

Grants	283,000
Restricted Funds	38,000
Property Taxes (Net Amount Required to Fund All Projects)	____
	0
TOTAL Funding Sources	\$ 5,704,135

NOTE: The above was duly advertised in the Local Section of the Woonsocket Call on Monday, March 19, 2007.

1. Recommendations from the Budget Board:

- a) Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2008**
- b) Capital Improvement Program – Five (5) Year Plan**

Arthur R. Hurley, Chairman, Burrillville Budget Board, said that the Budget Board believes that police station upgrade and department of public works upgrade need to be completed before the end of the agreement with Ocean State Power.

Mr. Hurley reviewed the question of town vehicles, including cost of operation, commuting expense, and vehicle allowances as an alternative to providing town vehicles. He elaborated on this subject.

Mr. Hurley spoke of the State-wide emergency communication system

and suggested that the Town use caution in upgrading the Town-wide system to ensure compatibility.

Mr. Hurley recommended that the lease for the town annex should be included in the operating budget rather than the capital budget.

Mr. Hurley discussed the Conservation Commission request for a study of Wallum Lake and suggested that, until the communities on the Massachusetts side of the lake support the effort, the program should be reconsidered.

Mr. Hurley reviewed requests of the Parks & Recreation Department, saying that the Board supported repairs and maintenance to the power supply at Branch River Park.

Mr. Hurley explained that the Budget Board recognizes that changes to the Board's proposal by the Town Manager are often based on the fact that he has received more information than was available to the Board.

Arthur R. Hurley, Chairman of the Budget Board, elaborated on these points in response to questions by the Town Council. The agreement with Ocean State Power (OSP), the end of the current treaty, possibility of renegotiation and an appraisal of the OSP facility were discussed. The funding sources for the CIP were discussed.

2. Recommendations from Michael C. Wood, Town Manager:

a) Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2008

Michael C. Wood, Town Manager, commended the Budget Board on a job well done. Mr. Wood indicated that most Department Heads were present to address questions related to the CIP.

Michael C. Wood, Town Manager, discussed his consideration of the Town Council's discussions and potential action relative to the Levy Rink in making his CIP recommendations. Mr. Wood discussed the possible State Housing Aid for the project and the affect that the aid would have on his recommendation. Mr. Wood discussed his general philosophy of presenting a conservative budget and reviewed necessary projects. Mr. Wood reviewed and explained funding sources.

Michael C. Wood, Town Manager, reviewed details of his recommended FY 2008 CIP budget, including the annex lease, plans to renovate the Jesse M. Smith Memorial Library, planning for upgrades to the police station and public works facility, the timeframe for placing referenda before the voters, and the prioritization of the streets program.

Mr. Wood discussed the inclusion of a smaller truck for the

Department of Public Works. There was discussion of the replacement of the mechanics' service vehicle: the type of truck recommended, the cost involved and possible alternatives.

The School Capital Budget request was reviewed. Mr. Wood noted that the School request had been revised based on the potential that the Levy Rink renovation might be partially funded through School CIP funds. Mr. Wood indicated that he was recommending the projects included on the School Department's revised priority list. There was discussion of reported problems with roofs, particularly at the administration area of the high school. Robin Kimatian, Burrillville School Supervisor of Business Affairs, discussed the planned study of all the schools' roofs.

There was brief discussion of the fire code upgrades accomplished under the FY2007 CIP.

Additional details of items recommended on the FY 2008 CIP were reviewed.

b) Capital Improvement Program – Five (5) Year Plan

Michael C. Wood, Town Manager, said that the Capital Improvement Program shows a five year plan, noting that the plan is fluid and subject to change as necessary. Mr. Wood described how priorities are set and how decisions to change those priorities are made. He

described how work is done based on available funding.

Michael C. Wood, Town Manager, indicated that the recommendation includes a reimbursement of \$90,000 to the Library Building Committee for the 36” drain line and \$5,000 for a plug. Mr. Wood said that the Library Building Committee had expended funds to work on a Town drain line, with the understanding that there would be a recommendation in the FY 2008 CIP budget to reimburse the money. There was discussion of the process by which it was determined that the work needed to be done and what work was done. Explanation was provided by Daniel Joubert, Clerk of the Works for the Library project and by Richard A. Bernardo, P.E., Director of Public Works and Engineering Services. There was discussion of responsibility for the cost of the repairs.

Michael C. Wood, Town Manager, noted that he had removed a line item for curbing and sidewalks along Church Street, suggesting there were other projects that should be considered of higher priority. Mr. Wood referenced a recommendation for funding professional services, discussed the process and timeframe for Capital projects, and explained the inclusion of money for professional services.

Mr. Wood indicated that the Whipple Avenue landfill closure and Mill Pond Dam projects are mandated.

In response to an inquiry, Kevin Cleary, Town Engineer, explained the

offsite waste water management plan, part of which will be reimbursed through grants from DEM.

It was noted that the existing Jesse M. Smith Memorial Library is scheduled to be vacated in April 2008. There was discussion of study/redesign of the library, a process which has begun.

The steps involved in the process of repairing the Mill Pond Dam were reviewed and discussed. Evaluation was conducted during 2007, with design scheduled for 2008 and construction to be scheduled in the future.

The Whipple Avenue landfill closing was discussed. DEM requirements were reviewed and possible future use of the site was discussed.

There was review and discussion of the budgetary processes related to funds that are not spent during a particular fiscal year. There was discussion of tracking spending to ensure that CIP funds are spent for items that have been budgeted.

Michael C. Wood, Town Manager, referring to his March 19, 2007 memo, noted that the recommended budget would be revised to increase to \$15,000 the line under Public Works Building for Fire Code Projects.

There was a suggestion to increase the CIP budget by \$60,000 to begin preliminary work on the DPW and Police Station upgrade projects. The recommendation was to delay this item.

The Town Council discussed excluding the annex lease expense from the CIP budget but recognized that moving that expense to the operational budget might create greater difficulties.

The Town Council discussed options for employees' vehicles and requested that the administration review the issue. Discussion ensued.

In closing, Michael C. Wood, Town Manager, was commended and thanked for the thoughtful approach to the FY2008 CIP budget recommendation. The Budget Board and staff were also thanked.

3. Proponents: None

4. Opponents: None

5. VOTED to close the public hearing.

Motion by Councilor Norman C. Mainville. Seconded by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Kevin M. Blais, Margaret L. Dudley, John M.

Karmozyn Jr., Norman C. Mainville and Cynthia L. Roe.

6. VOTED to adjourn at 8:35 P.M.

Motion by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. Seconded by Councilor Norman C. Mainville. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Kevin M. Blais, Margaret L. Dudley, John M. Karmozyn Jr., Norman C. Mainville and Cynthia L. Roe.

The hearing was taped. The tape is on file with the record of the hearing.

Louise R. Phaneuf, Town Clerk