

**Town of West Boylston  
Finance/CIB Committee  
Meeting of February 1, 2024**

A meeting of Fincom and CIB was convened at 6:08 pm by Zoom. Attending Fincom and CIB members were Cliona Archambeault, Chris Berglund, Jason Brockway, Ray Bricault, Mary Foley, and Pete Murphy. Town Administrator, Jennifer Warren-Dyment, planned to attend the meeting but could not due to a conflict. Chair Chris Berglund read the Zoom meeting State authorization statement.

Jason Brockway made a motion to approve the minutes of meeting for January 11. Mary Foley seconded and the vote to approve was 6-0.

Chris Berglund said the capital requests from spring 2023, along with the CIB vote on each, is now posted on the Google drive for reference to this year's requests.

Schools:

- Cliona Archambeault reported that Rich Meagher, School Superintendent, plans to request town capital approval in FY26 of the Collier Study \$5.2 million in priority repairs to the Major Edwards school.
- The Major Edwards bathroom repair, that was on the FY25 capital list, and could not be completed because the cost significantly exceeded the approved funds, is not included in the Collier Study repairs.
- Chris Berglund and Ray Bricault will meet with the Town Administrator to discuss the school capital request. The request far exceeds capital funds available and will require a debt exclusion vote.

The new DPW director, Tom Degnan, is on the job and reviewing the DPW capital needs. Jason Brockway and Chris Berglund have a meeting scheduled with DPW on Friday, February 2.

Mary Foley reported that Fire FY25 capital requests are focused on a new truck and a study of the Fire building. The replacement power generator is postponed. Turnout gear has been moved to the operating budget. A new fire truck will likely also need a debt exclusion vote, an issue for the Town Administrator.

The department operating budget timelines are uncertain due to on-going contract negotiations. Fincom discussions of operating budgets will be delayed until the negotiations can provide more information.

The next meetings are scheduled for February 8 and 29, both in person. The Town Administrator will attend on February 8.

A motion to adjourn was made at 6:38 pm by Mary Foley and seconded by Ray Bricault. All voted in favor 6-0 for Fincom and 6-0 for CIB.

Pete Murphy  
Secretary, Fincom and CIB