

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

Monday, December 19, 2016

6:00 p.m.

Cone Meeting Room

MINUTES

Attendance: Peter J. Tesei, Peter Mynarski, Amy Siebert, Joe Siciliano, Dr. Sal Corda, Andy Herr, Ben Branyan, Melissa Jones, Peter Sherr, Mike Mason, Danyal Ozizmir, Jim Hricay, Jill Oberlander, Beth Krumeich, Cathy Sidor, Leslie Moriarty, Al Monelli, Angela Gencarelli, Nancy Ramer, Jeff Ramer, Vin DiMarco, Drew Marzullo, Beth Krumeich, Nancy Weissler, Bill Drake, Leslie Tarkington, Barbara O'Neill, Laura Erickson, Dave D'Andrea, Andy Duus, Janet Lockton, Barbara Heins.

1. Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. by First Selectman Peter J. Tesei.

2. Overview of Meeting Schedule

The First Selectman explained that the meeting is the first opportunity to offer thoughts the 2017-18 CIP budget. He said purpose of holding this meeting and the subsequent meetings and public hearing is to document the goals, objectives and recommendations that will be made by the First Selectman, per the Town Charter.

3. Power Point presentation

Town Administrator Ben Branyan gave a Power Point presentation to provide an overview of the projects under consideration.

4. Explanation of CIP review process.

Mr. Tesei gave an overview of the process as outlined in the Town Charter. He also introduced the voting members of the CIP Committee. In addition to himself, the members are Interim School Superintendent Dr. Sal Corda, Department of Public Works Commissioner Amy Siebert, Parks & Recreation Director Joe Siciliano, Town Comptroller Peter Mynarski, Town Planner Katie DeLuca and Andy Herr, a Greenwich Library board member. Mr. Tesei also explained the roles of the voting members vs. the non-voting members and the spending guidelines issued by the Board of Estimate and Taxation (BET) and the Representative Town Meeting (RTM). He also praised the efforts of Town Administrator Branyan and Senior Management Analyst Melissa Jones who kept the CIP recommendations within the budget guidelines of the BET and the RTM.

5. Review and discussion of evaluated capital improvement projects

- a. Town Administrator Branyan explained that there are \$63.2 million in projects spread over a four-year period and projects totaling just under \$600 million over the 15-year CIP budget period. He said there were a couple spikes in project spending and that those projects are spread over several years. He also explained that debt service will remain the same because of the way projects are funding. He said the plan is consistent with the BET's debt service policy. Mr. Branyan also suggested that the committee rank the projects in four proposed categories: general government; infrastructure, community facilities and services; traffic, transportation and parking, and water and land resources.
- b. Miss Jones outlined new projects in the Draft Capital Budget. They include updating the POCD, a study of the Town's Fire Services, cyber defense, the replacement of the deck of the Indian Harbor ferry as required by the U.S. Coast Guard; dredging of the Byram Marina and Binney Park pond and the Greenwich Avenue streetscape study.
- c. Mr. Tesei explained the CIP process and the upcoming meeting and public hearing schedule that will precede his annual budget presentation that is scheduled for Jan. 30, 2017.

6. Public comments

- a. Janet Lockton spoke of her opposition to spend \$600,000 for the Steamboat Road pier repair project saying the work constitutes a change of use of a town resource. She also requested a copy of a report or study that was done on the condition of the pier.
- b. Ms. Siebert explained the goal of the pier repair project is to fix the pier that is falling into Long Island Sound; install safety railings and repair the sidewalk.
- c. Mr. DiMarco spoke in favor of the sidewalk and accessibility project for Pemberwick Park and urged the committee not to delay renovations of the Pemberwick Community Center.
- d. Mr. Tesei thanked the attendees and invited them to attend the next meeting which is scheduled for Tuesday, December 20 at 2 p.m. in the Cone Room.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

The next meeting of the CIP Projects Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, December 20 at 2:00 p.m. in the Cone Room.