

**Sudbury Finance Committee
Select Board and
Capital Improvement Advisory Committee
Virtual Joint Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2022**

ATTENDANCE

Members of the Finance Committee (FinCom) present for the Virtual Meeting were Co-Chair Eric Poch, Co-Chair Jean Nam, Susan Berry, Andrew Bettinelli, Ronald Brumback, Blair Caple, Michael Joachim, Sonny Parente, and Scott Smigler

ALSO ATTENDING the MEETING

Select Board Members: Chair Jennifer Roberts, Vice-Chair Charles Russo, Daniel Carty, William Schineller, Janie Dretler; CIAC Members Co-Chair Susan Asbedian-Ciaffi, Co-Chair Jamie M. Gossels, Susan Abrams, Michael Cooper, Matthew Dallas, William Kunkle, Thomas S. Travers; Town Manager Henry Hayes (joined the meeting at approximately 9:20), Assistant Town Manager/HR Director Maryanne Bilodeau, Combined Facilities Director Bill Barletta, SPS Business and Finance Director Don Sawyer, SPS Superintendent Brad Crozier, Director of Planning and Community Development Adam Duchesneau, Environmental Planner Beth Suedmeyer, Fire Chief John Whalen, DPW Director Dan Nason, Town Clerk Beth Klein

Call to Order

FinCom Co-Chair Poch called to order the meeting of FinCom and roll-called members of the FinCom present. The Select Board and Capital Improvement Advisory Committee also called their meetings to order.

Joint Meeting to Review Capital Articles

Chair Roberts stated that Capital articles to be presented on the 2022 Annual Town Meeting Warrant would be presented at this meeting.

Mr. Barletta presented several Capital articles sponsored by SPS and Facilities including:

- Sudbury Public Schools HVAC Repairs and Replacements
Requested amount: \$455,000
- Filtration Systems for Atkinson Pool
Requested amount: \$160,000

- ADA Act Transition Plan Recommendation
Requested amount: \$200,000
- On Call Architectural & Engineering "House Doctor" Services
Requested amount: \$100,000

Related questions were brought forth by Select Board, FinCom and CIAC Members.

Ms. Suedmeyer presented several Capital articles sponsored by CPC including:

- BFRT Design and Construction North of Mass Central Rail Trail
Requested amount: \$500,000

Ms. Suedmeyer provided specific design aspects and project funding by MassDOT (MA Department of Transportation) and FHWA (Federal Highway Administration). Related questions were brought forth by the Select Board, FinCom, and CIAC.

- BFRT Design and Construction South of Mass Central Rail Trail
Requested amount: \$300,000

Ms. Suedmeyer provided information regarding potential expansion of the BFRT scope, including further advancement of the first ¼ mile to connect the BFRT, Phase 2D to Route 20/Boston Post Road; parking area survey and concept development.

Fire Chief John Whalen presented the Capital article sponsored by the Fire Chief:

- Additional Funding: Construction of Fire Station No. 2 Housing/Living/Office Area
Requested Amount: \$1,500,000

Fire Chief Whalen explained additional funding considerations due to the substantial increase in construction costs from the original cost of \$4,300,000. Related questions were brought forth Select Board, FinCom and CIAC Members.

DPW Director Dan Nason presented Capital articles sponsored by DPW including:

- Town wide Drainage and Roadway Reconstruction
Requested Amount: \$3,500,000
- Old Framingham Road/Nobscot Road Walkway Extension Project
Requested Amount: \$700,000

Mr. Nason explained the extension project construction aspects. Related questions were presented by Select Board, FinCom, and CIAC Members.

Board Member Dretler suggested if Members had additional questions, those questions were to be submitted to the Select Board Office, and answers would be provided.

Town Manager Hayes presented articles included in the Town Manager's Capital Budget:

- FY23 TM Operating Capital Budget (Total Request: \$1,036,274)

Town Manager Hayes went through the itemized list:

- Electronic Voting Handsets \$22,845
- Fire Thermal Imaging Cameras \$50,000
- Fire Station #3 Roof Replacement \$80,000
- School Ceiling Tile Replacements \$45,000
- Loring School Dishwasher replacement \$50,000
- Pickup Truck with Plow - Unit 14 \$85,000
- Ford Explorer - Unit E1 for Engineering \$45,000
- Pickup Truck with Plow - Unit PR3 for DPW \$85,000
- Fire Car 2 \$60,000
- All-Terrain Vehicle for Police Department \$20,000
- Paging, Clocks and Bell Systems in Schools \$25,000
- UHF Standalone Repeater for Police and Fire \$25,000
- Schools Interior Painting \$50,000
- Sand & Refinish all School Gymnasium Floors \$80,000
- Nixon and Noyes Refrigeration Replacements \$50,000
- Schools Door Repairs and Replacements \$50,000
- Walkway Design & Construction - DPW \$50,000
- Scan/Archive Paper Documents by IS (Ongoing) \$50,000
- Replace LSRHS Pickup Truck (Sudbury portion) \$36,036
- LSRHS - Gehl Skid Steer (Sudbury portion) \$34,598

Chair Roberts and Board Member Dretler presented the two Fairbank Community Center articles. Town Manager Hayes mentioned the cost overrun due to increased construction costs and labor costs. He added that the discovery of a water main placement resulted in considerable budget adjustment.

- Fairbank Community Center Audio-Visual Equipment Funding
Requested amount: \$300,000

Chair Roberts stressed that AV-related technology had increased due to COVID-related factors. Chair Roberts mentioned proposed rental of the Center is being considered, and such enhanced audio-visual equipment would be recommended.

- Fairbank Community Center Furniture, Fixtures, Equipment (FF&E)
Requested Amount \$200,000

Board Member Dretler acknowledged direct feedback had been received from User Groups. Related questions were presented by Select Board, CIAC and FinCom Members. Permanent Building Committee Member Jennifer Pincus joined the discussion.

Citizens Comments

COD (Commission on Disability) Chair Kay Bell asked about the ADA Act Transition Plan article timeline. She also asked if the proposed Fire Station would be totally accessible.

Votes to close the joint meeting

The Select Board voted unanimously to close the joint meeting, and CIAC voted unanimously to adjourn the joint meeting of the CIAC.

Motion and Vote:

Co-Chair Poch moved, and Co-Chair Nam seconded the motion to adjourn the joint meeting of FinCom at 11:26 pm.

Roll call vote:

Ron Brumback, aye; Susan Berry, aye; Andrew Bettinelli, aye; Blair Caple, aye, Sonny Parente, aye; Scott Smigler, aye; Michael Joachim, aye; Jean Nam, aye; Eric Poch; aye.

The motion carried. The vote was unanimous.