

**LITCHFIELD CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2013
LITCHFIELD TOWN OFFICE BUILDING – 7:00 P.M. UNTIL 9:30 P.M.**

Call to Order: Chairman David T. Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Present: David T. Wilson, Anthony Crowe, Edwin Evers, Leo Paul, Jr., Frank Simone, David W. Wilson, and Rose Bouchard. J. Koser arrived at 7:15 p.m.

Absent: Joann Brogis, Jack Healy

Approve Minutes

a) Regular November 26, 2013

Motion: A. Crowe moved to approve the regular minutes of November 26, 2013, and E. Evers seconded. **Amendment:** A. Crowe moved to amend the motion to include Rose Bouchard as present and Leo Paul, Jr. as absent. E. Evers seconded. Voting on the amended motion, all voted aye, except F. Simone and David W. Wilson who abstained because of absence, and the motion carried.

Review Capital Project Requests

1. Land Use

Land Use Administrator Dennis Tobin, Ph.D, reviewed the requests with the Committee. He is asking for \$75,000 in 2014/15 for regulations revisions. He is also asking for \$100,000 in the out years for the Plan of Conservation and Development. Chairman Wilson asked what was gained by the past expenditures in the POCAD area. Mr. Paul said the \$100,000 is the cost for a professional firm to update and do the new plan. The cost would not be less from one plan to the next just because the base plan is already in place. There are about seven or eight steps to approve each plan before it goes to Town Meeting. *[J. Koser arrived here, at 7:15 p.m.]* L. Paul said he recommended the regulations revision should be done through an outside contractor and the capital budget rather than trying to do it through an operating budget. D. Wilson said that paying for a more clarified set of regulations may ultimately save taxpayers legal expenses in the future.

2. Police

Resident Trooper Jim Holm explained they need to replace the 2002 cruiser in 2014/15 and they also must have a new radio system in the 2015/16 year.

3. Park and Recreation

Brent Hawkins introduced Park & Recreation member Ed Fabbri and said they have been working on their ten-year plan. They have done drainage at Community Field and per ten-year plan projects want to do more drainage in the two smaller fields and extend Ripley Field by ten feet to be tournament ready. They also want to install new dugouts and a gazebo in the playscape. They would also like to replace bleachers for \$25,000 that would last a lot longer than the wooden ones. They also need to update the basketball standards and install an 8 ft. fence to contain the balls on the basketball court. Priority items are drainage, installing bleachers and the 8 ft. fence. L. Paul asked him to get together with him, J. Healy and the Montessori School to work on the improvements for the field in Northfield.

4. Public Works

Jack Healy was unable to be present, so the Public Works presentation was postponed until the next meeting.

Adjournment

Motion: F. Simone moved to adjourn at 8:16 p.m. and J. Koser seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Leo Paul, Jr.
Secretary