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FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
JANUARY 29, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: The Chair called the Finance Committee meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. All present joined in a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: The clerk called the roll and recorded it as follows:

PRESENT: Chairman Tony Dorsey, Vice Chairman, Tony Scinto, Ann Sather (Via phone), Kevin Shively, Nikki Satin, Richard Wolf, Alternate (Voting)

ABSENT: John Foreman, Mary Isaac, Alternate

ALSO PRESENT: First Selectman Vicki A. Tesoro, Chief Administrative Officer Cynthia Katske, Town Attorney Daniel Schopick, Town Council Chairman Carl Massaro, Town Council member Veronica Lenzen, Director of Public Works George Estrada, Town Engineer/WPCA Administrator William Maurer.

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1. RESOLUTION TC30-21: Moved by Wolf, seconded by Satin
BE IT RESOLVED, That \$85,000 is hereby appropriated from the Fund Balance to 01013800-581888 Capital Outlay.

George Estrada explained there were several items on this agenda that were removed from the capital funding request with the intention of them being funded through a supplemental appropriation, this one of those. This resolution is for the Nichols and Long Hill conference rooms at Town Hall as well as new seating for the Council Chambers, not the visitor section but where the Council and BOF sit, those seats are at the end of life. The supplemental must be expended by the end of August, so they have chosen projects that work with that timeline and after July 1st they will come back to the BOF and Council for the remaining projects that can be done over the following fiscal year.

Moved by Satin, seconded by Scinto to send to the Town Council. VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

2. RESOLUTION TC30-22: Moved by Shively, seconded by Satin
BE IT RESOLVED, That \$30,000 is hereby appropriated from the Fund Balance to 01022000-581888 Capital Outlay.

George Estrada explained this is a safety initiative at the police department. There have been a couple of close calls where predestinations have almost walked into traffic that exits the police department. The plan is to move the sidewalk out further to the curb, which allows for a longer pedestrian sightline. As part of the current TPD project, they are improving the lighting. It was confirmed the lighting was for illumination not a traffic light. This project will not impact the culvert project, moving the sidewalk only involves the block in front of the police department.

Moved by Shively, seconded by Wolf to send to the Town Council. VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

3. RESOLUTION TC30-23: Moved by Scinto, seconded by Shively
BE IT RESOLVED, That \$150,000 is hereby appropriated from the Fund Balance to 01050600-522202 Services & Fees- Professional.

George Estrada explained this is for schematic design of the proposed Senior Center which is currently being considered at Hardy Lane. Anticipating a referendum it is to advance the drawings to get a more accurate estimate. It was confirmed this was for the new senior center not the current one. He did not have the amount to date spent by the building committee. If this was approved the drawings would be completed by late spring or early summer, they would go to the building committee and then to the other boards.

Moved by Satin, seconded by Shively to send to the Town Council.
The clerk called the roll call vote and recorded it as follows:

	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Anthony Dorsey	✓		
Tony Scinto		✓	
Ann Sather (Via Phone)	✓		
Kevin Shively	✓		
Nikki Satin	✓		
Richard Wolf, Alt	✓		

VOTE: Motion CARRIED 4-1 (AGAINST: Scinto)

4. RESOLUTION TC30-24: Moved by Satin, seconded Scinto
BE IT RESOLVED, That \$130,000 is hereby appropriated from the Fund Balance to 01050600-581888 Capital Outlay.

George Estrada explained these improvements are for the current senior center, it has been recognized if there is to be a new senior center it would be 2-3 years out. The existing a/c in the multipurpose room has failed. They currently have mobile units, but they can be a hazard. This is to replace the a/c unit for that space. The other piece of this is for replacement of the exterior doors, there are ADA requirements that have to be met. The main entrance doorway involves removing the curtain wall and pushing the door towards the building, so it becomes a shelter space for someone with mobility issues. They can press the button and while they wait for the door to open, they are sheltered from the outdoor elements, (snow & rain). These are interim steps to address, (ADA and safety concerns).

The a/c unit will replace what has failed, it is a permanent replacement, it is a cost, but it has been determined it is urgent because the senior center has to have the cooling capacity during the summers. It was confirmed the current senior center is designated as a town cooling center.

Moved by Satin, seconded by Shively to send to the Town Council. VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

5. RESOLUTION TC30-25: Moved by Scinto, seconded by Shively
BE IT RESOLVED, That \$75,000 is hereby appropriated from the Fund Balance to 01080600-522202 Services & Fees- Professional.

William Maurer explained this is for the preliminary design for the Great Oak Park boardwalk that is currently closed. It had been impacted by trees but also due to a failing wood structure. The boardwalk is approximately 20 years old. It is not just tree damage, weather also impacted it, a wooden structure that failed.

This is the first initial phase to figure out what they must do and what it is going to cost. There were no ARPA funds dedicated for this. It was confirmed the park is still open, only this boardwalk is closed.

Moved by Satin, seconded by Wolf to send to the Town Council. VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

6. RESOLUTION TC30-26: Moved by Wolf, seconded by Satin
BE IT RESOLVED, That \$125,000 is hereby appropriated from the Fund Balance to 01030500-522202 Services & Fees- Professional.

William Maurer explained this is for two projects. One is the ADA Transition Plan at \$85,000 and the other is for the school drop off zones at \$40,000.

ADA Transition Plan is to become ADA compliant with all the town facilities. They must show compliance by 2030. A plan needs to be filed by then.

The School Drop Off Study is necessary because Daniels Farm School's drop off area is very congested and has impacted both sides of the road, and Middlebrook has the same problem. They want to do this before the end of the year. He is not aware of any prior studies done on school drop off areas.

They have a proposal from Tighe & Bond for the study and will also utilize the drone. They will be able to watch the turning movements of the cars. The traffic has worsened since COVID; people are more apt to drive the students to school instead of putting them on the bus. The study will show the numbers for bus participation.

First Selectman Tesoro noted the traffic is a COVID impact. Even though we are no longer dealing with COVID as we had been a few years ago, parents have not put the children back on the bus. Many parents work from home which makes it easier for them to take the children to school rather than put them on the bus. Daniels Farm School has become a dangerous situation. Bill Maurer confirmed this study will be based on traffic from an engineering standpoint not policies. Recommendations will be made based on the study and the BOE will decide.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to discuss and upon motion made by Shively, seconded by Satin the Finance Committee adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret D. Mastroni
Margaret D. Mastroni, Clerk