**Capital Expenditures Committee**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, October 1, 2013, 6:00 PM**

**Lower Conference Room**

**Members Present:** John Heffernan, Michael Podolski, Amy Paxson, Peter Springer and Susan Fay

Mr. Heffernan called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

6:00 PM- Dedham Police Department Vehicle Purchase-

Chief D’Entremont was present and spoke about the new plan for the animal control vehicle.

Mr. Heffernan confirmed with the Chief that it would result in a decreased cost of approximately $15,000.

Mr. Podolski made a motion to approve the change, seconded by Ms. Paxson. **It was voted 5-0.**

Chief D’Entremont explained that they also plan to purchase a crossover-type vehicle instead of the Tahoe as originally planned for the Patrol Supervisor. He explained that this vehicle would be a little bit smaller, would have a comparable price, and would feature better gas mileage as well as all wheel drive capability.

Susan questioned whether it was necessary for the Chief to designate the vehicle type or if they could simply appropriate an amount for him to spend on the vehicle that would best meet their needs.

Mr. Podolski made a motion to allow the chief to spend the appropriated amount of money as he chooses on any vehicle type the Police Department deems appropriate, seconded by Mr. Springer. **It was voted 5-0.**

6:15 PM- Facilities Department-

Taissir Alani explained that he would like to use the money that is left over from savings from completing the Riverdale roof and pool roof and apply it towards the windows and doors. He explained that the savings from the previous projects is $41,000.

Ms. Paxson questioned if based on the list of items that needed repair if there was anything that might be of a higher priority that was not necessarily related to these two buildings.

Mr. Springer mentioned the possibility of the School Committee closing the Riverdale School and expressed concerned about spending money on a building that would soon be abandoned.

Derek Moulton, resident and Finance Committee member, clarified that while the schools plan to do a feasibility study, there is not a plan in place to close the school.

Mr. Heffernan questioned if there was anything else that the money could be applied towards that would “complete a project”.

Mr. Podolski made a motion to approve the $41,000 be used to replace the doors at the pool, seconded by Ms. Paxson. **It was voted 5-0.**

Mr. Springer made a motion to adjourn at 6:35 PM, seconded by Ms Paxson. **It was voted 5-0.**