

TOWN OF WEST BOYLSTON
JOINT MEETING OF THE
FINANCE COMMITTEE AND CAPITAL INVESTMENT BOARD

Minutes of Meeting held May 3, 2010

Upon notice duly posted, the Finance Committee of the Town of West Boylston and the Capital Investment Board met on May 3, 2010 at 7:45 p.m. Finance Committee members present were Ray Bricault, Patricia Altomare, Greg Zakarian, Paul Bohannon, Alex Bartholomew, Chris Berglund, and John Owanisian and Patrick Crowley. Members of the Capital Investment Board present were Ray Bricault, Patricia Altomare, Greg Zakarian, Paul Bohannon and Patrick Crowley.
Guest in attendance: Patrick Inderwish, Leon Gaumond.

The first order of business was the presentation by Patrick Inderwish relative to the CPC Warrant Article proposing the building of new tennis and basketball courts at Goodale Park. The total cost of the project is \$668,000, of that \$50,000 is being raised via fundraising, \$118,000 is going to be obtained via a short-term loan. The balance will be via CPC funds. The plans call for the rebuilding of retaining walls and addressing the water drainage issues which have been the primary source of the constant deterioration of the present courts.

The Capital Investment requests that were expected to be made were: 1) a request from the School Department for \$24,700 to replace tile at Edwards Elementary, 2) a request from the School Department for \$29,000 to address issues regarding the hot water heater, and 3) a request from the Police Department for new cruisers.

The next order of business was to discuss, generally, the issues raised from the meetings with the department heads. It was noted that the proposed budget was overall a "level service" budget. The present primary concern was the number of students leaving our school system and sense that this reflects a town-wide attitude of dissatisfaction with the quality of education. Mr. Gaumond expressed the opinion that the Board of Selectmen were trying to work with the School Department to address the fiscal issues of the school and stem the tide of negative opinion. The Finance Committee then brainstormed with Mr. Gaumond regarding any other sources of funding such as money with the trash budget, ambulance receipts, overlay surplus funds etc.

There be no further business to discuss, upon motion duly made and seconded the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Altomare
Clerk of Finance Committee