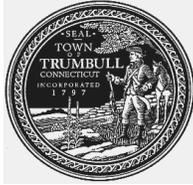


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FINANCE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
March 27, 2012

Chairwoman Debra Lamberti called the Finance Committee meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. All present joined in a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present:

Debra Lamberti, Chairman  
Tony Scinto, Vice Chairman  
Mark LeClair  
Vicki Tesoro  
Gregg Basbagill  
Ann Marie Evangelista, Alternate (Voting)

Absent: Jane Deyoe and John DelVecchio, Jr., Alternate.

Also Present: Daniel Nelson, Chief of Staff, Maria Pires, Director of Finance, Alfonso Barbarotta BoE Plant Manager and Carl Massaro, Jr., Town Council Chairman.

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1. RESOLUTION TC24-26: Moved by Mr. Basbagill, seconded by Mr. Scinto.  
BE IT RESOLVED, That the Five Year Capital Improvement Plan is hereby approved.

Mr. Nelson indicated that there had been in error in the section - Other Projects, years 2013 and 2014. Corrected versions were distributed to the committee at this meeting. The corrections are as follows:

Calendar year 2013 is \$7,622,906 as opposed to calendar year 2013 - \$4,664,400

Calendar year 2014 is \$1,786,000 as opposed to calendar year 2014 - \$8,057,500

The Town is required to submit a 5 Year Plan that has been approved by the Town Council in order to be able to receive LOCIP (local capital improvement plan) state funding. All of the projects in the 5 Year Plan are eligible for LOCIP state funding.

Mr. Nelson explained for Ms. Tesoro that the value of the homes involved in the acquisition (Larkspur Drive), as indicated on page 10 of the 5 Year Plan, is included in the plan because it is required to be included in the Plan if the Town were to use LOCIP funds to demolish the property. The Town is responsible for 10% of the demolition costs for the properties. 48 Larkspur has

confirmed that they will convey the property to the Town, 54 Larkspur has not confirmed to date; both were included in the plan in anticipation of them confirming.

Mr. Barbarotta explained for Ms. Tesoro that the THS athletic fields have a life span of 8-10 years, and have exceeded that. Today's replacement cost is \$1.2 million; to resurface, re-grade and restripe the field would cost \$500,000.

Mr. Nelson confirmed for Mr. Scinto that nothing on the list of projects contained in the 5 Year Plan binds the Town to bond for the projects. The BoE, the Town and department heads meet every year to assess what they have accomplished in the past year, they determine a list of priorities for the years to come and develop it into the 5 Year Plan. This allows the town to use LOCIP funds for the projects included in the 5 Year Plan. Mr. Barbarotta stated that the BoE hired an independent engineering company. A needs assessment was done for each of the BoE buildings, costs were assigned to each of the needs, which totaled \$93 million, then based on what is available to the Town, the BoE reassess the priority order. The capital money never goes into the BoE operating budget. The capital money goes directly to the projects that the money is approved for.

Mr. Barbarotta stated that the resurfacing of the fields did not fall under the renovation of the high school renovation because it would not be reimbursable by the state.

Mr. Nelson explained for Ms. Tesoro that the reference to the Nature Center and Ranger Station is conceptual. Discussions have taken place that at some point the Center would have to be relocated to a facility more suited for their programs. The current facility that houses the Nature Center is a converted residence. The project is conceptual. The property was acquired in 2003 and fully bonded in 2006, the likelihood of anything happening to that property due to the bonded debt principle and interest is not likely. The idea is to try to get a better facility for the Center and to figure out where it fits into the parks system. The Town will have to address maintenance needs such as boiler, windows etc of the current facility.

In response to Mr. Basbagill, Ms. Pires explained that none of the items in the Capital Plan are in the current budget, they are included in the 5 Year Plan in their full figures in case there is state funding (LOCIP) available to the Town. The Town would use the LOCIP funds first, the excess would be bonded. The resolution represents approval of the Capital Plan only, once the plan is approved, and a decision is made the specific project would come to the Council for approval for the bond authorization.

Mr. Nelson explained for Mr. LeClair that roads are put to stress test of a 20-year useful cycle. The threshold for a bonded capital project is that it needs to be over \$10,000 and would have a useful life of 20 years or more. The priority of roads was developed by the Town's General Foreman. The Town keeps a list of when the roads had been paved last and the schedule of roads to be paved.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED 5-0-1- (Abstention: Tesoro).

2. RESOLUTION TC24-27: Moved by Mr. LeClair, seconded by Mr. Scinto.  
BE IT RESOLVED, That the First Selectman is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Town of Trumbull a grant application for the Local Capital Improvement Program to obtain financial

assistance pursuant to Public Act 87-854, allocation for 2012. Distribution: Roadway Paving \$240,000. Total, 2012 allocation: \$240,000.

Mr. Nelson indicated that the total LOCIP allocation for this year is \$240,000. With regard to the use of LOCIP funds the Town likes to maximize state funding received for another project. This year the Town will be able to get paving, drainage and design configurations for Moose Hill Road. The Town is expecting the Moose Hill project to qualify for 80% Federal funding, 10% State funding and 10% from local funds. The project's cost is estimated at \$2 million, the majority of the LOCIP funds would go to a project such as this.

In response to Basbagill, Mr. Nelson stated Moose Hill Road had already been sewerred, but would need confirm. To qualify for federal funding the road is required to be a major arterial road. There had been a fatality on the Shelton side of Moose Hill Road several years ago, there are sight-line issues that the Town would like to fix to prevent accidents in the future. Moose Hill Road fits the criteria for the federal project.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss and upon motion made by Mr. Basbagill, seconded by Mr. LeClair the Finance Committee adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Margaret D. Mastroni, Town Council Clerk