combination of carpet and luxury vinyl tile among others. It was noted the Police Department transferred a sedan to the Building Department for the department to use.

The 2025 Capital Plan was reviewed by the members. There was discussion of potential funding sources and how the Committee wanted to go about deciding on the final recommended Plan. There was discussion of the remaining money left over from various Town projects. There is \$300,000 left from the Middle School Roof Replacement Project. There is also \$338,000 left over from the ARPA grant funds. The Fire Department vehicle sinking fund has \$130,000. The Public Works equipment sinking fund has \$139,500 and the vehicle sinking fund has \$95,500. The members discussed the upkeep and maintenance of the roads in town. There was discussion of how to approach the funding for such a big project. One approach mentioned was to find bonding for financing the project. Another approach suggested was to add extra money to the road paving or maintenance Capital account to cover repaving and infrastructure costs. The members suggested getting a sense of priority for the remaining items on the Capital Plan list. The Board of Education budget was \$707,925, the Parks & Rec budget was \$509,000, the Fire Department budget was \$183,000, the Police Department budget was \$87,000, the Public Works budget was \$810,000, and the General Government budget was \$300,500. The members

discussed the Town's local match for the Airline Trail project, and it was noted that the water project, Brownfields projects, and the Village Center sidewalk projects have no Town or local match for the funding sources. The Town Manager stated that he will work with the town staff on identifying the priorities in the Capital plan list and obtaining a funding plan for the projects. Mr. Fielding shared information on the school lockdown system and interactive boards and projectors in each classroom. He stated that when one board breaks or malfunctions, they replace it with a different board. Mr. Fielding is looking for a plan to annually or semi-annually replace the interactive boards so there is no overlap in broken boards. The members will be reviewing the remaining items left for discussion.

Discussion of Future Meetings

The next meeting will be held at 5:30pm on Thursday, January 18, 2024 and tentatively Thursday, January 25, 2024.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katrina Aligata
Recording Clerk