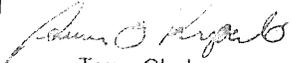


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**Town of Newington CIP Committee  
Conference Room L-101, Town Hall  
Minutes of Wednesday February 5, 2020 Meeting**

  
Town Clerk

1. D. Nagel called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

2. Roll Call - Members Present:

- C. Anest, Town Council
- M. Camillo, Town Council (arrived at 5:07 pm)
- D. Nagel, Town Council
- C. Stamm, Board of Education
- S. Silvia, Board of Education

Others Present:

- K. Chapman, Town Manager
- J. Murphy, Director of Finance
- L. Rydecki, Deputy Finance Director
- B. DeBuono, Mayor
- B. DeMaio, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation
- T. Molloy, Superintendent of Highways
- G. Fuerstenberg, Town Engineer

3. Public Participation –

Eileen Francolino – 116 Lydall Road. She urged the committee to support the Parks & Recreation projects by reinstating some of their funds. Stated that we have an excellent swim program and residents should not have to pay to go out of town for those services.

Rose Lyons – 46 Elton Drive. She was questioning why she had heard that the meeting for Thursday February 6<sup>th</sup> was canceled but there was no notice.

Philip Knowlton – 47 Bayberry Road. He is the president of the Newington Soccer club and he asked that the committee reconsider the cuts that are being recommended for the Parks & Recreation. Most especially the ones proposed for the irrigation for the soccer fields.

4. Minutes: January 30, 2020 meeting – C. Stamm made a motion to accept and S. Silvia seconded it. Motion passed 5 to 0.

5. Old Business – Review of Town Proposed Pay-As-You-Go with:

- Bill DeMaio, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation. Went over fun facts regarding the services provided by Parks & Recreation. He went over the full list of projects that he had requested and answered questions that were placed to him by the Committee. Talked about the Playground at Clem Lemire Complex and that the money which is being proposed would work well with the grant that he had received from AARP to finish out the playground areas at the Park. The amount of \$50,000 that is being recommended for Park, Pool, Playgrounds & Greenspace is not enough to handle what needs to be done especially with the condition of the pools. There are 10 playgrounds in Town and we are behind in making them ADA compliant. We need to continue to make a better effort at this to avoid lawsuits. The Synthetic Turf Field will be reaching it's 10-year lifespan in about 2 years. We may be able to get a few more years out of it but we will need to replace it at a cost of approximately \$600,000 and current our balance is \$127,030. Lastly, the renovations to the little league baseball fields should be done. The Little League has done a lot of work in the area but the fields still need to be renovated by the Town.
- Tom Molloy, Superintendent of Highways. Reviewed the three request that came from the Highway Department. Traffic Signal Reserve request for was work that would be done at the intersection of Kelsey and Chrisiton. The remainder of that request would be used to change over from traffic loops in the pavement to cameras. Highway Garage Building Upgrades & Repairs would be combined with the funding that he had received in prior years so that he could repair the Highway Garage which is a butler building which was built in 1970 and needs repair. The Highway Garage Building Addition was requested for this coming year but was proposed to be moved out to 2021-2022. There is a need for additional space and they should have a washing bay for the vehicles.
- Gary Fuerstenberg, Town Engineer. He went over the 13 request that were made from the Engineering Department. Local Bridge & Dam Inspection was funded last year but not this year. The state continues to inspect our larger bridges but it is the Town's responsibility to continue inspections of the smaller bridges. Road Resurfacing is proposed to receive \$900,000 of which \$600,000 is funding that we receive from the state. If we continue with this funding amount then we would be on a cycle to replace our roads every 27 years and we should be doing it every 20 years. There are 104 miles of road in town and we would need approximately \$1.2 million to get it closer to a 20-year cycle. He is looking to use the money in the Public Bldg. Resurfacing Program to do the Garfield Lot when the building of the

New Town Hall is complete. Sidewalk, Pavers & Curbs would be used for repairing areas to avoid slips and falls and eventually to expand the sidewalks in areas of town. Discussion continued regarding the Flood, Drainage and MS4 Compliance. These are all projects that we are behind on and need to continue to accumulate funds for to tackle these large issues.

- Janet Murphy, Director of Finance presented the request for the facilities department. The funds being requested for General Property Improvement, which is an annual request, would be planned to be used for the Ambulance Building Roof, Senior Center exterior lighting improvements and new street lighting near Oak & Sequin. There is also a need to do work on the Library Roof but that may need to be addressed this fiscal year. Town Building Mechanical Reserve was not funded this year since we believe the balance that we have should support us. Town Building Sidewalk Replacement & Repairs would be used to repair the concrete stairs area at the Library after construction of the New Town Hall is complete. The Town Hall Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment request would be used with other funds to cover the estimated \$450,000 needed to place furniture in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the New Town Hall. This includes such things as chairs, decks, and conference room furniture. Presentation was also made for the replacement of the Library carpeting, which was installed in the 90's, and new windows for the Senior Center due to the fact that they are currently leaking and some do not open.

6. Public Participation –

Rose Lyons – 46 Elton Drive: Stated that she would like to see us communicate better between all the departments. We should have a master plan that includes all areas vision for the future. She has real concerns regarding flooding and believes that that should be our priority.

7. Next Meeting – The meeting on 2/6 will not be held and our next meeting to finalize the recommendations will be 2/10 at 5:00pm.

8. Motion to adjourn- C. Stamm – Seconded by M. Camillo - motion passed 5-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Janet Murphy, Director of Finance