

**Advisory Commission on Capital Expenditures  
Minutes of the February 25, 2009 meeting**

1) Chairman Tom Frenaye called the meeting to order at 7:00pm in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room in Town Hall. Commission members George Colli IV, Eric Harrington, Raye Mandirola and alternate Marilyn Conley were present.

2) After Mr. Mandirola moved, and Mr. Harrington seconded, the Commission approved the minutes of the February 11, 2009 meeting.

3) Mr. Frenaye reported on preliminary radio system estimates received from Fire Chief Tom Bellmore – potentially \$648,000 for a full digital radio conversion. It was still unclear how much of what was in the proposal from the consultant was needed, and how much might be included in the police radio system estimates.

Additionally, Chairman Bruce Remington from the Water Pollution Control Authority had been contacted and reported there was still a possible sewer system project in the works for the future for the area around the Congamond lakes. The WPCA is currently working with a consultant to assess the sewer needs in that area.

4) The group discussed the need for a Public Hearing to receive input on capital projects for the town – with the consensus that it should be held on March 11<sup>th</sup> as part of the next ACCE meeting.

5) Projects submitted during previous meetings were then reviewed to assess whether they met the criteria for capital projects – minimum of \$10,000, and expenditure for major renovation, replacement and/or expansion of existing assets and infrastructure, and acquisition or creation of new assets or infrastructure.

Two projects were tentatively identified as non-capital, and will be referred back to the departments for possible inclusion into the operating budgets (study of Babbs property for \$25,000 and Plan of Conservation and Development for \$91,000) for this year or in a future year.

Mr. Harrington noted the recurring expense for the Payloader purchased this fiscal year should be identified as a non-capital expense as well. The full value should have been capitalized this fiscal year, and the remaining four \$27,146 yearly payments should be accounted for elsewhere.

Considerable time was then spent going over all capital projects requested for 2009-10, with tentative priority groupings assigned. Mr. Colli noted that upkeep of existing buildings and other infrastructure items was a high priority. A number of questions were identified to research before the next meeting, with Chairman Frenaye to follow-up on them.

6) The meeting adjourned at 8:48pm.