

DATE: January 28, 2022  
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**TOWN OF BELMONT  
JOINT MEETING OF THE  
CAPITAL BUDGET COMMITTEE  
AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
MEETING BY AUDIO AND VISUAL REMOTE ACCESS AND BY TELEPHONE  
Tuesday, November 9, 2021  
7:00 PM**

**Call to Order**

A meeting of the Capital Budget Committee (CBC) with the School Committee was called to order at 7:14 p.m. by Chair Anne Marie Mahoney.

CBC Members Present by Audio and Video Remote Access: Chair Mahoney, M. Patricia Brusch, Roy Epstein (SB), Jenny Fallon (WC), Meg Moriarty (SC), Rebecca Vose and Susan Burgess Cox

Also present: Chris Doyle, Chair, Long-Term Capital Planning Committee (LTCPC)

At the invitation of School Committee (SC) Chair Amy Checkoway, Chair Mahoney began the CBC presentation.

**Review and Discussion of School Building Projects, Update on LTCPC work and Chenery School**

Chair Mahoney first took up the Chenery and reviewed the diagnostic work that has been done to determine the building issues requiring repair and/or replacement. At twenty-four years old several systems may require replacement, or major rehabilitation. The roof may be a candidate for patching of the rubber membrane, rather than total replacement, to buy the Town another half-decade of use. By February 2022 the Facilities Department expects to have a handle on the scope of the problem, the best way to address it as well as a cost estimate. The roof units are part of this job. Free cash may be the logical source of funding for this work.

When the modular units now in use at the Chenery and the Burbank are no longer needed, the CBC could take on restoring the tennis courts at the former. Both the Burbank and Winn Brook schools will need serious attention next, as their last major renovations were in the '80s and early '90s.

Members of both committees made the follow observations:

- Importance of re-establishing communication between the SC and the CBC.
- LTCPC resolves to do collaborative planning across town boards and committees.
- Periodic meetings of SC with CBC should continue.
- Informal conversations that are occurring, with the growing school population being upper-most in the minds of town and school leaders.

- The planning for this work must include close collaboration with the Facilities Director and the Town Administrator.
- Support for systematic assessment of school building needs.
- The capital inventory of all Town and School buildings, a foundational goal of the LTCPC, needs to be completed as soon as possible and using an outside vendor to create it. Is Free Cash or federal funds available for this?

### **Update on LTCPC work**

Ms. Doyle and Ms. Fallon apprised the SC on the work of the LTCPC, including its proposal to combine the work of long-term capital planning with that which is currently the responsibility of the CBC. Membership composition was discussed, with SC members expressing support for representation from the Vision Committee, and the importance of having the School Superintendent or a designee on it. This is an acknowledgement that roughly 80% of the Town's capital inventory is school property.

The CBC moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Vose, Secretary