

## MILFORD FINANCE COMMITTEE

JUNE 13, 2018

PRESENT: Chris Morin (Chair), Aldo Cecchi, Phil Ciaramicoli, Al Correia, Bob DeVita, Andy Lizotte, Joyce Lavigne, Chuck Miklosovich, Jeff Niro, John Tennaro and Vincenzo Valastro

Members not present: Jerry Hiatt, Michael Nicholson, Michael Schaivi and Michael Soares

Also present: Mike Walsh, Selectman and Paul Abbondanza, Financial Analyst

Media: Kevin Rudden, Town Crier

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Aldo Cecchi moved to approve the April 30, 2018 Minutes, seconded by Joyce Lavigne, all in favor. Abstained: Bob DeVita, Joyce Lavigne and Chuck Miklosovich.

**Town Engineer:** Mike Dean, Town Engineer, reported that the Planning & Engineering Department has completed the following items in FY18 as part of the 5 Year Capital Plan.

1. The purchase of a large format printer/scanner and software were completed within budget.
2. Fiske Mill Bridge Project. Completed on time and under budget.
3. Hazard Mitigation Plan has been completed by the town. MEMA has reviewed the plan and sent it to FEMA. The Town revised the HMP and sent the document to MEMA to be sent to FEMA again. When approved by FEMA, the plan will be considered approved pending adoption and then will need to be adopted by the Board of Selectmen.
4. EPA-Stormwater-MS4 Permit. The courts made a ruling in favor of the EPA's MS4 permit in May, 2018 and the new effective date is July 2018. Funding is already in place and the town will continue their efforts where it left off in the next month.
5. 319 Grant Project. Constructed Wetland/Stormwater Basin-corner of Dilla Street and Sumner Street. Project will be completed by the end of June 2018 and on time and on budget. The grant funding was broken up as 60 percent (\$225,290) paid by DEP and 40 percent (\$150,748) by the Town, for a total of \$376,038.
6. TIP Project. Main Street to Prospect Street. \$3 million project funded through massDOT with the Town paying for the consulting/designer's fees, through the Highway Department. MassDot has signed off and approved the 75 percent design plans which are near completion and the plans will be in front of the Conservation Commission on June 21, 2018. The legal department is working on the appropriate legal documents.
7. Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Grant Program. The town has received a \$20,000 grant to become a MVP community dealing with climate change and the impact on the community such as storms, drainage, and snowfall.
8. Massachusetts Coalition for Water Resources Stewardship. Renewal of membership to be paid by the Highway Department.
9. Charles River Watershed Association. This project has a value of \$200,000 at no direct cost to the town. An additional component of this project is a Water Quality Planning

Grant application which has been submitted to the state and has a value of \$25,000. If awarded to the town, this project will be worth \$225,000 towards storm water activities at no cost to the town.

10. EPA Stormwater MS4 Permit-FY19. 5 Year Capital Plan – Year 1-5 Planning, analyzing, evaluating and designing of the town's storm water system is required. Following the first 5 years the town will be responsible for implementing items contained in the first 5 year plan. Year 6 – Implementation will take place over the following 15 years. This stage is when actual projects will be constructed which will be costlier than the first 5 years. There is an amount of \$400,000 to continue the town's efforts in meeting the storm water permit. This is part of the 20 year plan with estimates of over \$40 Million to reduce the amount of phosphorous from the town's storm water system.
11. Milford Pond Dam. Bypass Gate - FY19 Capital Plan. The amount in the capital plan is \$188,000 for design and construction.
12. Godfrey Brook. Church Street to Water Street. FY2019 Capital Plan - \$75,000 for designer's fees and to prepare bid documents for the construction phase.

**Parks Department Update:** Paul Braza reported that the main priority is in finding a permanent housing for them with their equipment. They are now in the Highway Department's property but the Highway needs their space back for their own equipment. The Highway Surveyor has given them an unwritten eviction notice. There is property on Front Street, the Pinto property, which can be leased or purchased. The Parks Department will put a package together and bring it before the Finance Committee two weeks prior to the Fall Town Meeting.

**Turf Fields:** Mr. Braza reported that they are still deciding which fields to turf, Fino Field, Town Park Field or Schools. They believe Fino Field is the best one and hope to have a decision in September.

**Fino Field Pool:** Mr. Braza reported that many people have been coming to their meetings asking to have the pool fixed. \$5.5 million was the cost quoted to them from a Feasibility Study. They also need a mower at a cost of \$35,000.

**Sub-Committee Reports: Sewer Department:** Bob DeVita reported that the operational budget is declining. Moisture reduction construction is doing a good job.

**Capital Sub-Committee:** \$2.5 million – needs to be cut back.

**Committee Elections:** Aldo Cecchi nominated Chris Morin as Chairman, Al Correia as Vice-Chairman, and the Executive Committee: at large members, Jeff Niro, Joyce Lavigne and Bob DeVita. Aldo Cecchi moved to approve the nominations, seconded by John Tennaro, all in favor.

Al Correia moved to have the Executive Committee meet during the summer months, seconded by Vinny Valastro, all in favor.

**Discussion:** Andy Lizotte to be on the School Committee when Phil Ciaramicoli resigns from that committee.

Aldo Cecchi moved to adjourn, seconded by John Tennaro, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Diana Hearn

Documents reviewed: Memorandum from Michael Dean regarding General Update on Various Projects