

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

MEETING

AUGUST 7, 2025

PRESENT: Tim Redmond, Chair; Mark Lemay, Selectmen's Rep; Olivia Welch-Erdahl, Budget Committee Rep; Brad Parkhurst, Community at Large Rep; Jack Carbonneau, School Board Rep; and James Raymond, Vice-Chair, Community at Large Rep.

Chairman Redmond called the CIP meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

MINUTES OF JULY 31, 2025

B. Parkhurst moved, seconded by J. Raymond, to approve of the minutes as presented.

Vote: 5-in favor, 0-opposed, 1-abstained (J. Carbonneau). Motion carried.

GOFFSTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Terry Curtis, Chair of the Library Board of Trustees: I am sure you are all familiar with our library. It was built in 1909. The Trustees take very seriously the care and maintenance of our building. It is an important building to this town. We are working on an LCHIP Grant to help us restore the historic windows in the building. We are also trying to find other ways to be able to obtain that. When it rains, we can get an enormous amount of water in our parking lot. There is money in the budget this year, but it is not enough to do this project. We did receive a few requests from residents. We are trying to use this money and the CIP money to handle this. We do need to wait until the drainage project is completed before we can pave. There is \$33,000 to repave the lot once we have the drainage problem taken care of.

I also mentioned we are doing the window restoration. We are hoping to do this with an LCHIP grant. The second thing is, repointing the brick. This needs to be done in a historical way. In 2027, we are hoping to have \$90,000 available for this project.

B. Parkhurst asked what repointing means.

Jack: It means filling the holes in the mortar.

Olivia: There was talk about combining the drainage with the windows with the LCHIP.

T. Curtis recommended we separate the two items. We hope to pursue more LCHIP grants. This is the first time we have applied for LCHIP funding. If we are successful with this grant, we do plan to apply for another grant to either completely fund or offset the pavement. We are also working with the Goffstown Library Foundation. They are helping us raise the match. Our budget is presented to the town under the town's warrant article.

SEWER DEPARTMENT - Enterprise Fund - Funded by the Rate Payers

Cory Wike, Superintendent: For the next six years, we moved out our projects for three years in order to work together with DPW. For the next three years I budgeted \$450,000 for camera work. When we find damage to the sewer lines, we are basically eliminating the damaged areas. In 2030 we will be replacing our Dodge pick-up truck, if necessary. The plan is to re-camera the town. We have paper records. With the new technology, they can send it to the IT department and load it into the GIS system. We try to coordinate with DPW because everyone is changing the infrastructure in the right -of-way at the same time. This way, the street is done once, and we cost share the total amount of the asphalt. Outlying areas will take place in the flats.

J. Raymond: We have tried to avoid ups and downs. Does your plan create problems with this?

C. Wilke: It is fairly leveled out.

QUESTIONS

Scott Gross: The School District last year did a \$3 million dollar lease for boilers. The initial thought of the School Board was to do a bond or a municipal lease. We decided to do one larger municipal lease. I don't know if that will change with a new board. We have been able to do various projects. We got over \$500,000 rebates. You target those when they are available. When you do a municipal lease or bond, you then incur an annual payment. In the case of the \$3 million, we will have a payment for 17 years to pay for this, which tries to level out. The School Board and District are mindful of not having ups and downs.

J. Raymond: Are you doing the work or funding in the same year.

S. Gross: My assessment would be a funding year and next year the work will be completed. Each year in which you know you have a labor contract, they try not to put a bond or lease to compete against a labor contract. The following year will be support staff contract. Hopefully, this year will not have a bond or lease as well. If you are doing roof repairs, you might not be able to do all the jobs at one time. However, the funding would be in that one year.

S. Gross: The \$70 million is a space holder. We have issues with space in our elementary school. There is not an ample amount of state aid to go around for building aid. The reality is, there is not enough money in the State budget to build even one elementary school in the State of NH. We know we have new housing developments. It is an awareness announcement.

The school had a facilities planning committee. To make Glen Lake an elementary school, we would need to add the core facilities. We're looking into building a new elementary school or a new middle school. Mt. View would then be enlarged, and we would close Maple Avenue and Bartlett. It was a cost factor to expand Glen Lake School.

DELIBERATIONS

T. Redmond: All the departments came well prepared.

M. Lemay voiced concerns with the fact that the town has no control with the prices of vehicles increasing.

Olivia: This last budget cycle, people didn't realize there was a concerted effort by a group of people to review the bottom line for each year.

M. Lemay thought the department heads did a very good job.

T. Redmond: Does anyone have any issues with the vehicle requests?

Brad Parkhurst stated he was pleased with the presentations by the department heads.

Jack stated when you put things on hold, it ends up costing more in repairs.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Tim Redmond: Are there any issues with the items requested by Police and Fire?

No issues were raised.

DPW? Road Plan and Culvert Replacements - No issues.

Library? Windows, Parking Lot Repavement, Exterior Renovation - No issues.

Administration - no issues.

Parks and Recs - no issues.

Sewer Department - Strike \$90,000 from 2026 for the vehicle.

SCHOOL

T. Redmond: I personally would have liked to see items included in the bond in an earlier year in the budget in case the bond does not pass.

J. Raymond moved to recommend to the Planning Board the matrix with one amendment. Seconded by J. Carbonneau. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

T. Redmond: Who wants to present at the planning board meeting?

Brad: Sewer, Library, Parks and Rec

Jack: School

Jim: Fire and Police

Tim: Administration

Jim thanked Tim for running such efficient meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Ann Duffy
Planning & Economic Development Director