

January 31, 2024

The Stonington Board of Selectmen held a special joint meeting with the Capital Improvement Program Committee on this date at Stonington Police Department at 10:00 a.m. Present were First Selectman Danielle Chesebrough, Selectwoman Debbie Motycka Downie and Selectman Ben Tamsky. Members of the public and press were present.

**(1) Call to Order**

Ms. Chesebrough called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

**(2) Pledge of Allegiance**

**(3) Capital Improvement Program FY 2024/25 – 2033/34**

The Board of Selectmen reviewed the schedule of Capital Improvement Project (CIP) funding requests submitted to the Board by the Town CIP committee. The Board reviewed each request for merit, reasonableness, and priority. Each request was approved or adjusted as follows, by the Board.

**GENERAL OPERATIONS**

- Townwide Computer Technology Upgrade – as requested
- Data Center Fiber Optic Connection – as requested
- File Retention and Scanning – The Board reduced this request to \$50,000.
- Datto Backup Hardware and Cloud Storage System – The Board reduced this request to \$70,000.
- ADA Accessibility – Town Facilities - as requested

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

- Townwide Radio Infrastructure Upgrade – The Board reduced this request to \$140,000.
- Light Tower – The Board changed the priority from B to C.

**POLICE SERVICES**

- Fleet Upgrade – Purchase of Four New Vehicles - as requested
- Technology Upgrade/Communication Equipment Upgrade – as requested
- Townwide Surveillance Cameras Program – as requested
- Police Officer Bullet Proof Vest Replacement – as requested
- Body/Cruiser Cameras – as requested
- Records Management System – as requested
- Handgun Replacement – as requested
- Fuel Pump Replacement – as requested

**ASSESOR'S DEPARTMENT**

- Town Revaluation – as requested

**PUBLIC WORKS: HIGHWAY**

- Drainage Improvement Town Wide – as requested
- Highway Equipment – Purchase – as requested
- ADA Public Works Transition Plan – as requested
- Roadway Safety – as requested
- Road Pavement - Major Maintenance – as requested
- Road Pavement – Capital (Extends life of road 10 or more years) – The Board reduced this request to \$900,000.
- Stillman Avenue Retaining Wall Replacement – The Board reduced this request to zero.

- Automated Brine Machine & Storage Tank – as requested
- Equipment Garage/Shed – Spellman Park – The Board decreased this request to \$20,000.
- Bridge Replacement and Structural Improvement Fund – as requested

#### **PUBLIC WORKS: ENGINEERING**

- Bridge Engineering and Design Fund – as requested
- Holmes Street – Wall Replacement – The Board reduced this request to zero.
- Noyes Avenue – Wall and Road Replacement – The Board reduced this request to zero.
- Alpha Ave Bridge Reconstruction – as requested
- Mason Island Bridge Design – The Board reduced this request to zero.
- Wolf Neck Road Bridge Design & Repair #137002 – The Board reduced this request to zero.
- Wolf Neck Road Bridge Design & Repair #137003 – The Board reduced this request to zero.
- Holmes Street Bridge Repairs – The Board reduced this request to zero.
- 4<sup>th</sup> District Voting Hall Drainage – Phase 2 – as requested
- White Rock Bridge – Structural Repairs – as requested

#### **PUBLIC WORKS: FACILITIES MANAGEMENT**

- Levee Gate Repair – as requested
- MS4 – D.C.I.A. Projects – as requested
- Clean Water Grant Match – The Board added this request and funded the line at \$130,000 as a priority B.
- Roof Repair/Ventilation Design – Fleet Facility Garage – as requested

#### **WPCA**

- None

#### **SOLID WASTE**

- Trash Compactor – as requested
- Front Wheel Loader – as requested
- Roll-Off Truck – as requested
- Pick Up Truck – as requested
- Zero Turn Mower – as requested

#### **BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

- Inspection Vehicle – The Board reduced this request to \$15,000 and made it a priority C.

#### **HUMAN SERVICES**

- None

#### **PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

- Engineering and Construction of New Sidewalks – The Board incorporated the line items entitled Sidewalk Extension – Washington Street, Sidewalk Extension – Big Y to Masons Island and Sidewalk Extension – Spellman to Greenhaven into this line. They funded the line at \$200,000 and made it a priority B.
- Bicycling and Walking Greenway – The Board funded the line at \$20,000 and made it a priority C.
- Plan of Conservation and Development – as requested
- Comprehensive Plan Update – Zoning Regulations – as requested

- Inspection Vehicle – The Board changed the priority from a C to B.
- Sidewalk Extension – Washington Street – The Board reduced this request to zero and incorporated this line into Engineering and Construction of New Sidewalks.
- Sidewalk Extension – Big Y to Masons Island – The Board reduced this request to zero and incorporated this line into Engineering and Construction of New Sidewalks.
- Sidewalk Extension – Spellman to Greenhaven – The Board reduced this request to zero and incorporated this line into Engineering and Construction of New Sidewalks.
- Engagement HQ – The Town Planner requested that this line not be funded at this time. The Board reduced this request to zero.
- Contribution to Open Space Acquisition Fund – as requested

#### **CLIMATE CHANGE TASK FORCE**

- Climate Change Adaptation & Mitigation Plan – as requested
- Electric Vehicle Charging Stations – The Board reduced this request to \$20,000.

The Board noted letters of support of these requests from Lyndsey Pyrke-Fairchild and Susan Hubbard.

#### **OUTSIDE AGENCIES**

- Mystic & Noank Library – WIFI Extender – as requested
- Stonington Community Center – LED Lighting Upgrades to Main Building – The Board reduced this request to \$2,000.
- Stonington Community Center – Resiliency Study – Master Plan Update – The Board reduced this request to \$6,000.
- Town Orphaned Cemeteries – Restoration Project – The Board changed this priority from a C to B.
- Ocean Community Chamber of Commerce – as requested
- Stonington Cemetery Association West Grounds Development – The Board reduced this request to \$8,000 a year for two years and made it a priority C.

#### **STONINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

CIP requests made by Stonington Public Schools was reviewed. The Board does not assign priorities to Stonington Public Schools CIP requests.

A motion was made by Mr. Tamsky, seconded by Ms. Downie and voted unanimously to approve all the changes that were made to the Capital Improvement Program FY 2024/25 – 2033/34.

#### **(4) Comments from the Public**

None

#### **(5) Comments from the Selectmen**

None

#### **(6) Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.



Stacey Haskell  
Recording Secretary