

**Capital Committee Meeting
August 30, 2023**

Meeting called to order by Chair Chris Carchia at 7:03 PM

Members in Attendance: Chris Carchia, Mike Gibson, Jim Boudreau (Town Administrator), Carey Borkoski (School Committee)

Water Main Replacement (\$3,500,000)

- Presented by Town Engineer Sean McCarthy
- Project scope to replace existing water mains for the Alphabet streets off of Hatherly Road (project is currently 90% funded and this will cover remaining) and replace the raw water and main lines in the Old Forge Road neighborhood. Each will include paving work
- Committee voted 4-0 to recommend the project

Renovate High School Girl's Locker Room (\$262,382)

- Presented by School Finance Director Tom Raab
- Lowest bid on the renovation was \$1,061,732 which was over \$200,000 more than the remaining amount of authorization for this project (\$799,350)
- However, there are remaining funds sufficient to cover the remainder of this project that was previously authorized for the High School roof replacement (which was completed under budget)
- Essentially, this will just re-journal appropriated funds from the roof to the girl's locker room
- Committee voted 4-0 to recommend the project

Video Security System Refresh and End-of-Life Replacement (\$300,243)

- Presented by Town IT Director Mike Minchello
- Originally part of the 2025 capital plan, need for funding accelerated due to critical failures
- Project includes 7 parts and will replace, among others, servers for recording and retention of surveillance, switches for control of system, security cameras for public safety complex (exterior, cells, booking, etc.), library security system, security cameras for turf fields, and several upgrades to existing systems
- Total project is approximately \$333,803, but there is \$33,000 in the town's IT budget that can be applied to this project
- Committee voted 4-0 to recommend the project

Citizen Petition to Authorize Funding for Seawall Replacement (\$7,000,000)

- Presented by community members David Ball, Bill Heggerick, and Stephanie Corcione
- Acquired 10 signatures for citizen article to replace part of the seawall located at Cedar Point (181 Turner Road to 3 Rebecca Road, and 6 Rebecca Road to 14 Rebecca Road)
- According to petitioners this is worst part of the wall in need of replacement (approx 600 feet whereas total required replacement is 1,200 feet)
- Concern that the Army Corps of Engineers has not moved quickly enough with the project (scope and design is not completed, permitting takes time, estimate of cost is \$30,000,000)
- At this time, there is no concrete plan to replace the wall, there is no budget, scope of work, or identified contractors to complete the work
- In addition, there is concern that permitting for the project will take time or be stalled due to new interpretation of Commonwealth regulations
- Based on the plan brought forward by Citizen Petition, it is unlikely the Army Corps would provide any funding
- Committee voted 0-4 recommend this Article (Article failed)

Motion to approve Capital Committee Minutes from December 7, 2022 meeting

- Committee voted 3-0-1 to approve said minutes

Meeting Adjourned at 8:37 PM