

Minutes of the East Montpelier Capital Improvement Committee

November 2, 2021 (Zoom meeting)

Members Present: Ed Deegan, Kim Watson, Don Welch, Jon Jewett, Scott Hess

Call to Order: 6:02 pm

Changes to Agenda: None

Public Comment: None

Review Minutes of September 7, 2021

Motion: I move to approve the September 7, 2021 minutes. Made: Scott Hess. Second: Don Welch. Vote on motion: passed unanimously.

Review current FY2023 Capital Budget in New Format

- **Committee thanked Don for the new format in the CIC FY2023 presentation.**
- **Ed noted that there was only a 1.97% increase to the FY23 CIC budget. However, he would like to add the upkeep of our sidewalk assets into the budget in the future. We should plan what it would cost for replacement or maintenance due to deterioration of the village sidewalk in the future.**
- **Kim Watson noted that annual maintenance should be in the annual town budget since sidewalks have over a 10-50 year lifespan.**

A motion was made by Scott Hess to address the sidewalk asset in the village.

Motion: I move to establish a line item for the sidewalks under paving. Made: Scott Hess. Second: Ed Deegan.

Vote on motion: Passed; 3, Yes. 2, No.

General discussion on the motion: Don will add a line item with a expected cost of "0" under the last paving job on the CIC FY23 Budget to plan for future deterioration of the sidewalk.

The lifespan for sidewalks can be as much as 50 years. Therefore, the lifespan is hard to predict, and we will ask the Road Forman to comment on his thoughts on sidewalk needs in the future.

Don Welch noted that predicted pricing for paving is high and anticipates there will be adjustments that can happen which will not affect the overall budget for the future.

The CIC committee then made a motion to approve the FY2023 CIC budget and set a hearing date.

Motion: I move to approve the FY2023 CIC budget with the amendment above and set a date for a public hearing.

Made: Jon Jewett. Second: Scott Hess. Vote on motion: Vote on motion: passed unanimously.

General Discussion the motion:

Vehicles may be replaced sooner which might change years but should not impact the over all budgets. Lifespans for most budget items are arbitrary in a plan like this. Don Welsh commented that the committee had done a good job on capturing expenditures for the future. It is important to understand that we are trying to help budget for future generations.

Chair Ed Deegan will contact Bruce to send out a hearing notification to review and approve the CIC budget for submittal to the Selectboard. The hearing should be set for 6PM on Wednesday, December 1, 2021

Motion to Adjourn: Made by Scott Hess. Second: Don Welch. Meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 1, 2021. 6:45PM.

Submitted: Kim Watson

Approved: December 1, 2021