

MINUTES
CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE
November 13, 2023

Members Present

Chair:	William Heitin
Select Board:	Hanna Switekowski, Emily E. Smith-Lee, Kiana Pierre-Louis
Finance Committee:	Anja Bernier, Jada Wang, Keith Morris
Planning Board:	Rob Maidman, David Blaszkowsky
School Committee:	Adam Shain, Wenxiao Tiano
Town Administrator:	Frederic Turkington, Jr.
Finance Director:	Krishan Gupta

Members Absent

School Committee:	Prisnel Dominique, Alternate
Planning Board:	Shannon McLaughlin, Alternate

Others Present

Recreation Department:	Linda Berger, Director
Department of Public Works:	Eric Hooper, Superintendent Kevin Weber, Deputy Superintendent

Administrative Items

The Committee met remotely by Zoom. Mr. Heitin called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. He then called for a vote on the meeting minutes of November 6, 2023.

MOTION: To approve the regular session minutes of November 6, 2023.
(Bernier -Switekowski)

VOTED: 8-0-0 **PASSES**

Recreation Department – Director Linda Berger

Linda Berger, Recreation Director, began with the status of prior year requests. She explained that the purchase of AED units and a truck in FY20 have been completed and roughly \$9,000 has been turned back. She then presented the capital requests of the recreation department for FY25. A slideshow was given which showed arial views of the tennis and basketball courts at Deborah Sampson Park. It was explained that there are two options for renovating the courts, post-tension concrete or new asphalt courts. Post-tensioning is a method of reinforcement that utilizes cables with the profile to prestress the concrete as it is curing. This method virtually eliminates cracking and has a lifespan that generally exceeds 25 years. Routine maintenance would include only resurfacing of the coating system and court lines. For many years, the delta between post-tensioned and asphalt courts was substantial and not typically considered cost effected. With the historic increases in the cost of petroleum and an increase in

the number of contractors specializing in post-tensioning, the cost delta has increased considerably. While still expensive, post-tensioned concrete has become more attractive on a life-cycle cost basis.

New asphalt courts would be a more comprehensive option involving pulverizing the courts with a pavement recycler, compacting the mixture, then providing a new 3" asphalt profile and court coatings. This is recommended for courts where the capital budget is limited and due to the advanced age of the asphalt or excessive cracking cannot be cost-effectively repaired with fabrics.

The quality of new asphalt, even when tightly specified to limit recycled content and provide the desired bitumen content, has been hit or miss throughout the New England region and across the country. Assuming best-case, a well-built and maintained court can be expected to last between 12 and 15 years before renovation.

Ms. Berger thanked the Committee for their consideration.

Department of Public Works/Water Division – Superintendent Eric Hooper

Eric Hooper, DPW Superintendent, provided an overview of the capital requests for the Public Works and Water Divisions based on the result of the most recent Pavement Management Index and Water Master Plan water main replacement program and vehicle, equipment and building facility needs. The following roadways are expected to be resurfaced:

- Walnut Street, South Main to Chestnut, 1200', \$100,000;
- Ridge Road, Walnut to Valley, 500', \$55,000;
- Valley Road, Edgewood to Sylvan, 625', \$70,000;
- Edgewood Road, Walnut to Pleasant, 825', \$85,000;
- Sylvan Road, Valley to Oakland, 425', \$50,000;
- South Pleasant Street, Walnut to end (south), 1315', \$100,000;
- Oakland Road, South Main to end, 1145', \$90,000;
- Black Elk Road, Wolomolopoag to end, 1300', \$100,000.

The following roads and sidewalks will be repaired, reconstructed, or resurfaced with Chapter 90 proceeds:

- Pheasant Wood Road, Beaver Brook Road to end, 2100', \$185,000;
- Juniper Road, Cul de sac to Aspen, 1500', \$105,000;
- Terrapin Lane sidewalk, Norwood to end, 2000', \$230,000;
- Salamander Way sidewalk, Terrapin to end, 1200', \$140,000;
- Knight Road sidewalk, Castle to end, 1000', 120,000.

The following planned projects are also being requested this cycle:

- Lakeview Street sidewalk/road
 - East Foxboro – Sturges: \$155,000;
 - Sturges – Camp Everwood (south property line): \$735,000;
 - Camp Everwood (south property line – Massapoag Ave.): \$805,000.

Mr. Hooper explained that the Community Center now requires some upgrading since its renovation. The tables and chairs at the Community Center should be replaced and staff is considering equipment similar to that of the training room at the Public Safety Building. Technology and A/V equipment in the hearing room requires upgrading including monitor and speakers. The shed for indoor storage of hand machinery and tools requires replacement as does the floor scrubber.

The are also requests for a replacement of the foreman's truck, two small dump trucks with plow equipment, an aerator, and a new transit van for use by the facilities division.

The Water Department is making the following capital request for FY 2025 based on the recommendation of the update to the Master Plan:

Water Main Replacement: \$750,000

- Phase 1 of 4 of the Cottage Street School neighborhood: Cottage/Woodland - **\$750,000**

**PFAS Treatment: \$15,800,000 (voted FY2024)
\$11,200,000**

- Three Well Option – Wells 2, 3 and 4

Phase 1: PFAS treatment, pH/Chemical treatment facility/pump station constructed at Well 4 site off Tree Lane. **\$27,000,000 (Total project cost \$35,800,000)**

Other Capital: \$150,000

- MRWA Connection payment to Norwood - **\$150,000**

The committee thanked Mr. Hooper and Ms. Berger for their presentations this evening.

Seeing nothing further to come before the committee, Mr. Heitin requested a motion to adjourn.

MOTION: To adjourn at 7:35 pm.
(Shain - Bernier)

VOTED: 10-0-0 **PASSES**