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**MINUTES  
TOWN OF BELMONT  
CAPITAL BUDGET COMMITTEE  
Town Hall Conference Room 4  
Thursday, January 24, 2019  
8:00 AM**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Mahoney called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m.

Members Present: Chair Anne Marie Mahoney, M. Patricia Brusch, Susan Burgess-Cox (SC), Jenny Fallon (WC) Bulent Gurel (PB) (left at 9:20 a.m.), Mark Paolillo (BOS) (arrived at 8:13 a.m.) and Rebecca Vose

Also Present: Glen Castro, Budget Analyst, and Patrice Garvin, Town Administrator

**Review of Community Development Department Capital Requests for FY20**

Director Glenn Clancy presented his department's requests.

*Sewer and Stormwater Capital Program*

Annual program for repair or replacement of this infrastructure.

Town under an EPA order to complete certain of this work within the next 3.5 years.

Paid for from Sewer Enterprise Funds.

*Former Incinerator Landfill Site*

Ultimate use of this site is being discussed by the BOS.

Request is for the cost of capping site that exceeds the balance of the Landfill Stabilization Fund.

Capping process itself will take 1.5 years.

Whatever the Town decides to do on the site will require the approval of MA DEP.

*Pavement Management*

Combination of factors last year including planning glitches and the National Grid lock-out led to FY18 pavement money not being spent.

Mr. Clancy plans to do the streets identified for last year's paving season this year (calendar 2019).

This means there is money available for CD to do traffic mitigation on two projects, work which would otherwise not be done

C. 90 funds are not affected by this work deferral.

One piece of good news: Belmont received \$108,000 more c. 90 money from the state than originally announced.

Committee Discussion

Not clear if and how the post-capping use of Incinerator Site affects the cost of capping. Some

uses will require the puncture of the cap and mitigation, others will not. This is a variable that must be accounted for in planning for the site. The requested amount (\$800K) may increase. There will be on-going (30 years at least) monitoring costs for the cap that need to be factored into project or operating costs of the post-cap use. Question raised about needing TM approval of additional \$108K c. 90 allocation for FY19.

## **Review of DPW Capital Requests for FY20**

Jay Marcotte, Director, and Mike Santoro, Assistant Director, made a presentation of FY20 requests.

### *Sidewalks*

The Sidewalk Study guides planning for this work.

For FY20 there is \$220,000 allocated.

Over 1,000 sidewalk complaints from residents have been lodged.

Available funds mean work progresses at glacial pace.

Tree roots cause much of the damage.

Planting new trees on the private property abutting the sidewalk can reduce or prevent this type of damage.

Tree warden has identified tree species with roots that grow down and not out and has persuaded some property owners to plant trees on their property.

### Committee Discussion

The Planning Board needs to be alerted to issue of tree root disturbance of sidewalk surfaces.

Ms. Fallon: The CBC needs to be up front with TM about the inadequate funding of sidewalk repair. Yet again, there was complete and absolute agreement among members that capital budget funding (1) falls far short of meeting the Town's needs and (2) should be a set percentage of available money.

### *Central Fleet Utility Truck #6*

Deferred from FY19. It is beyond its useful life. Repair costs are very high.

### *Highway Department Garage Furnishings*

This is for the renovated space.

### Committee Discussion

The amount requested should be \$100K. The DPW is outfitting space it has never had before.

### *Parks Mower*

Deferred from FY19.

Suggested funding is from the School Department Revolving Fund, but this has not yet been discussed fully with Schools.

### *Loader Back Hoe*

Used daily in the Cemetery.

Wear is significant due to encountering ledge and/or permafrost, depending on the season.

Suggested funding is Perpetual Care Fund, which is supported by Cemetery Commissioners.

*Water Main Replacement*

Annual program funded by MWRA interest-free loan, FY12 Municipal Bond and other revenue sources.

All new pipes are installed.

Water rate will be unchanged this year.

*Water Department Dump Truck*

Used daily.

Vehicle at the end of its useful life.

Not heavy enough to be refitted as a snow fighter.

*Street Sweeper*

Used daily until first snow fall.

To be funded from sewer revenues.

Committee Discussion

The capital budget as presented this year captures all the capital needs of the Town and reflects the range of funding sources used to meet these needs. Members appreciated the broad view of the Town's capital requirements this approach provided.

**Turn backs**

Ms. Garvin is preparing list and will provide it to the CBC shortly.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of January 9, 2019 as amended, were approved unanimously with one abstention.

**Next Meeting Dates**

February 7, 2019 IT and Library

February 28, 2019 Schools and Facilities

The CBC moved to adjourn at 9:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Vose, Secretary