

**MINUTES**  
**NEWINGTON CIP COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**January 13, 2010**

Chairperson Nasinnyk called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM in Conference Room L103 of the Newington Town Hall.

**I ROLL CALL**

Members Present

K. Nasinnyk, Chair, Town Council  
C. Banach, Town Council  
M. Lenares, Town Council  
D. Carson, Board of Education  
S. Woods, Board of Education

CIP Staff:

J. Salomone, Town Manager  
A. Harter, Director of Finance  
L. Rydecki, Deputy Finance Director  
W. Collins, Superintendent  
L. Jachimowicz, Business Manager

Others Present

Mayor Wright  
M. Klett, Town Council  
Anthony Ferraro, Town Engineer  
Tom Molloy, Highway Superintendent  
Robert Korpak, Facilities Manager  
Scott Woods, NVA  
T. Bowen  
T. Shields

**II PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Tom Bowen, 22 Woods Way: Mr. Bowen asked the committee to give consideration to Open Space preservation, particularly on Cedar Mountain as well as throughout the Town. He stated that the only way to be able to fund open space preservation in this Town is through support from the State, and hopefully through support of private individuals. Hopefully there will be some support from the Town as well and would like the CIP committee to give this priority consideration for this year. He stated that while it is a tough time with the budget, there is a large tract of land that should be acted upon in the upcoming fiscal year. As a member of the Town Economic Development Commission he would like a comprehensive look at traffic patterns. He noted that the priority of the EDC will be the intersection of Fenn Road and Cedar Street. He expressed concern with development in the area. While some members of the Council are concerned about building our grand list but you need to keep in balance the integrity and character of the Town, especially if traffic is dramatically increased in the area. EDC and TPZ need to take a look at the impact on the residents with future transit-oriented development, as well as the impact on local services and schools. Cedar Street is 4 lanes; and if the Town had known the impact when the road was widened twenty years ago, it may have pushed back on the project. He noted how Wethersfield only has two lanes on Wells Road, which connects to Cedar. There have been studies for traffic on a specific development but not a comprehensive one. Also studies have been done by CRCOG and MDC and they may not have the best interest of the Town in mind.

Scott Woods, Newington Volunteer Ambulance Corps: Mr. Woods spoke about the ambulance building roof which is 21 years old. He would like the committee to consider the replacement in future years. Also, another project is the resurfacing of the parking lot,

which is in poor condition. He invited committee members and Councilors to stop by and view the condition of the lot.

Thomas Shields, 37 Day Street: Mr. Shields spoke about cleaning up the National Welding building. He stated that it is a priority of the Economic Development Commission to get the site cleaned up. It has been a long-range project with many studies, and it is necessary to market the entire area. He noted that the Hayes Corp. has put money into traffic studies and noted that the EDC voted unanimously in favor of the project.

### **III MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

D. Carson moved to accept the minutes of the December 23, 2009 as submitted. Motion seconded by S. Woods. Motion passed 5-0

### **IV CONSIDERATION OF OLD BUSINESS**

Review of Proposed Projects

- Director of Finance Ann Harter presented a list of Town Pay-As-You-Go projects totaling the funding level of \$3,916,160. R. Korpak discussed the needs of several requests related to facilities. The Town Hall Improvements project of \$486,000 included wall & ceilings to finish the both sides of lower level of Town Hall. Other facility requests were presented as well as the Senior and Disabled Center HVAC project which is needed because the west wing is 20 years old and patching it is costing thousands of dollars. The Historic Property Upgrades would be mostly for the Kellogg/Eddy House. A. Ferraro and T. Molloy discussed requests related to roads and resurfacing of several parking lots related to town buildings. S. Woods requested the square footage of the Fire Department Company One Parking Lot. Town Manager Salomone explained that the Downtown Development project for \$350,000 could be used towards Market Square or the Municipal Parking Lot.
- M. Lenares asked about the \$500,000 grant for the Synthetic Field. A discussion on the cost of a synthetic field and the timing of the grant commenced.
- J. Salomone reminded the committee a decrease in municipal-aid for operations could impact the spending of capital improvement appropriations.
- A discussion about the request for traffic study and the ambulance parking lot commenced. For the next meeting, the committee requested that Bruce Till present the Parks & Grounds requests and Paul Boutot present the Information Systems Technology project requests.

### **V CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS**

Status of Existing Projects

- Director of Finance Ann Harter presented a list of existing projects. The report included only a portion of all the capital projects. The first part of the list included those projects which additional funds are requested for the 2010-11 fiscal year. The second part of the list was a status of those projects funded in the 2009-10 fiscal year.

### **VI NEXT MEETING**

January 27th at 4:00 pm

### **VII ADJOURNMENT**

S. Woods moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:58 pm. Motion seconded by D. Carson. Motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ann Harter, Director of Finance