

Town of Rockland, MA
Capital Planning Committee

DATE: Thursday, February 6, 2025, 7:00 PM

LOCATION: Rockland Town Hall, Downstairs Conference Room

ATTENDEES: Richard Harris, Chairman
Chris Fulton, Vice Chairman
Bill Principe
Linda Sternfelt, Secretary
Lauren White

GUESTS: Justin Bodio, Rich Furlong

ABSENTEES: None

Chairman Harris called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

The meeting minutes from January 30, 2025 were reviewed by Ms. Sternfelt. Mr. Principe made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Ms. White seconded the motion. All approved except for Vice Chairman Fulton, who abstained as he was not present at the 1/30/25 meeting.

The meeting minutes from January 29, 2025 were reviewed by Ms. Sternfelt. Ms. Sternfelt and Chairman Harris had differing notes about the various Sewer Department items on the plan for FY 2026. The Committee agreed to table the minutes until Chairman Harris can verify the capital items on the plan for the Sewer Department for FY 2026 with Acting Superintendent Taylor.

Chairman Harris reviewed his e-mail correspondence with Recreation Department Head Jeanne Blaney. The McKinley Building repairs, driveway and parking lot were completed in FY 2025. There remains \$431K on the plan for Hartsuff Park Entrance and Lot for FY 2026. This should remain on the Capital Plan, but should be transferred to the Parks Department per Superintendent Bodio, and should be moved out to FY 2028. There is also \$41 million on the plan for FY 2029 for a Recreation Department building at Hartsuff Park. This should be removed from the Capital Plan per Chairman Harris.

Chairman Harris reviewed the Parks Department's capital plan items for FY 2025. The pickup truck was approved by Town Meeting, as was the cost of half of the fencing for the Spring Street field. Mr. Furlong said that he is confirming that the second half of the cost of this fencing has been approved as an earmark in the State Budget, per Senator Keenan's office. \$1 million is on the Capital Plan for the renovation of Bicentennial Park in FY 2026. The expected cost is now \$2.6 million, but they are waiting on final numbers. The Parks Department has engaged an engineer and has a plan for a six lane rubber track with lights, and room for javelin, discus and long jump events. There will be seating for 100 people. They are working with the Community Preservation Committee to fund this item. \$200K was

on the Capital Plan for FY 2026 for Reeds Pond Development. There are title issues, and this property does not belong to the Town as yet. The Parks Department asked that this item be pushed out to FY 2027.

Chairman Harris asked if there are any capital needs for the department going forward. No future needs were cited.

Vice Chairman Fulton made a motion to add the new items to the Capital Plan. Mr. Principe seconded the motion. All approved.

Chairman Harris said that there would be no meeting next week. The next meeting will take place on 2/20/25. The goal is to have all meetings completed by 2/27 and to complete final scoring on 3/6.

Ms. White made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chairman Fulton seconded the motion. All approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Sternfelt, Secretary