

## Advisory Commission on Capital Expenditures

### Minutes

January 14, 2014

Attendance: Michael Stevens, Tony Roncaioli, Karen Baldwin, Larry Plano, Laura Guerette, Wendy Lamontagne

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

The commission discussed the with the Superintendent of Schools and Director of Parks and Recreation the progress of the efforts that are both in process as well as planned within the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

Schools: The item of note is the successful acquisition of a state grant that allows up to \$1.3 million of reimbursement to the town for safety related upgrades to all of the town's schools. However, these funds are conditional on both the town making an initial investment in the safety infrastructure greater than 25% of the total allocation and with the caveat that the work be complete by mid-2015. The discussions centered primarily on the shifted priorities, given this notable potential funding source and what would be needed from the town in order to take full advantage of grant.

Parks and Recreation: The discussions centered primarily on the development of Babb's Beach. The goal of our discussions were to begin forming a three-year plan that will allow for the town's residents to first use the upper property for functions and social gatherings, with the ultimate goal to have the Babb's Beach area fully, including the beach and water sections by 2016. This would allow for the sustained development and use of a town property that has not been functional for many years. The next steps are for the Director to provide an estimate of year 1, 2 and 3 start up and maintenance costs so that the town had the option to project and fund those efforts.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm