

ADVISORY COMMISSION ON CAPITAL EXPENDITURES  
REGULAR MEETING  
SUFFIELD, CONNECTICUT  
JANUARY 21, 2016

The Chair, Michael Stevens, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Ryan Anderson, Kathie Harrington, Pete Hill, and Kate Rietberg. Also in attendance were First Selectman Melissa Mack, Wendy Lamontagne, Krystal Holmes and Bruce Rietberg.

Ms. Lamontagne presented information concerning bonding for the Bridge Street Community Center. It was explained that the business plan did not include environmental abatement and that it was understood that the Town would fund this. It is anticipated that this cost could be in the \$250,000-350,000 range. Funds for abatement are needed for the upcoming fiscal year to meet the deadlines of the project development that the Permanent Building Commission is preparing.

Thereafter, Ms. Lamontagne presented plans for Babb's Beach and Park, which was broken into four (4) phases. Phase 1 – Core Site Infrastructure and Beach Enhancements, which is planned for fiscal year 2016-2017, would require \$398,000. There is the possibility that a STEAP grant totaling \$250,000 may be available to partially fund this phase. If the grant is awarded, additional funding would be sought from the Town. Phase 2 – Site Lighting, Walkways, & Park Enhancements, which is planned for fiscal year 2017-2018, would require \$281,000. Phase 3 – Structures & Associated Site Improvements, which is planned for fiscal year 2018-2019, would require \$502,000. Phase 4 – Building Renovation Sports Training Center, which is planned for fiscal year 2019-2020, would require \$2,467,000.

Discussion was had concerning this project, which would total \$3,648,000 over four (4) years. It was noted that the project was aggressive in terms of timeline and that it may be a good candidate for future bonding. The Commission requested that Ms. Lamontagne provide a breakdown of the items set forth in the different phases that could be pushed out to future years to spread potential funding out over a longer timeline while still making the area usable by residents.

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Harrington, seconded by the Chair, it was voted unanimously to accept and record, without amendment or correction, the minutes of the January 14, 2015 meeting.

Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Ms. Harrington, it was voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Kathie Harrington*