MINUTES CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE

February 6, 2017

The meeting of the Capital Outlay Committee was called to order in the Administrative Conference Room at Sharon Middle School at 6:00 pm by Chair Paul Linehan.

Members Present:

Chair: Paul Linehan

Finance Committee: Gordon Gladstone, Alexander Korin School Committee: Emily Smith-Lee, Katie Currel-Dykeman

Planning Board: Robert Maidman

<u>Members Absent:</u>

Board of Selectmen: William A. Heitin, John J. McGrath

Planning Board: Louis Modestino, Jr.
Town Administrator: Frederic E. Turkington, Jr.

Others Present:

Assistant Superintendent for Information

Services & Administration: John Marcus

Presentation by Dr. Marcus, Staff and Students on 1:1 Laptop Computer Initiative

Dr. John Marcus hosted a meeting at the Sharon Middle School for an in-depth discussion regarding the 1:1 laptop initiative. Members of the Implementation Team and 8th and 9th grade teachers shared their work with the committee.

The Committee faces challenges as to the appropriate method of financing for this program moving forward. Some argue it should be shifted to the School Committee operating budget. The Committee discussed strategies such as appropriating additional cash capital funds over the next couple of fiscal years and considering a one-time allocation to the School Committee operating base to shift the amount currently scheduled for borrowing.

Topics not reasonably anticipated forty-eight hours in advance of the meeting

None

Adjournment

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting at 7:35pm - **Unanimous (5-0-0)**