**Capital Expenditures Committee**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, April 22nd, 2013, 5:00 PM**

**Dedham Town Hall – Lower Conference Room**

**Members Present:** John Heffernan, Michael Podolski, Amy Paxson, Peter Springer and Kenneth Bragg

Mr. Heffernan called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM

A proposal for Capital Projects to be funded was presented to the Committee from the Finance Department. Mariellen Murphy explained that although she was able to find more money available, she was not able to come up with enough money to fund all of the requests.

Mr. Keegan explained the need for a Technology Study and development of a strategic plan prior to funding any wireless technology requests. Mr. Keegan also explained that although replacement technology was recommended to be funded, the study would address questions like whether more portable devices should be purchased rather than desktops. Mr. Keegan explained the goal of making sure money is being spent wisely and not being wasted.

Mr. Podolski expressed concern that the study may take more than a year. Mr. Keegan explained that the study should not take more than a year as it will be a priority.

Members of the School Committee were present and expressed concern about not funding the infrastructure upgrade as it was believed to be a critical need. They noted that with the new iPads on the network, the bottleneck would increase. Ms. Murphy and Mr Keegan as well as Mr. Heffernan explained that they did not recall a connection being made between these two requests and one being dependent on the other.

Mr. Keegan continued through the list of large items not recommended for funding. He explained that the replacement of Engine 4 is not needed until FY2015, so it is not recommended to be funded this year.

Mr. Keegan explained that the Allied Drive sidewalk is not being not being recommended for funding as it may have other funding available. It is being grouped with other sidewalk projects to be done in order of priority which will be determined by the Department of Public Works.

The Committee requested that Don Langenhorst be contacted and asked to come to the next meeting to address the concerns expressed at this meeting relevant to not funding the infrastructure technology needs.

Mr. Heffernan made a motion to approve the items to be recommended to the Finance Committee as presented by Mr. Keegan, seconded by Mr. Bragg. **It was voted 5-0.**

Mr. Springer made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from May 21, 2012, seconded by Mr. Bragg **It was voted 3-0** (Ms. Paxson and Mr. Springer abstained)

Ms. Paxson made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from March 20, 2013, seconded by Mr. Podolski. **It was voted 3-0.** (Mr. Bragg and Mr. Springer abstained)

Mr. Podolski made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from April 1, 2013, seconded by Mr. Springer. **It was voted 4-0. (**Ms. Paxson abstained)

Ms. Paxson made a motion to adjourn at 6:00 PM, seconded by Mr. Bragg. **It was voted 5-0.**