



Finance Committee

Meeting Date: January 15, 2019

Present: Chair Dufour, Vice Chair Dowd, Clerk Conley, Fleming, Dewsnap, Moses, Grace

Absent: Smith, Wiech

Agenda Items:

1. Call to order: 7:00 PM

2. Citizen Comments: None, no citizens present.

3. Approval of minutes: Minutes of January 8, 2019 were reviewed and approved. Vote 7-0

4. Capital Budget Presentations:

Department	Request Item	Cost	Description/Recommendation
School	8 Passenger Special Ed Van	\$48,000	Adding to fleet due to increase in students attending in-district specialized programs. Transportation is required by law.
School	Double Stack Oven at High School	\$20,000	Allows for expansion of menu at the high school. Goal is to increase participation.
School	Technology	\$250,000	Student Chromebook replacements, staff computer replacements, clear touch displays for ECDC, Aesop software plus minor technology investments as needed.
Schools	Technology	\$0	Additional technology not recommended
Facilities – Schools	Keller Sullivan roof top HVAC units,	\$250,000	Currents units now 17 years old with 15 year life.
Facilities – Schools	Parmenter Canopy	\$30,000	New footings, posts and concrete at cafeteria entrance (1954)
Facilities – Schools	Security & Surveillance	\$240,000	First year of a 4 year project to bring all buildings up to the “High School Standard”
Facilities – Town	Municipal Generator	\$90,000	Generator on trailer to be used as needed with emphasis on Municipal Building and Police

			station as needed. Satisfaction of risk assessment recently completed.
Facilities – Town	Police Station Renovation and Expansion Study	\$150,000	Not recommended at this time.
Facilities – Town	Municipal Building Windows	\$750,000	Not recommended at this time.
Recreation	Fletcher Field Courts	\$200,000	Current have deteriorated and have become dangerous. See details attached.

5. Final Recommendations and Vote:

- Resolution 19-02 Capital FY 2019 – Voted 7-0
 - FinCom recommends \$4,596,000 be appropriated from the following sources
 - Free Cash: \$2,296,000
 - Water Enterprise: \$1,800,000
 - Sewer Enterprise: \$ 500,000
- Resolution 19-03 Turf Field Stabilization – Voted 7-0
 - FinCom recommends \$140,880.55 as follows:
 - Free Cash: \$30,000
 - Resolution 17-27 Turf Stabilization Fund: \$110,880.55
- Resolution 19-04 Fire Truck Stabilization – Voted 7-0
 - FinCom recommends \$100,000
 - Free Cash: \$100,000
- Resolution 19-05 Water Main Appropriation & Borrowing Authorization Voted 7-0
 - FinCom recommends \$7,500,000
 - Borrowing
- Resolution 19-06 OPEB Trust Fund Voted 7-0
 - FinCom recommends \$370,000
 - Free Cash: \$370,000
- Resolution 19-07 SPED Van FY19 Voted 7-0
 - FinCom recommends \$56,446.65
 - Free Cash: \$56,446.65
- Resolution 19-07 Street Lighting LED Project FY19 Voted 7-0
 - FinCom recommends \$100,000
 - Free Cash \$100,000
- Vote to approve Fiscal Policies as presented Voted 7-0

6. FY20 Budget Update: Next year will be challenging as well. Just standard contractual salary increases and health insurance increases virtually outstrip the amount of revenue allowed to be raised under the constraints of proposition 2 ½. More will be presented as numbers come in over the next few months.

7. Adjourn: Adjourned at 7:50PM - Next meeting TBD

NOTE: ADDITIONAL DETAILS BELOW

Other projects over next five to ten years (in no particular order):

- Public Safety communications infrastructure implementation - Study being completed now, cost To be determined later this year.
- Police Station study and renovation - \$20-\$25 million (renovation & expansion to current station; this does not include any new land if a new site is desired. If so, add another \$2-\$4 million)
- Prepare for future Open Space purchases and Recreation land investments - millions.
- Sidewalks on Beaver Street and Washington Street – cost TBD
- Pavement & Infrastructure Management -
 - Recent plan on roads and parking lost showed a \$40 million backlog for roads and municipal and school parking lots.
- Landfill cap and Recycling Center expansion- \$3 million approximately; state Environmental Bond Bill has \$1 million reserved authorization.
- Water treatment facility Wells 3 & 6 – approximately \$12-\$13 million (2019-2020; design occurring right now).
- Beaver Street Interceptor Design and replacement - \$25 to \$30 million; Design will likely be \$2-\$3 million on its own.
- Town and School Playground Improvements - \$1.5 million approximately over next 5-10 years.
- Stormwater Utility to comply with federal EPA mandates in stormwater
 - the study this year will help us determine this in 2020 and beyond.
- Building stabilization fund investments - \$5 - \$10 million over a decade.
 - School roofs will likely require a borrowing at some point for the next ten years to replace or stabilize roofs for several schools.
 - Municipal Building Windows - \$750,000+

Fletcher Field Basketball Courts



Here is an aerial view of the basketball courts at Fletcher Field from 2013. In the past 5 years, the courts have started to crack badly in several areas making it unsafe and unfriendly to ball sports. We are proposing to renovate the courts into post tensioned concrete courts for basketball and street hockey.

Fletcher Field Court

This is a picture of the basketball court closest to the playground. As you can see there are large cracks running down the middle of the court and smaller spider cracks running side to side across the courts just over the mid line. The asphalt surface is brittle in several locations and the paint is starting to fade. The court will need to be replaced very soon. Current trends in Park and Recreation suggest the Northeast is difficult climate to maintain asphalt courts. Most municipalities are building post tensioned concrete courts.



Fletcher Field Courts

This picture is of a crack that runs horizontally across both courts, right through the key to the basketball court. This particular crack is actually closer to 3" wide in some areas. It poses the largest safety hazard for trips. And the rolling balls always take a hop when they hit this crack.



This is a picture of the main crack running horizontal to the two main courts. As you can see there is grass and weeds growing out of the cracks. There is actually a slight depression in the asphalt making it dangerous to run and dribble basketballs.



Fletcher Field Basketball courts were converted back in 2001 from an old tennis court to its current usage as a basketball court and street hockey rink for the Recreation Departments popular street hockey program. Neighborhood kids occasionally turn the courts into a skateboard park by dragging player benches and tearing off sections of the street hockey boards for their ramps. The court is cracking in several areas making it dangerous for kids as a trip hazard. The court was repainted in 2008 by New England Seal Coating, so it looks visually acceptable from far away. Looking at the pictures, you can see that the asphalt is cracking up 1-3 inches in some areas. Grass is starting to grow out of the cracks making it unplayable. We are currently renovating the King Street Basketball courts and the post tensioned concrete surface seems to be the best approach. Longevity and safety are the top concerns with asphalt courts. Post tensioned concrete is the newest trend with basketball, tennis, pickleball, street hockey courts.



Here are two pictures from the newly poured post tensioned concrete courts at King Street Memorial Park. In spring 2019, they will receive 3 coats of flexi-pave paint. And we will open to the public by Memorial Day