

Minutes of the East Montpelier Capital Improvement Committee

April 13, 2023

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

Call to Order: 4:05 pm

Changes to Agenda: none

Public Comment: none

Review Dog Park Proposal with Georgina Bjornlund

- Georgina Bjornlund presented her proposal on putting in dog park for EM. She presented pictures of the dog park in Waterbury and an article for the proposed park in Warren. The CIC was supportive of her proposal; however, it is not the CIC's charge to move a proposal like this forward. More work would need to go into proposal costs and funding. It was suggested that she speak to the SB to form a committee or go to another committee such as the trails or the recreation committee to spark their interest to get costs and /or possible grant funding. She will review her options and get back to us.

Review Minutes of November 15, 2022

Motion: I move to approve the minutes from September 22, 2022, as amended. Made: Don Welch.

Second: Scott Hess. Vote on motion: passed unanimously.

Election of Officers

- Don Welch made a motion to nominate the slate of officers as follows: Chair, Ed Deegan, Vice Chair, Don Welch, and Secretary, Kim Watson for 2023-2024. Motion was seconded by Scott Hess. Vote on motion: passed unanimously.

Discussion of FY2023 – FY2024 CIC Plan

- The committee reviewed the finalized plan and discussed the additions to the budget for the upcoming FY2024 – FY 2025. The actuals for the new year are still being finalized based on the audits. Adjustments for fund allocations for the Firetruck and overages on paving are in the works and will be finalized by Michele Pallas in the coming weeks and once completed the final plan as approved by the SB will be completed and sent to the CIC committee.
- As agreed upon at our last meeting the following will be added as line items for the new CIC budget plan in FY2024-FY2025. Under Paving (page 8) Sidewalk Replacement was added. After much discussion it was agreed that the following line items will be added for FY2024 – FY2025:
 - Municipal Building (page 3)
 - General Building Needs
 - IT Technology-Servers, phones, software
 - Upgrades, Renovations, Rebuild
 - Town Garage (page 4)
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- Scott Hess and Jon Jewett, SB members, will work with the SB on planning costs for these future

expenditures over the next five years. The Town Garage design for the rebuild will likely be out of the Opportunity Fund in FY 2024 and again these will all be worked on by the SB as we look into future needs for the municipal building and the town garage.

Other Business - None

Motion to Adjourn: Made by Don Welch. Second: Michele Pallas. Vote on motion: passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:55 PM

Next Meeting: TBD

Submitted: Kim Watson Approved: June 29, 2023