1. BET Budget Comm. Capital Budget Workshop Documents

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- APPROVED_BUDGET_COMM_CAPITAL_BUDGET_WORKSHOP_MINUTES_05-31-12.PDF
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Mr. Pellegrino called the meeting to order at 9:03 A.M.

BUDGET OVERVIEW

Mr. Pellegrino opened the Capital Budget Workshop by stating that the following capital projects were cumulatively straining the annual budgets by their combined size amounting to well over $100 million:

- GHS MISA Project
- Soil Remediation at Greenwich High School
- Central Fire House Project
- Nathaniel Witherell’s Project Renew

There was a discussion on projected Fund Balances for the General, Capital Non-Recurring and Risk Funds at June 30, 2012 prepared by the Finance Department.

Mr. Pellegrino stressed the fact that the fifteen year financing model for capital projects had to be reconfigured to reflect that at least $66 million in projects have to be deferred, soil remediation costs need to be reflected and the impact of large sewer projects need to be addressed. Mr. Pellegrino stated that with the help of the Department Heads the Current Capital Model was adjusted to show a Base Case Capital Model that will be the subject of the ensuing meetings with the Departments today.
Mr. Tesei offered opening remarks recognizing the needs to address the need to balance finance capital projects while balancing annual budgets with modest tax increases. Mr. Tesei pointed out the Town Charter requirements that require him to produce a Capital Project Budget each year.

PUBLIC WORKS

Ms. Siebert led the discussions on the Department of Public Works Capital Projects requests supported by members of her staff. The following relevant areas were discussed at length:

- Holly Hill Transfer Station Project
- Drainage Projects
- Highway Maintenance and Paving Projects
- Demolition of Town Facilities no longer needed.
- Sewer Projects, primarily dealing with Force Main and Rehabilitation Projects ordered by consent decrees.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Mr. Siciliano and Mr. Greco led the discussion on Parks and Recreation Capital Projects. The discussions centered on efforts to maintain flat annual Capital Projects levels of $2.5 million. There were extended discussions about ferry services to Island Beach and Great Captain’s Island and dredging projects.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board of Education (BOE) was represented by Mr. Branyan. Mr. Branyan and Mr. Pellegrino pointed out that they were restricted by the BOE process that firmly involves the BOE Board to authorize any changes to the Capital Project process, which starts in the fall before forwarding to the First Selectman. The bulk of the discussions involved the BOE’s ability to live within an annual $8 million capital project budget. Mr. Pellegrino directed Mr. Branyan to prepare a capital project schedule that details which projects would be impacted with this limitation.

SUMMARY

Mr. Pellegrino concluded the meeting by adjourning at 2:03 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Mynarski, Recording Secretary

Joseph L. Pellegrino, Chairman
9:00 **Budget Overview**
- Fund Balance
- Current Capital Model
- Base Case Capital Model
- First Estimate of 2013-2014 Budget
- Constraints and Potential Resources

9:30 **Public Works**
- General Fund
- Sewer Funds
- Capital Priorities
- Capacity to Execute

11:00 **Parks and Recreation**
- Capital Priorities
- Capacity to Execute

12:30 **Lunch**

1:00 **Board of Education**
- Capital Priorities
- Capacity to Execute

2:00 **Summary**
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