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## NEW LONDON PLANNING BOARD

### **CIP Subcommittee Meeting** **Capital Improvements Program (CIP)**

Friday, September 23, 2016

9:00 a.m.

New London Fire Department

Meeting and Training Room

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bill Dietrich (PB Subcommittee Chair), Janet Kidder (BOS Representative on Planning Board) and Rob Prohl.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Michele Holton and Bill Berger.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Lucy St. John, Planning & Zoning Administrator, and Jay Lyon, Fire Chief (last 5 minutes of the meeting).

**Call to Order:** Chair Dietrich called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

**Review draft minutes of August 19.** Motion to approve as presented. Approved.

### **Discussion:**

- ✓ Reviewed FY 2017 Capital Reserve Fund Projections, and stated that need to increase funding in the various accounts.
- ✓ Staff provided comments submitted via email from Bill Berger (CIP Subcommittee member) dated September 20, 2016. These comments were provided to the subcommittee at the meeting for the discussion.
- ✓ Discussed the 1941 Building and site including the Town's recent discussions with the School Board, some people in Town want to see what the operating cost and revenues would be if the Town acquired the building and site, and that this issue should be on the March 2017 Town Warrant for New London voters to consider. Issues regarding Dispatch (Police Station), Recreation and Whipple Hall will evolve once the overall discussion on the 1941 building (including the gym) and site are decided.
- ✓ Reviewed the draft CIP document prepared for the meeting and discussed various projects, including the Pleasant Lake Dam project, Sewer Lagoon project, Parkside Sidewalk Project, Goose Hole Bridge Engineering, need for the Transfer Station Study, increase funding for sidewalk and bridge projects, and continue to invest in equipment. Noted that the current location of the Transfer Station is a great location (close to highway), finding another site will not be easy, need to study the total reorganization of the site (including removing buildings and building new).

- ✓ Need to get Recreation out of Whipple Hall. The real issues with the Police and Dispatch are Buker Section of the building. Could move Police/Dispatch to where Recreation is located. At this point in time need to remove Whipple Hall out of the discussion, until the issue with the 1941 Building and site are resolved.
- ✓ Staff to revise the draft document and include the following recommendations.
- ✓ The Planning Board will review the draft document at their Sept 27<sup>th</sup> meeting and may include changes and prepare the final CIP document for the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE CIP SUBCOMMITTEE TO THE PLANNING BOARD:**

- A. The highest priority for capital investment is to analyze the cost of acquiring and refurbishing the 1941 Building, including the gym, based upon an analysis for future use for one or more municipal activities and to present a proposal to the Town Meeting March 2017.
- B. Fund the Pleasant Lake Dam Project
- C. Fund the Sewer Lagoon Project
- D. Fund the Parkside Sidewalk Project
- E. Fund Goose Hole Bridge Engineering
- F. Fund the Study of the Transfer Station Site including addressing the future space requirements for the transfer station.
- G. Increase funding for sidewalk and bridge projects in the Capital Reserve accounts.
- H. The Town should continue to invest in heavy duty equipment to meet the fire safety, highway maintenance, and trash collection requirements of the Town.

**Motion to Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 9:48 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucy A. St. John, Planning and Zoning Administrator  
For the CIP Subcommittee