Town of West Boylston

Finance Committee / Capital Investments Board Meeting of February 15, 2024

A meeting of FinCom and CIB was called to order at 6:09 PM in Room 127 of the town offices. Attending the meeting from FinCom and CIB were Cliona Archambeault, Chris Berglund, Ray Bricault, Jason Brockway, and Mary Foley. Pete Murphy was not in attendance.

Ray Bricault motioned to accept the meeting minutes of February 1st, 2024. Mary Foley seconded the motion. Voting in favor was 5-0.

Chris Berglund started the conversation regarding capital spreadsheets for all the municipal departments.

- 1. Public Schools: The School Board will be providing final budget requests within their March School Board meeting. Capital requests for an ADA-compliant sidewalk are being decided between two options. A capital request is also being made for 2 Special Education vans for the middle/high school.
- 2. Library: Capital requests are being considered for elevator upgrades, and the building may require a new rubber roof. More discussion is needed, and a more profound debate will occur at the next meeting when Pete Murphy is in attendance.
- 3. Fire Dept: 2 Defibrillator units are needed for the ambulance. The Fire Dept is also requesting a new forestry truck to replace the 1985 truck currently in service, but it is a manual transmission requiring specialized training to drive. Finally, a new Marine 1 unit is being requested.
- 4. Police: One new Police Cruiser is being budgeted with the Department's operational budget
- 5. DPW: The new cemetery is currently on hold. Pride Park Phase 2 study and design is requested for the FY 25 budget. 2005 International dump truck needs to be replaced as the current truck is non-operational. A similar vehicle was funded last year for \$272k. The F450 rack body vehicle is also requested to be replaced. The current vehicle is 22 years old. Lee St. resurfacing is being pushed out until the Water Dept. repairs or replaces the water main. Prescott St Bridge is under review. DPW/Fire buildings feasibility study may be a FISP decision on the study design instead of being funded before specifics are decided. More discussion is needed with the Town Administrator.

The next meeting will be in person on 2/29/2024 at 6 PM at the Town Offices.

Motion to adjourn made by Ray Bricault at 7:38 PM. Mary Foley seconded the motion. All voted in favor 5-0 for both FinCom and CIB.

Jason Brockway

FinCom and CIB Member.