



TOWN OF NORTON
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Date: October 17, 2012 Time: 6:30 P.M.

Location: First Floor Meeting Room, Town Hall, 70 East Main Street, Norton, MA 02766

Members Present: Robert W. Kimball, Jr., Peter Carignan, George Burgess, Phillip Lynch, and Michael D. Yunits

Members Not Present: N/A

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Bob Kimball and seconded by George Burgess to approve the following minutes:

March 7, 2012
March 14, 2012
March 26, 2012
March 28, 2012
April 11, 2012

Voted 3-0-2 (Lynch and Carignan) to approve.

A motion was then made by Bob Kimball and seconded by George Burgess to approve the following minutes:

October 10, 2012
October 15, 2012

Voted 4-0-1 (P. Lynch) to approve.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Interim Superintendent Dr. Chris Martes and Director of Operations and Finance Barry Nectow were in attendance to present the capital requests of the Norton Public Schools.

J. C. Solmonese Roof Construction Project: Barry Nectow indicated that the School Department is looking to add \$575,000.00 to bring the total to \$1,500,000.00. The Committee was advised that the roof is original and “leaks like crazy” and that an engineer was hired in December of 2011 to perform an assessment to get into the MSBA program. Mr. Nectow then reviewed the historical timeline. The original estimate was a contingency assessment.

Peter Carignan questioned why there is such a discrepancy between the original estimate and the current estimate and asked whether this is the first time the Schools (other than the High School) have worked with the MSBA. Mr. Nectow explained that the MSBA Accelerated Repair Program is a new program. Dr. Martes explained that he, Barry, and Mr. Yunits worked with the architect to trim costs, and he is confident now that they have a good number.

Bob Kimball said that the past history on school projects is that they always come back for more money. Bob added that he would rather they request more money and then turn back the unused funding as making additional requests lead to credibility problems. Bob then questioned whether they need to do any other work on the roof because the last thing we want is people walking on this roof after it is completed. Mr. Nectow explained that they looked at the air conditioning which will be a \$100,000 job, and they determined they can do it without cutting into the surface of the roof.

Mr. Nectow reviewed the capital requests and indicated the FY13 priorities are:

\$ 30,000	HAY: Fireproofing
\$100,000	JCS: Air Conditioning Center Core
\$ 15,000	JCS: Exhaust Fans
\$ 65,000	NMS: Repaving of back parking lot area
\$110,000	NMS: Replacing network switches (NMS switches are the primary ones)
\$ 33,000	District: Grounds Vehicle (Current vehicle has been looked at by Highway Department. The feeling is that it can be pieced together; however, the School Department is fearful it will not last the winter, and the vehicle is crucial for plowing.)
\$ 50,000	District: SPED Bus (has lift equipment)
\$100,000	District: Network Components

The conversation then moved to pushing the capital request for repointing out to 2014. Mr. Nectow added that he is concerned about the boilers at the Middle School as well.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Town Manager Michael Yunits reviewed his recommendations with the Committee. Bob Kimball asked if the Ambulance Fund could be used to purchase the Jaws of Life. The following recommendations were made by Committee:

Town Hall

\$ 25,000 Architectural Services
\$ 70,000 Carpet (for Second Floor and portions of the Main Level [excludes the corridor as well as the offices of the Town Clerk, Treasurer/Collector, Assistant to Town Manager, Accounting, Selectmen, and Town Manager])

Fire

\$ 30,000 Thermal Imaging Cameras (Ambulance Fund)
\$ 22,000 Jaws of Life (Ambulance Fund)

Conservation

\$ 92,000 Reservoir Dam Engineering

School

\$ 30,000 HAY: Fireproofing

Highway

\$ 16,000 Garage door openers and Electronic Eyes

Cemetery

\$ 42,000 Pick-Up Truck

Library

\$ 32,000 Carpet

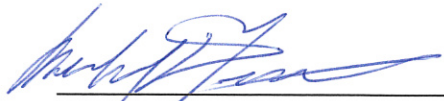
The Committee voted 5-0 to approve the Town Manager's recommendations and, further: to recommend the fireproofing of the J. C. Solmonese and to use \$22,000 from the Ambulance Fund to purchase the Jaws of Life.

A motion was made by Robert W. Kimball, Jr., and seconded by George Burgess to adjourn. It was voted 5-0 to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE



Chairman

Minutes Approved by Committee on: _____, 2012