



# TOWN OF NORTON

## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

Date: February 11, 2015      Time: 6:00 P.M.

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

Members Present: Robert W. Kimball, Jr., George Burgess, Paul Helmreich, and Michael D. Yunits

Members Not Present: Marge Werner

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 P.M.

#### Norton Public Schools

Joseph Baeta, Superintendent of Schools  
Lincoln Lynch, IV, Director of Operations and Finance  
Wade Lizotte, Director of Facilities

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Dr. Baeta presented the needs of the Norton Public Schools in order of priority:

1. Priority One: The Middle School roof request will be resubmitted to MSBA. Superintendent Baeta is not encouraged that MSBA will approve the project. Mr. Helmreich asked if the roof situation was something that could be lived with if the MSBA does not fund the project. Mr. Lizotte indicated that they would need to band-aid. The Superintendent informed the Committee that it was his plan to submit to MSBA on Friday, February 13, 2015.
2. Priority Two: Carpets are peeling. A quote has been provided to replace carpet each year for three years. The Town Manager asked if the carpeting will be replaced if the roof is not done. The project would proceed as there is a problem with mold from the wet carpeting. Mr. Helmreich was concerned that the tile flooring would increase the noise factor and need to be cleaned often. Mr. Helmreich was also interested in learning what the reason was for requesting this. Dr. Baeta replied long-term costs. Mr. Lizotte added that all schools have VCT tile which is a lot cleaner and healthier because it is easier to take care of.
3. Priority Three: This is a continuation of the original three-year plan at a cost of \$25,000 for classroom doors and to fix doors that are not safe and rotting.
4. Priority Four: The facilities and grounds envelop study should be a priority of the Building Committee for schools and town. This is a support article for that Committee. No quote has been provided.
5. Priority Five: A pick-up truck with plow and sander has obviously become an important priority this year. Currently, the schools rely 100 percent on the Highway Department. The quote provided is off the State bid list.

Superintendent Baeta told the Committee that if you take out the building study and make this town wide, actual new costs are \$136,000.

## **Council on Aging**

Elizabeth Rossi, Human Services/Council on Aging Director

Ms. Rossi stated that the reason she is before the Committee is to emphasize the issues at the Senior Center. The Senior Center has about 14 parking spaces. On an average day, there are about 40 seniors participating. The dirt parking area is used, but it is inadequate because it has a lot of holes and puddles. This is not safe for people with mobility issues, and we need to start discussion on a new Senior Center.

Mr. Kimball noted that the current Senior Center is in a terrible location. Ms. Rossi added that the facility is too small. The senior population is going to grow; baby boomers are coming. By 2030, the senior population will be 100 percent.

Mr. Burgess was interested in learning whether the L. G. Nourse School was an option. The Town Manager agreed, adding that it would be a perfect location for both the Senior Center and the Town Hall. Mr. Burgess complimented Ms. Rossi on the work she is doing at the Center. Mr. Kimball stated that the schools are underutilized and expressed a desire to find out whether there is space available. The Slattery property with the pond would also be a beautiful spot.

## **Library**

Lee Parker, Head Librarian

Brian Stalters, President, Board of Trustees

Robert Berg, Treasurer, Board of Trustees

Ms. Parker opened the discussion, stating that in 2014 the Library had \$7,000 in damage caused by a roof leak. Mr. Stalters explained that while the damage was repaired, the root cause was not. Again this year, the highly used Discovery Den room suffered damage. Mr. Stalters said that the Historical Room also is in an area where a leak occurred. Those are the major areas of leaks, but the Library also has leaks in other areas. The Town Manager asked whether the request includes a contingency, adding that it should and he would recommend \$80,000; Mr. Burgess thought it appropriate to add 20 percent. The Town Manager stated that if you go with \$80,000 and do not use it, it will go back to capital. Mr. Stalters told the Committee that the Library's building fund is down to \$39,000. Mr. Stalters also spoke on energy efficiency; cannot afford the \$60,000.

## **Norton Reservoir Dam Repairs**

Jennifer Carlino, Conservation Agent

Before the committee is Part II for fixing the Norton Reservoir Dam. Half of the boards are cracked and not repairable. The Town is under a mandate from the State to fix the dam – since 2001. Ms. Carlino stated that a quote was provided that is 20 percent lower, but a 20 percent contingency is included in the request along with \$50,000 for engineering to oversee the project.

**List of Documents and Other Exhibits used at Meeting:**

Five Year Capital Plan

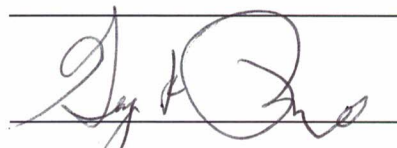


A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Helmreich and seconded by Mr. Kimball. It was voted 4-0 to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

  
Chairman

Minutes Approved by Committee on: 2/25, 2015