

CIAC meeting – November 19, 2014 at DPW building (275 Old Lancaster Rd)

In attendance – Chairperson Tom Travers, Jamie Gossels, Susan Asbedian-Ciaffi, Eric Greece, Michael Lane, Jim Kelly. Additionally in attendance – Chuck Woodard

No present – Bob Desaulniers, Susan Abrams

7:00 – Chairperson Tom Travers called meeting to order. Acknowledgement of a quorum. Voted on and approved meeting minutes from the previous CIAC meeting, held on October 1, 2014.

7:05 – Jody Kablack presented to the committee on the Johnson Farm article that was planning to be presented at Town Meeting, and then put to a vote at Town Election, Tuesday, November 9.

Johnson Farm was looked at for Town purchase back in 2007, however Mr. Johnson the owner passed away. For the current purchase, it has been presented to the conservation committee and was voted 4-1 in favor to purchase. Additionally, the FinCom supports a purchase for \$1.9M in debt, with the remainder coming from CPC exclusion funds.

Chuck Woodard commented that this has been on the town priority list for Open Space plans. There are 39 open space areas identified by the Town of Sudbury for purchase consideration in the future.

If the town doesn't purchase this land, a part of the open space areas will be developed, leading to increased operating expense concerns as new pupils will be added into the town.

If the town does purchase this land, there will still be two lots developed, that have been appraised for \$500k combined. If this value is exceeded, the Town of Sudbury will split the proceeds above appraisal.

8:00 – Motions for Johnson Farm

Chairperson Tom Travers, based on the CIAC not being responsible for land purchases, and as of this meeting, not having the guidance for a capital budget amount and strategic capital plan, proposed the motion: *The CIAC takes no position at this time, without having seen the capital budget.* This motion was seconded and approved.

However, if Town Meeting required CIAC to opine irrespective of the above, the CIAC voted 3-2 to support the motion proposed by Jamie Gossels: *The CIAC supports the purchase of Johnson Farms with by a debt exclusion of \$1.9M as long as there are \$1M*

in CPC funds and this can't take away from potential funding of articles that represent safety and financial burdens for the town.

8:15 – Discussion of Nixon

This article is to replace the smaller roof of the cafetorium, and the windows. The project was initial projected to cost \$1.1M, however the town had received 37% cost relief from the state, which brings the cost down to \$700k. The FinCom had voted 5-2 in support of the project

The Motion to approve \$1.1M with 36.89% of approved costs, was approved by the CIAC unanimously (5-0).

8:30 – Discussion of Strategic Finance Committee

Discussion on which committee will be responsible for setting up the parameters for how much debt/capital we should plan for and potentially need, in consideration of all of our projects in the future.

8:45 – Liaison reports

Reports from all liaison assignments were provided, and discussed. Decision to bring in representative from each Department championing the respective projects to gain further insight. Additionally, CIAC hopes that by these meetings, there will be Capital parameters for FY '16, to more effectively vote and prioritize based on resources.

9:20 – Discussion of next meetings

December 16, 2014 – CIAC meeting with Maureen Valente (discuss Capital resources), and Bill Place (DPW), Chief Miles (Fire Dept) and Chief Nix (Sudbury Police) to talk about SPS security

January 6, 2015 – CIAC meeting with Park &Rec, Facilities

January 20, 2015 – meeting to finalize CIAC capital budget and vote on all items

9:34 – Motion to adjourn, unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Greece – CIAC member