

**Town of West Boylston
Finance/CIB Committee
Meeting of November 12, 2021**

A meeting of Fincom and CIB was convened at 6:31 pm by Zoom. Attending remotely were Fincom and CIB members Chris Berglund, Ray Bricault,, Mary Foley, and Pete Murphy. Austin Cyganiewicz, Paul Bohannon, Bill Fay, Jim Marinelli and Paul Redmond were absent.

Chris Berglund reported on a brief discussion with representatives of the Schools. The Capital Expense Policy and the Town Administrator rules on Capital Expense Applications were provided. The School representatives agreed to use the Capital Expense system and make future Capital requests.

The library is proceeding with a potential upgrade of their HVAC system to a heat pump, as outlined in the Rise Engineering study report. John Fitch of the Municipal Light brought representatives of the Eversource utility company to the library with idea of sponsoring a demonstration conversion to a heat pump system. Eversource has agreed that the library is a good candidate for conversion and they have employed Rise Engineering to proceed with preparation of an equipment specification. Project timing and financing sources are unknown at this time. It is likely that the financing will have to be addressed at the May town meeting in order for the system to be ready for the next heating season.

A meeting with John Fitch of the Municipal Light was suggested for an update on this and other electric system projects. The Town Administration should also attend. Chris Berglund will follow up.

The annual need of the DPW for new equipment was discussed. The question is whether this expense can be partially included in the operating budget. Unlike the police department, the annual expense is not for the same vehicles, but varies from vehicles to trucks and heavy equipment. Chris Berglund will followup with the Town Administration.

The Water Department testing for PFAS chemical contamination should be completed. One well in Sterling failed this test. Fincom decided to plan to meet with the Water Department Superintendent, Michael Coveny. Pete Murphy will follow up.

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm as moved by Ray Bricault and seconded by Mary Foley. All voted in favor. No next meeting is scheduled.

Pete Murphy
Secretary, Fincom and CIB