

## Capital Expenditures Committee

### Meeting Notes 10-6-04

The Committee met 10-6-04 at Town Office room 111, 7:30-9:25 p.m.

Present: Burnell, Edson, Lamb, Rosenberg, Stolz, Kanter (Appropriation liaison)

Likely meeting dates: October 27, November 10, November 17, to be scheduled as schools, fire/recreation/library/conservation (DCAM land near Brookhaven/Met State? Wright farm?), schools can get their agendas in order. Traffic Safety (see below, Lamb to check)

NOTE to CEC liaisons: in addition to requests for next year (DPW equipment, water and sewer, roads, Recreation, etc.), ask presenters also to update us on status of projects approved last year (Adams tennis courts and basketball court, Kineen play equipment; fire truck and East Lexington fire station reopening; DPW equipment, roads, water and sewer, building envelope —among other issues how is town office new radiator project being funded?; schools from gym floors and roofs to stress crack repair, etc.)

SUMMIT SCHEDULE: Burnell to check and circulate

Discussion on Cary Hall space use for community access cable facilities (rooms now used for DPW maintenance supplies/staging), sound system for larger hall, etc.

Recreation: not yet ready to report on capital needs (golf course pond retaining wall being the largest outstanding item)

Per Stolz, no money left over from Lincoln Fields reconstruction for construction of bathroom facilities (DEP involvement requires wells, annual methane monitoring); design for bathroom and storage space for athletic equipment (pro bono, Bill Erickson) would have cost about \$220,000 est. Lincoln Park endowment trustees would possibly put forward \$75,000 toward a design they liked

Stolz to talk to Recreation's Sandra Shaw about starting an effort to involve Recreation (Karen, committee members), Selectmen liaison, Appropriation, Lincoln Park trustees, DPW (equipment storage needs for field maintenance), Town Manager, maybe the citizen group that moved the field reconstruction, with goal of bringing bathroom/storage project forward for spring 2005 Town Meeting

Fire: public safety staffing advisory committee report now available on-line; examine for capital implications

(Same for water and sewer rate report, rel. to capital reserve funds; link to preliminary report forwarded by Lamb 10-7 a.m.)

Harrington: move-in now likely over Christmas, Fiske relocation over February vacation; construction there depending on steel and concrete costs when bid, other items

White House: Schools doing a needs analysis for space, rooms, etc. PBC then (mid Oct.) to draw down funds for study scope of work, bid it out; SC to go to Town Meeting for architectural/engineering funds at Town Meeting spring 2005

DPW facilities: PBS study perhaps not needed, given endorsement by Building Finance Advisory Committee (BFAC) of Camp Dresser McKee scheme for entire replacement; DPW to bring request for A/E funds to Town Meeting spring 2005? Hadley? Selectman Kelley?

Traffic: SC wants \$56,000 for new traffic controller/left turn at Harrington: Lamb to ask TSAC chair about how that is prioritized, and any other possible items, such as Spring Street, for which we should have a separate presentation

BFAC: to do preliminary report by year-end, mostly updating old facilities study, for future action; CEC ought to meet with them as a whole before final report issued

Edson notes, from BFAC site visits, deplorable state of maintenance of public buildings (not painted, gables rotting out) such as center playground storage building, cemetery building; make a point of this in our next report text and photo demonstration, call on town to finance given recent wave of new capital spending; coordinate with Appropriation

Selectmen intend to "review" cash-capital policy: Burnell to follow

Appropriation: Rosenberg to be liaison, first and third Thursdays; Kanter to provide meeting notes to CEC

Kanter also notes open item of Library trustees repayment obligation to town given that fundraising exceeded \$4 mil goal?

John Rosenberg, Clerk