

Town of Greenwich
First Selectman's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Projects Committee

Wednesday, January 04, 2017

2:00 p.m.

Cone Meeting Room

MINUTES

Attendance: Peter J. Tesei, Katie DeLuca, Peter Mynarski, Amy Siebert, Joe Siciliano, Dr. Sal Corda, Andy Herr, Ben Branyan, Melissa Jones, Peter Sherr, Mike Mason, Danyal Ozizmir, Jim Hricay, Ron Matten, Jill Oberlander, Beth Krumeich, Cathy Sidor, Jim Michel, Peter Berg, Leslie Moriarty, Al Monelli, Angela Gencarelli, Ken Borsuk, Phil Dodson.

1. Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 2:08 p.m. by the First Selectman.

2. Approval of minutes dated December 19, 2016 and December 20, 2016

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

3. Overview of Meeting Schedule

The First Selectman reviewed the meetings held to-date, and reminded the Committee of the final Committee meeting and public hearing.

4. Review and discussion of evaluated capital improvement projects

- a. The First Selectman thanked the Committee for taking the time to rank the projects. Mr. Branyan explained how the list of twelve projects was chosen for the rankings; any new projects not included in any prior CIPs were automatically included, plus any projects with new or significant cost impacts. He explained that the sheets handed out provide the average score for each project, followed by a detailed breakdown of each member's score sheet.
- b. Mr. Tesei opened the meeting up for discussion.
- c. The group discussed the Fire Services Study. Mr. Ozizmir said that he supports the fire study as a way to seek methods to make the department more efficient. The First Selectman said the goal is to have a new blueprint to work off of, as we have been working with outdated reports. Mr. Herr asked whether the study could have an impact on the Round Hill Fire Station Renovation and GEMS Station 4 projects; the First Selectman said he understood that this should be a consideration.
- d. Ms. DeLuca noted that there are many different ways of approaching the exercise of ranking the projects. She said she looked at it purely through the lens of the evaluation criteria. Although using that method, her top three differed from the group average. She finds that the top three ranked projects are appropriate when thinking about the role of government. Dr. Corda added that it was difficult to score the projects without having a discussion with the group beforehand.

- e. The group discussed the Indian Harbor Ferry Boat project. Mr. Siciliano provided additional information regarding the need to replace the deck, and noted that the Coast Guard may provide more leniency on this if the Town commits to buying a new ferry. He also provided history on major work done on all of the ferries. The First Selectman requested that more information be compiled regarding potential options for replacing the ferry, such as purchasing a used ferry.
- f. It was noted that the rankings may change slightly once Mr. Herr ranks the Exterior Space Improvements project.
- g. Mr. Mason noted three projects of importance: Cyber Defense Initiative, Artificial Turf – Teufel and Middle Schools and Cardinal Stadium Feasibility Study. He said it is important to show movement on the Cardinal Stadium project in order to demonstrate a commitment to public-private partnerships. Mr. Sherr added that a group of donors cannot mobilize or align until the Town identifies exactly what it wants and how it will spend the funds.

5. Discussion regarding next steps

- a. Mr. Matten noted that the Board of Education would like to break out the projects included in Exterior Space Improvements and provide separate project sheets for each. The revised sheets will be circulated to the Committee.
- b. The First Selectman requested that Mr. Herr rank the Exterior Space Improvements project for inclusion in the ranking calculation.
- c. Following those changes, a modified ranking sheet will be distributed.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

The next meeting of the CIP Projects Committee is scheduled for Monday, January 9, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. in the Cone Room.