

Lexington Capital Expenditures Committee (CEC) Meeting of September 14, 2005 Minutes

Location: Room 105 TOB

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM by Chairman Charles Lamb. Members in attendance were Lamb, Stolz and Edson. Member Hurley arrived at 7:35 PM. Non-members in attendance were David Kanter, Appropriations Committee liaison and Tom Diaz and Olga Guttag, both representing the School Committee.

Order of business:

1 Attending members elected Ted Edson as Vice Chairman. (Bill Hurley had not yet arrived)

With Bill Hurley in attendance the meeting continued.

2 Liaison assignments were then agreed to, as follows:

- a. Bill Hurley – Schools
- b. Ted Edson – DPW
- c. Shirley Stolz – Recreation, CPA and Conservation
- d. Charles Lamb – Fire Department, Finance Advisory Review Board and Police Department.

3. Replacing CEC member George Burnell, who has submitted his resignation, was then discussed. The desired background was discussed, as were several names. Given the potential for several large construction projects, somebody with a construction background might be a valuable addition. Since no date has been set for George's resignation and no potential candidates have been asked, it would be premature to discuss names at this point.

4. Shirley S. presented some new data from Council on Aging on its space requirements and discussed its letter to the BOS requesting timely action on finding or constructing a new facility that would meet their current needs. Charles L. inquired as to the status of previously approved funds; Shirley indicated there may some prior year funds still available. Potential locations discussed included land next to the Muzzey School and the Depot Square Parking lot in an elevated building.

5. Olga G. stated that LPS had hired a consultant to look at all of the school buildings and come up with a 5-year capital plan. In this context he will be looking at making recommendation for the older elementary school buildings. The SC will need to decide if they should be replaced or rehabed. State reimbursement is supposed to begin again in FY2007 with a limit of 40% reimbursement on allowable square footage and unit costs. Olga indicated that the new Fiske School would be ready for occupancy in Fall 2007. Charles questioned the length of time for construction Olga explained that the school

would be complete in Spring 2007, but SC wanted punch list items corrected before school opened.

Also, it would be disruptive to relocate children for a few months.

6. Shirley S. indicated bathrooms at Lincoln Fields would be privately funded and that Recreation had no money available because funds that might have been available were spent on environmental remediation.

7. Dates for meeting with Town Departments for initial review of their FY2007 capital budgets were set as follows:

October 12 -9:00 AM -CPA and at 10:00 AM - COA

October 19 – 9:00 AM – DPW and at 10:15 AM Recreation

October 26 – 9:00 AM – Fire Department and at 10:00 AM Conservation

November 2 – 10:00 AM – Schools

8. The committee then discussed what its position on the CPA referendum should be. The sense of the committee was that it would remain neutral

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.