

TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON
CAPITAL COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2024
TOWN HALL 2ND FLOOR MEETING ROOM & 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, Facilities Director Steve Fontanella, Superintendent Paul Smith, and Board of Education Director of Technology Rich Fielding.

Call to Order: Chairman Solomon called the meeting to order at 5:33pm in the Town Hall 2nd Floor Meeting Room and via Zoom.

Approval of Minutes:

- a. **January 11, 2024:** *A motion was made by Mr. Arndt, seconded by Ms. Coshow, to approve of the January 11, 2024 regular meeting minutes as submitted. Voted 5-0 in favor.*

Review, Continued Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Upcoming Capital Plans

The department heads put together the priorities list for their departments' Capital requests. The members received an update on the current status of the ARPA expenditures. There was discussion and review of each department's sinking fund accounts. There is a sinking fund that could be used to replace ceiling tiles and refurbish the Fire Department Company 1 meeting room. There are two accounts for the Fire Department, one account for Parks & Rec, and one account for Public Works. There is money in the vehicle sinking funds for the Fire Department and Public Works that could be used for purchasing future vehicles needed, but the money isn't enough to cover the cost of purchasing the vehicles. The Parks & Rec special revenue fund has a current balance of \$399,000. The Fire Department sinking fund has a balance of \$130,000. The vehicle Capital request for a new vehicle in the amount of \$100,000 could be paid out of that sinking fund. There are three vehicles on the Capital request list for the town; a Police cruiser, Public Works dump truck/ plow, and an F150 truck for Public Works. The current balance for the vehicle sinking fund for Public Works is \$95,500. Public Works also has \$139,500 available in the equipment sinking fund. The department submitted a Capital request for a loader vehicle costing \$180,000.

There was discussion and agreement among the members to purchase the Fire Department vehicle using the department's vehicle sinking funds and to use existing Fire Department

building maintenance sinking funds to undertake a reduced repair at Fire Company #1 instead of the project proposed.

A motion was made by Mr. Solomon, seconded by Mr. Turner, to add an extra \$40,000 to Public Works equipment sinking fund and to use the available funds in the account to purchase the loader. Voted 5-0 in favor.

A motion was made by Mr. Werme, seconded by Mr. Turner, to move the excess funding from the Middle School roof project to fund the account for the removal of asbestos, repair flooring within the school including the gym floors. Voted 5-0 in favor.

A motion was made by Ms. Coshow, seconded by Mr. Turner, to approve of the Airline Trail grant funding match in the amount of \$50,000. Voted 5-0 in favor.

The members discussed the Conservation Lake Commission in-lake treatments that are in compliance with the aeration system contract. The treatments and costs were reviewed and discussed. The watershed projects preventing run-off and contaminants from infiltrating the lake are paid by the Capital funds. *A motion was made by Mr. Turner, seconded by Mr. Solomon, to fund the in-lake treatments and watershed projects to prevent infiltration of the lake in the amount of \$200,000. Voted 5-0 in favor.*

A motion was made by Ms. Coshow, seconded by Mr. Arndt, to add the last \$20,000 for revaluation to make the amount \$145,000. Voted 5-0 in favor.

The members reviewed and discussed the Fire Department Capital requests with the Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief. There was discussion of adding partial funding of the gear account. *A motion was made by Ms. Coshow, seconded by Mr. Werme, to approve of the Hurst tool replacement and the AED replacement in the amount of \$62,960 for the Fire Department. Voted 5-0 in favor.*

A motion was made by Ms. Coshow, seconded by Mr. Turner, to allocate \$14,500 for three sets of gear for the Fire Department. Voted 5-0 in favor.

There was discussion of adding to the existing technology sinking fund and for the repair/replacement of the HVAC system for the Board of Education. *A motion was made by Ms. Coshow, seconded by Mr. Werme, to add funding for both the technology sinking fund (\$12,000) and repairing/replacing the HVAC system (\$10,000). Voted 5-0 in favor.*

A motion was made by Mr. Werme, seconded by Mr. Turner, to fund the police cruiser from the vehicle sinking fund in the amount of \$72,650. Voted 5-0 in favor.

There was discussion of the Police Department purchasing a shed for use of extra storage. The members also discussed the advantages of the department purchasing and utilizing the Flock license plate reader.

A motion was made by Ms. Coshow, seconded by Mr. Turner, to approve of the Flock license plate reader for a 2 year contract for the Police Department in the amount of \$21,945. Voted 4-1 with Mr. Werme against.

The High School and Memorial School switches replacements were sent out with bids coming back before the Capital Committee started meeting. The cost for replacing the switches came in as \$140,000 instead of \$190,000. There is a prediction of a 50% reimbursement on the project.

This would mean replacing the switches would cost \$70,000 as opposed to \$140,000. There was also discussion of replacing the water valve at the High School. The school has to treat the pipes in the building for copper. It would cost \$72,000 for replacing the valves and they need to be changed every 5-6 years. The second Capital request for the Center School is the interactive projectors and smart boards. It may cost \$300,000 over ten years to replace the switches, projectors, and boards. The members also discussed getting the school's HVAC systems and air quality updated pursuant to newly adopted mandates. The schools will need to show progress by 2025 to the state.

A motion was made by Mr. Arndt, seconded by Mr. Werme, to approve of replacing the High School and Memorial School switches for the amount of \$70,000. Voted 5-0 in favor.

A motion was made by Mr. Turner, seconded by Mr. Werme, to fund the replacement of the water mixing valve (\$12,000) at the High School. Voted 5-0 in favor.

A motion was made by Mr. Arndt, seconded by Mr. Werme, to fund both the High School (\$95,000) and Memorial School (\$45,000) projectors in the amount of \$140,000. Voted 4-with Ms. Coshow against.

A motion was made by Mr. Turner, seconded by Mr. Werme, to fund the boiler controls in the schools in the amount of \$9,100. Voted 5-0 in favor.

A motion was made by Mr. Werme, seconded by Mr. Arndt, to approve of funding the updating and renovating of the HVAC systems in the schools in the amount of \$100,000. Voted 5-0 in favor.

A motion was made by Ms. Coshow, seconded by Mr. Werme, to approve of the funding for HVAC controls at the Community Center in the amount of \$36,000. Voted 5-0 in favor.

The members briefly discussed the general government facilities priorities list, before saving further discussion and possible motions for another meeting. The library flooring project has the carpet in the main area replaced along with adding tile behind the front desk and in the back offices and kitchen area.

Discussion of Future Meetings: Two members will not be able to attend next Thursday's meeting. It was decided to hold the next meeting on February 1st.

Adjournment: *A motion was made by Mr. Arndt, seconded by Mr. Turner, to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 P.M. Voted 5-0 in favor.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Katrina Aligata

Recording Clerk