

SELECT BOARD

Minutes of the Meeting of November 16, 2021. The meeting took place via remote participation using Zoom. Members of the Board present were Jason Bridges and Melissa Murphy. Kristie Ferrantella, Matt Fee and Dawn Hill Holdgate were absent.

Chair Bridges read a prepared statement as to how the meeting would be conducted via remote participation and the ground rules for any discussion and called roll for those present. Chair Bridges did not call the Select Board meeting to order for lack of a quorum. It was noted that pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meeting Law, the Select Board members may not deliberate or participate in any discussion without a quorum.

Capital Program Committee called to order at 2:03 PM.

Finance Committee called to order at 2:04 PM.

I. JOINT MEETING WITH FINANCE COMMITTEE AND CAPITAL PROGRAM COMMITTEE REGARDING FY 2023 CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE.

Town Manager C. Elizabeth Gibson noted that this meeting has become an annual session for all three groups who each have a role in reviewing and recommending capital projects for the upcoming fiscal year, for an update as to where the review process stands and the status of recommendations. Capital Program Committee (CapCom) Chair Stephen Welch proceed to review a presentation as contained in the Board's agenda packet, beginning with the process that has been followed to date.

Matt Fee joined the meeting at 2:05 PM and the Select Board meeting was called to order.

Mr. Welch said that the capital projects information is in the meeting packet; and, asked for questions. Finance Committee Chair Denice Kronau asked which projects the Capital Program Committee has spent the most time on. Mr. Fee commented on grant opportunities that may be available to help offset the cost of some coastal resiliency projects. Some discussion followed on coastal resiliency projects integration into the capital plan. Finance Committee member Joanna Roche, also a member of the Coastal Resiliency Advisory Committee, commented on a sediment transport study and whether it is accompanied by a "sediment budget study". She asked if the CapCom takes into consideration the "lens" of coastal resiliency when reviewing capital project requests. Mr. Welch responded and said that level of review generally would already be part of the departmental project when it gets to CapCom. Assistant Finance Director Rick Sears answered the question as to the "sediment budget" item, noting there is an item in the proposed capital projects list for FY 2023. CapCom member Christy Kickham, also a member of the Coastal Resiliency Advisory Committee (CRAC), spoke on the "newness" of taking into consideration coastal resiliency parameters and said that review is likely to increase as it becomes more routine. Finance Committee and CapCom member Jill Vieth noted that if a project relates to the Select Board Strategic Plan that also "carries weight". Finance Committee member Peter Schaeffer asked about how the Town will go about securing "government money". Some discussion followed. Mr. Welch responded and noted that grant opportunities, as they become known and available will be followed up on as needed by Town Administration. Mr. Fee commented that the sooner the Town submits grant applications the better. He added that the Town will need to engage support to further the Coastal Resiliency Plan. Ms. Vieth noted there are also projects un-related to coastal resiliency that are considered. Mr. Welch commented that coastal resiliency is a very broad area and it will help the CapCom if priorities are identified by the Select Board. Ms. Kronau suggested a flow chart be used to evaluate various projects for coastal resiliency.

CRAC Chair Mary Longacre spoke on the importance of including coastal resiliency into the review of capital projects. She added that it is also important to consider energy resilience, such as with vehicles. There being no further questions, Mr. Welch said that the CapCom will be working on its recommendations over the next couple of months. Ms. Roche asked about the status of already approved capital projects and readiness as to taking on yet-to-be-approved projects. Ms. Gibson responded, as did Chair Bridges. Mr. Kickham added that these are taken into consideration by the CapCom as it reviews projects. Mr. Welch said that the Committee does undertake a routine review at the beginning of its process, annually, as to the status of already-approved projects. Ms. Kronau spoke on how much this process has improved, along with communications between CapCom and the Finance Committee, thanking everyone involved for these improvements.

CapCom and Finance Committee adjourned at 2:38 PM.

II. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Murphy moved adjournment at 2:38 PM; seconded by Mr. Fee. So voted by roll call vote: Chair Bridges – Yes; Mr. Fee - Yes; Ms. Murphy – Yes.

Approved the 1st day of December 2021.

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NOVEMBER 16, 2021 – 2:00 PM
REMOTE PARTICIPATION VIA ZOOM
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List of documents used at the meeting:

- I. Preliminary FY23 Capital Improvement Plan Update presentation; Capital Improvement Plan FY17 - FY33