

**Advisory Commission on Capital Expenditures
Minutes of the October 8, 2009 special meeting**

1) Chairman Tom Frenaye called the meeting to order at 7:00pm in the 2nd floor conference room in Town Hall. Commission member Eric Harrington, and alternate Marilyn Conley were present. Raye Mandirola and George Colli IV were unable to attend. Also present was Economic Development Director Patrick McMahon.

2) There was no public input.

3) Mr. McMahon gave a brief presentation regarding the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program, funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The town of Suffield is eligible for \$68,735 under the terms of the program.

Mr. McMahon said that a list of possible projects had been created after discussions with the Public Works Department, Board of Selectman and members of the Ad Hoc Energy Committee. He recommended that ACCE endorse the top three projects on the list – replacement of windows at Town Hall, upgrading of (some) lighting at the Library, and a technical consultant to perform energy audits on town buildings.

Mr. Harrington asked about several alternate projects and for details about each of the projects recommended. Mr. McMahon said energy audits would not be needed for any school buildings since they had recently been reviewed in the renovation process completed several years ago.

After discussion, the Committee voted to endorse the proposal as presented and encouraged Mr. McMahon to continue to look for grants to support town capital projects.

4) The Committee briefly discussed the upcoming budget process for 2010, and some preliminary information from the survey of all town roads conducted during the last several months.

5) The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

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