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The Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Public Hearing was held on this date at the Stonington Town Hall meeting room. Present were Chairman Vin Pacileo, Borough Warden Jeff Callahan, Selectman Rob Simmons, Susan Hibbard, Virginia McCormack, Stuart Schwartzstein, and Barbara Dexter.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Pacileo explained that he forwarded the e-mail from R. Newton regarding adding \$25,000 to hire a consultant (assist Climate Change Task Force) to the Town Engineer and re-establishing the Open Space line item-adding \$200,000- to the Planning Department. He will also discuss the above with the Selectman's Office.

Ms. McCormack asked that money be set aside for a security upgrade at the schools. She sited what happened at Sandy Hook and said that seconds count. She also requested that the hearing be scheduled for after work hours because of work schedules.

Mr. Schwartzstein also said it was important to have the \$200,000.00 for open space land acquisition. He also suggested that Town facilities/Buildings have solar panels installed on them. Possibly companies would install the solar panels at no charge and take a portion of the money for the electricity generated. Also, more trees, shrubs and ground cover plantings on Town Facilities to reduce the runoff of nitrogen into the water. Also, permeable surfaces on town-owned parking lots should be explored.

Mr. Pacileo said he would suggest a \$10,000 cost to get the Solar Panels, plantings and permeable surfaces for town-owned parking lots on CIP. He will also send Bill King a Capital Request for security upgrades at the schools.

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Mr. Callahan would like the WPC bathrooms renovated in the Stonington Borough. Last year the Town Engineer, First Selectman and Mr. Callahan went down to take a look at the facilities.

Mr. Pacileo suggested Mr. Callahan put together some numbers and a narrative on how to proceed with facility renovations of the bathrooms. Mr. Pacileo will then forward the restroom renovation information to the First Selectman, Public Works, Engineering and WPC.

Selectman Simmons said that the Whitford Brook Bridge in Old Mystic is still unusable. The Old Mystic Fire Marshal and Fire Chief Richards told him that it is more difficult to respond to calls since the fire apparatus is unable to cross the bridge. Mr. Pacileo will send the request to Engineering and the Public Works Department.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maryann Oliverio".

Maryann Oliverio, Clerk