

Capital Planning and Investment Committee

February 10, 2022

Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, An Act Relative to Extending Certain COVID-19 Measures Adopted During the State of Emergency and signed into law on June 16, 2021, this meeting was conducted via remote participation.

Voting Members Present:

Chair Nate Finch, Susan Mary Redinger, Richard Fellows, Jeffrey Lin

Also Present:

Tim Bragan (Town Administrator), Chris Ryan (Dir. of Community & Economic Development)

Meeting called to order by Chair Nate Finch at 9:06am, and no public commentary was provided.

1) Discussion of Ayer Road Study Request

- By request of the Select Board and Chris Ryan, returned to CPIC for reconsideration due to an increase in the requested amount and as a previously awarded grant of \$45,000 was applied by Select Board to Phase I rather than to Phase II and III as requested by CPIC and Planning Board.
- Due to market forces, RFI respondents returned and advised that cost had increased substantially. Discussion of separating Phases II and III, bundling may reduce costs.
- The Select Board rescinded the allocation and applied the grant awarded to the Planning Board to Phase I. Discussion of the amount requested and support for the project from other Town Boards in light of actions taken.

Voted:

Moved by SMR, Seconded by JL, Roll Call unanimous to expend \$280,000 from the CSF towards the Ayer Road Vision Study.

2) Discussion of SCBA Funding Source

- By request of the Select Board, returned to CPIC to reconsider funding sources. This item would be the only item on ballot, and existing debt levels. This item is safety critical and perhaps should not be left to town meetings.
- Discussion of CSF balance and replenishment rates and whether this large expenditure is reasonable at this time, or should this item be considered through debt funding as previously voted, or reconsidered for CSF.

Voted:

Moved by NF, Seconded by JL, Roll Call vote: 3-1 SMR Aye, JL Aye, RF Nay, NF Aye, to expend \$370,534 from the CSF towards the purchase of SCBA Equipment.

3) Discussion of the state of the CSF and whether funds should be expended in excess of incoming Free cash.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:04 by unanimous consent.