

CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF ZOOM MEETING OF March 20, 2025

Members Present: George Arvanitis (Finance Committee), Robert Groves (Finance Committee), Nate Longcope (School Committee) Ellen McKay (at-Large), Michael Broad (at Large)

Visitors: David Grenier, Highway Superintendent, Mark Rivers, Lake Wyola Advisory Committee and Frank McGinn

The Zoom meeting was called to order by Ellen McKay at 6:00 PM.

David Grenier spoke concerning the bids and corporate lease programs for the grader that were outlined in his application. He indicated that a local DOT official had indicated we could use the Chapter 90 money to help pay for the grader. He indicated that the tires (including the spare tire) on the grader can no longer be repaired.

David indicated that the zero turn mover was definitely needed for fiscal 2026 and that he will be sending the tractor out for repair.

Nate Longcope reported that the school would be withdrawing the request for paving the parking lot as they will need to hire a consultant.

Mark Rivers from the Lake Wyola Advisory Board explained the funding sources for the FY26 initial work for the dam project.

George Arvanitis indicated our list of restricted accounts contained three accounts, two dealing with dam permitting (\$48,000) and one for the project (\$10,000). He indicated he would contact the Town Accountant to find out the dam permitting accounts would be available to fund the engineering phase.

Frank McGinn spoke on the school parking lot paving project. He suggested that when the project is planned, it should provide for cisterns as a source of rain water for fire protection.

The citizen's request for the purchase of the Open Checkbook program was discussed. Under the Capital Planning Bylaw, all requests must be sponsored by a board or committee including the Selectboard or School Committee and be in the hands of the Capital Planning Committee by February 1. As such, no request may be made for Fiscal 2026.

The Town Accountant is willing to print out information similar to that provided by Open Checkbook.

It was decided to postpone the selection of the Chairperson and the Secretary until the next meeting.

The minutes of the meeting of February 27 were approved with one correction. Motion made by Groves and seconded by Arvanitis (3-0 with one abstention).

Meetings were scheduled as follows:

Thursday, April 3, 2025 at 6:00 PM to vote on the requests.

The meeting adjourned at 7:11 PM on a motion by Groves, seconded by Arvanitis (vote 4-0).