

# Municipal Capital Improvement Committee

Meeting minutes- November 7, 2012

Meeting called to order by Lauren Walsh at 5:03

**Attending** Chair-Lauren Walsh, Vice Chair- Terri DeSilva, Clerk-Frank Casarella, Larry Ransom, and Pam Nolan.

Not Attending- Bev Hart

**Item 1-** Minutes from September 19, 2012 – A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as presented. All members attending approved.

**Item 2-** Funding of the Banna Fire Station project as it related to the article requesting \$550,000 from free cash.

Mike Bourque, a representative of the Banna Fire Station building Committee reported that a bid of 1.1 to 1.2 million was obtained to demolish and rebuild the Banna Station. The town previously approved debt exclusion for \$775 million and the article is requesting additional funds of \$550,000 to be taken from Free Cash.

Pam Nolan reported the increased cost of the project was due to the project being held up by litigation for years adding \$25,000 to the project. The changing building code requirements added another \$130,000 due to the need of installing fire sprinklers and a “pit” was discovered and needed to be investigated which would also add to the costs.

Selectman, Gary Sagar stated that the response times in the North part of town were unacceptable and created an emergency that needed to be addressed.

Fire Chief Alan Jack addressed the committee and said the project was a matter of public safety. He stated that response times in the north part of town were unacceptable and it was an emergency to obtain suitable coverage in the north end on a consistent basis.

Lauren Walsh stated that although she supported the project, the request from free cash was wrong due to the amount over the original approved cost, and the additional \$550,000 should go back to the voters in town for their approval. Terri DeSilva reiterated and stated that going forward we needed to develop a process that strengthened our financial position in the bond market.

**Terri DeSilva made the following motion:** While the CIC fully supports the Banna Fire Station Project; we recommend that the funding source not be through free cash but through debt exclusion. Larry Ransom seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

**Item 3-** Scheduling for the Planning for FY2014 was set for December 5, 2012 at 5PM.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50

Minutes Provided by Frank Casarella-Clerk