

Town of Lincoln

Budget Board Meeting

October 24, 2013

Present:

**​Carl Brunetti​​Mike Babbitt​​Bob
Turner​​Bill DiBiasio
​Hagop Jawharjian​Rhonda Lacombe​Richard
Foster​​Bill McManus
​Maria Marcello​​Paul Deutsch**

Absent:

​Paul DiDomenico

Call To Order

The meeting began at 7:32 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of September 25th were distributed for review.

Richard Foster made a motion, seconded by Bill DiBiasio, to approve the minutes.

The minutes were approved by a vote of 7-0 with Bill DiBiasio, Bill McManus and Maria Marcello abstaining because they were not present on September 25th.

Bill DiBiasio made a motion, seconded by Richard Foster, to change

the order of the agenda to elect officers first so that the newly elected positions may be in place for the remainder of the meeting.

Election of Officers

Bill DiBiasio nominated Carl Brunetti for the position of Budget Board Chair.

Richard Foster seconded the nomination.

Bill DiBiasio made a motion, seconded by Richard Foster to close nominations for Chair.

Carl Brunetti was elected Budget Board Chair by a vote of 9-0 with Carl abstaining.

Bill DiBiasio nominated Hagop Jawharjian for the position of Budget Board Vice Chair.

Bob Turner seconded the nomination.

Richard Foster made a motion, seconded by Bill DiBiasio to close nominations for Vice Chair.

Hagop Jawharjian was elected Vice Chair by a vote of 9-0 with Hagop abstaining.

Bob Turner nominated Richard Foster for the position of Budget Board Corresponding Secretary.

Mike Babbitt seconded the nomination.

The nomination and second were withdrawn.

Mike Babbitt nominated Maria Marcello for the position of Budget Board Corresponding Secretary.

Hagop Jawharjian seconded the nomination.

Bill DiBiasio made a motion, seconded by Richard Foster, to close nominations for Corresponding Secretary.

Maria Marcello was elected Corresponding Secretary by a vote of 9-0 with Maria abstaining.

Bill DiBiasio made a motion, seconded by Richard Foster, to return to the previous order of the meeting agenda.

Correspondence

A letter was received from the Town Administrator regarding correspondence from the Preservation Society about the Chase Farm House.

Correspondence was also received from the School Department stating that they met with the Finance Director regarding all expenditures to ensure that they matched FTM approval or were approved by the School Committee.

The Budget Board discussed evaluating the completed projects on their annual school tour to ensure that the scope of the projects was not changed after their approval.

It was noted that the Budget Board would like support from the Town Council and School Committee to see that all capital improvement projects go through the proper procedure and are vetted through the budget process as they should be.

Public Comment

Bruce Balon and Tom Burlingame were present to advocate that the Budget Board seriously consider a request for a comprehensive plan for a new multi-purpose field at the High School as well as a renovation of the press box and storage areas.

It was noted that many organizations use the current field and that it is in deplorable condition.

The programs that use the fields do have participation fees, but it was unclear whether any of those funds go back into the program for maintenance of the fields.

It seems that the poor condition of the field is due to lack of maintenance and over-use which makes it difficult to upkeep.

It was noted that a proposal received by the Budget Board previously was only to renovate the actual field and would be completely funded by the Town.

The possibility of redoing the field could either include a synthetic field or turf, and the Budget Board feels both options should be quantified as to the cost of the project, the cost of maintenance and the life span of the renovation.

It was also noted that the entire campus of the High School may be under consideration in the long-term capital improvement project plan.

Ultimately, a proposal has to be brought before the Budget Board by the School Department for consideration in the capital improvement

budget, but they can do things to patch the field and make it safer in the meantime.

Old Business

In Capital Project Updates, it was noted that the new Library addition is now open, the Fairlawn Skate Park cement ramps have been taken down and holes patched, and that the High School tennis courts have been redone.

Fairlawn skate park cement pieces taken down, holes patched.

An update received regarding Municipal Budget expenditures was distributed.

A School Department update was also sent out, which shows a \$43,000 surplus due to additional state aid.

New Business

The Town Administrator stated in correspondence to the Budget Board that the Capital Improvement Project Plan has been submitted to the Town Council and will be discussed at their next meeting on November 26th.

It seems that the Town Capital Development Committee has not had any meetings recently.

The Budget Board discussed that schools seem to have done work on town-owned buildings that the town did not approve, as well as the fact that the 5-year capital improvement project plan seems to

contain more previous expenditure data than recommendations for future projects.

The next meeting of the Budget Board will be held on November 14th.

Public Comment

There was no Public Comment or Questions at the time.

Adjourn

Bill DiBiasio made a motion, seconded by Richard Foster, to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.