

**Town of Newington CIP Committee
Conference Room L101, Town Hall
Minutes of Tuesday, June 7, 2016 Meeting**

1. Maureen Klett called the meeting to order at 5:19 p.m.
2. Roll Call - Members Present:
 - M. Klett, Chairperson
 - B. DelBuono, Town Council
 - J. Shulman, Board of Education
 - N. Petronio, Board of EducationMembers Absent:
 - J. Marocchini, Town CouncilOthers Present:
 - T. Lane, Acting Town Manager
 - A. Harter, Director of Finance
 - L. Rydecki, Deputy Finance Director
 - W. Collins, Superintendent of Schools
 - L. Jachimowicz, School Chief Finance & Operations Officer
3. Public Participation – None
4. Minutes Of Previous Meeting – N. Petronio made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 8, 2016 meeting as submitted. Motion seconded by B. DelBuono. Motion passed 4 in favor.
5. New Business

– Proposed Bonding Projects

Councilor Klett explained throughout the process the past Capital Improvement Plan document listed the projects for bonding by name and somehow the listing for Town Hall/Community Center Improvements, Mill Pond Aquatics Facility and Churchill Pool, NHS Career Tech and Anna Reynolds Renovate as New did not occur in the FY2016-17 on Table 3 (formerly Table 7). She was concerned that without the listing, projects like the Anna Reynolds would be forgotten and felt an addendum to the adopted FY2016-17 CIP document be prepared to incorporate the list of proposed projects from the prior year. T. Lane explained how the transition from a total of \$6.3 million for CIP to 5.8% of the budget for CIP was part of her vision for how to address the multiple infrastructure and building issues. With this in mind, Table 3 was prepared to reflect \$50 million in possible bonding without designating specific projects. She explained it is the Town Council's decision to decide what the Town bonds for. Incorporating the chart from the prior year was a concern as the Library project was not included. M. Klett stated the CIP committee addresses the needs of both the Town and the Board of Education. Councilor DelBuono commented that the Library project isn't on the list from the previous year as the dollar figure for it is unknown. J. Shulman felt the committee should update the prior year list with more current information. A. Harter explained that the CIP Committee only voted on the PAYG projects and the Town Council voted on the entire CIP document. A discussion of the merits of past and current possible bonding projects and the best way to present them in the CIP document commenced.

J. Shulman made a motion to recommend the following bonding projects to the Town Council for approval to be added to the Capital Improvement Plan document:

- Town Hall/Community Center/Library Improvements
- Anna Reynolds Renovate as New
- Park Improvements
- Fire Houses 3 & 4

Motion was seconded by N. Petronio and passed 4-0.

– Impact of State Aid Reductions

A. Harter explained the municipal aid from the State was reduced for FY 2016-17 by \$1.3 million from the Governor's proposed budget but the cap for motor vehicle mill rate was increased. Therefore, the total reduction in state aid is offset with approximately \$780,000 in additional revenue leaving a net projected loss of \$520,000. After she talked to department heads, D. Langdon suggested holding off on transferring the \$733,000 approved for the Town Hall roof project. She felt the CIP Committee should be aware of this but an action was not warranted. She further explained if additional revenue came in, the transfer of funds could take place. J. Shulman asked if this would create a budget gap for next year and A. Harter agreed that it will.

6. Public Participation – Clark Castelle, 167 Connecticut Avenue: wanted the members to be aware that in FY 2014-15 Table 7 showed a list of bonding projects adding up to \$32.5 million, which matched the amount of proposed bonding chart, and in FY 2015-16 there's a list of projects adding up to \$41.3 million that matches the proposed bonding chart. He doesn't understand how in FY 2016-17 the same table (now called Table 3) says "Undesignated Bonding Projects". He thinks there should be a list of projects that add up to the \$50 million of proposed bonding.

T. Lane responded that this is a plan – a transition from the 5.8% to the 6.3%. Councilor Klett said she wanted to find a compromise that recognized the projects and this motion was just that.

Rose Lyons, 46 Elton Drive: She finally understands the PAYG portion, but the bonding is throwing her off. She doesn't remember bonding ever being discussed at the CIP Committee level, only at the Town Council level. Patty Foley was looking for the Library project to be included for years, yet there's still no dollar amount from the committee. Parks talked about their \$19 million Churchill project at the CIP meeting when they should have discussed their PAYG projects. Fire also talked about bonding projects at the CIP meeting, but the Library still wasn't discussed. She feels that all the bonding projects should be packaged together for a referendum.

7. Next Meeting – None needed.

8. Motion to adjourn – B. DelBuono; Second – N. Petronio. Motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Ann Harter, Director of Finance