



Franklin  
MASSACHUSETTS

## Finance Committee

**Meeting Date:** February 14, 2017

**Present:** Dufour, Dowd, Conley, Fleming, and Moses

**Absent:** Dewsnap, Huempfer, Smith, Wiech

**Call to order:** 6:15 PM

**Citizens Comments:** None, no citizens present

**Approval of minutes:** Minutes of January 31, 2016 were reviewed and approved. Vote 5-0,

**Items for Action:**

- Capital Plan Review
  - Capital Projects – Schools Summary
    - Total being recommended is \$475,000 out an original request of \$881,000. Additional funding is included under the Facilities Department request.
  - Capital Projects – Facilities Summary
    - Total being recommended is \$365,000 of which \$200,000 is for schools and \$165,000 is for town buildings out of an original request of \$620,000.
  - Capital Projects – Technology Summary
    - Total being recommended is \$50,000 out an original request of \$59,000.
  - Capital Projects – Recreation Summary
    - Total being recommended is \$150,000 out of an original request of \$455,000. Transfers from existing funds.
- General Discussion Highlights
  - School spending includes \$200,000 on STEM curriculum to meet state laws and regulations. \$18,000 for cafeteria equipment at Annie-Sullivan and general technology upgrades amounting to \$275,000.

- Facilities spending for the schools include Parmenter carpet replacement for \$50,000, \$50,000 to move the old High School generator to the Parmenter School and \$100,000 for various repairs to the Davis Thayer School. On the town side there is \$30,000 to complete the populating of the School Dude software to the remaining buildings and \$100,000 to complete the final work on the new Recreation Department complex on Beaver Street.
- Recreation spending is to begin construction on a Challenge Course at Beaver Pond and \$50,000 to replace the basketball courts at the King Street Memorial Park. These funds existing funds.
- Technology is primarily to replace aging equipment.

**Actions Taken:**

- On a motion duly made and seconded the sum of \$1,515,000 was appropriated from Free Cash to fund the approved capital requests. Vote 5-0
- On a motion duly made and seconded the sum of \$610,000 was appropriated from Sewer Retained Earnings for approved sewer system repairs/improvements and vehicles/equipment. Vote 5-0
- On a motion duly made and seconded the sum of \$1,365,000 was appropriated from Water Retained Earnings for approved water system repairs/improvements and vehicles/equipment and loan repayment. Vote 5-0
- On a motion duly made and seconded the sum of \$115,000 was appropriated from Free Cash and \$485,000 was transferred from the fire truck stabilization account for a total of \$600,000 for the purchase of a fire engine. Vote 5-0

**Discussion Items:**

- TA Nutting indicated that the state budget as currently presented no significant changes from the anticipated amounts.

**Meeting adjourned:** 7:10 PM

**Next meeting:** TBD

Submitted by George Conley