

**BOARD OF FINANCE**  
**CAPITAL MEETING - APRIL 8, 2015**  
**WILTON TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM B**  
**7:30 P.M.**

**PRESENT**

**Board of Finance:** Warren Serenbetz, Lynne Vanderslice, Jeff Rutishauer, Richard Creeth, John Kalamarides   **Absent:** Al Alper

**Board of Selectmen:** William Brennan, Michael Kaelin, Deborah McFadden, Dick Dubow, Jim Saxe

**Board of Education:** Bruce Likely, Kevin Smith, Ken Post, John Murphy, Laura Schwemm

**Town Employees:** Sandra Dennies, John Savarese, Ron Kanterman, Bob Crosby, Wendy Fratino (WVAC), Tom Thurkettle and others

Board of Finance Chairman Warren Serenbetz called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Serenbetz then introduced First Selectman Brennan who spoke about the three bonded capital projects for FY 2016 and the Five Year Outlook for Projects.

**#1 – Fire Station 2**

Up to \$90,000 A & E services for the design plan and schematics is estimated by Turner Construction as part of the renovation of this 58-year old building. Mr. Brennan said that an estimated \$1 million total is needed to renovate the station. He also told the Board that it has been concluded we can put in a fully compliant septic system.

**#2 – Repaving**

Both Middlebrook and the High School lots are to be repaved, as both are 20 years old. The cost per lot is \$200,000 for each, or \$400,000 total.

**#3 – Middlebrook School Chiller**

\$500,000 is requested for this long-planned replacement of a 30-year old chiller, including the electrical support system.

**The total for these three projects is \$990,000.**

The Board of Finance then posed questions to Mr. Brennan.

**Fire Station 2**

Mr. Serenbetz asked if the architect was looking at the garage doors and Mr. Brennan responded in the affirmative. Mr. Serenbetz then inquired about the water situation at FS2. Mr. Brennan replied that although the well is not being used it is not an urgent situation because the water tanks there are refillable. The Town is looking at a reverse osmosis system to make the water potable. This system comes in under \$20,000. He also indicated the well would be shocked and retested. Mr. Brennan feels this site will be a viable future site.

**Repaving**

Mr. Serenbetz thought paving had already been done at the High School. Mr. Brennan replied it had been done in the front at the main drive and the Clune Center parking lot about two years ago. The same contractor who did that paving will be used again.

Mr. Rutishauer suggested when parking spots are restriped, they should be done to industry standards and not narrower because of car door damage. Mr. Brennan acknowledged his request.

#### Chiller

Mr. Serenbetz questioned if the chiller had been properly maintained over its 30 year life, to which Mr. Brennan responded that it was well maintained or it would not have lasted this long.

#### **Five Year Outlook**

##### Building renovation of the current 10,000 sq. foot Police Station

Included in 2019 is the need for a new building. Assessment studies have already been done. There are 45 officers, five of which are female and space is needed to accommodate them. The space assessment study indicates we require two acres for a 24,000 sq. ft. facility to provide a building with a 40-50 year future. Mr. Brennan said a space utilization committee is looking at alternate locations, but he is not a liberty to divulge the exact properties at present. Timing is important and this will be addressed further after the Miller-Driscoll bonded capital project.

#### Road program

The 2017 capital is the last year of the five-year program and the last 10 miles of the total 50 miles in the improvement plan of ten miles per year. The \$930,000 represents five miles of road per year to maintain the roads. Mr. Brennan said the only question was, do we continue to Bond or do we go to Operating Capital?

Richard Creeth asked how much was in the Operating Budget for roads, to which Mr. Brennan replied there was a small number for road repairs. Sandra Dennies suggested that Mr. Creeth was thinking of the state grant "Town Aid Roads" which totals \$313,000.

#### Roof at Cider Mill School

After miscellaneous questions and explanations, Mr. Post informed the Board that an estimate will be done next year to determine the remaining life of the roof. John Kalamarides asked if they have a price estimate for the chillers to support the \$500,000 and Mr. Post indicated that they did.

#### **Vote on the Three Bonded Capital Projects for 2016:**

**#1 – Fire Station 2, Fees for A & E services \$90,000 :** John Kalamarides made a motion to approve, Richard Creeth seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**#2 – Repaving of both lots \$400,000 :** Lynne Vanderslice made a motion to approve, John Kalamarides seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**#3 – Middlebrook School Chiller \$500,000 :** Lynne Vanderslice made a motion to approve, Jeff Rutishauer seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Fager  
(from video recording)