

Millville Capital Program Committee Minutes April 26, 2022

Meeting via Zoom

Meeting called to order @ 7:02 by Peter Caruso

Attendees: Peter Caruso, Jennifer Gill, Rich Crivello, Jeff Pettit, Gerry Finn, Joe Fitzpatrick (Millville Building Inspector), Steve Tringali

Not in Attendance: Preston Juskavitch

BMRSD Capital and Facilities Planning Update:

A "Capital Working Group" subcommittee is being formed to review and prioritize future BMR capital expenditures, as derived from the district's Capital Improvement Plan. Steve Tringali volunteered to serve on this committee.

Building Inspector Report-Longfellow Municipal Center: Joe Fitzpatrick

Joe recently had the opportunity to tour the Longfellow Municipal Center site and offered his impressions. In his opinion, the roof failed due to missing collar ties. In referring to a 2014 report, it was mentioned that the collar ties had been removed at some point, possibly when the roof had suffered some fire damage. If the roof could receive some extensive repair, it would render the building serviceable. The brick walls in the building are moving outward as well, due to the lack of the collar ties. Other needed repairs include repointing of the bricks in the basement. The fieldstone foundation had been damaged due to years of improper drainage. A new HVAC system would need to be installed throughout the building. Extensive painting and restoration work is needed throughout the building, as well as work on ceilings and refinishing the floors, as the building has been vacant for several years. However, Joe did not notice any black mold in the basement. If the building were to be restored to use as a municipal building, the existing restrooms and the existing elevator would be sufficient. The planned for NESHAP study of the building will still be done, it may yield additional information about possible renovations.

One point that still needs some research is the building's status as a historical building. The Longfellow building exists ***within a historical district***; however, it is not specifically designated as a historical building. If the building is designated as a historical building, there would be many restrictions to its repair and renovation. If the building is on the historical register, this may make it eligible for grants for repairs and upgrades.

St Augustine's Church Opportunity:

The possible purchase and refurbishment of the St Augustine's church building, and related parcel is a possibility. However, the extent of any repairs of the existing Longfellow building must be fully explored before any definitive decision is to be made about St Augustine's. There is an additional large parcel of land adjacent to the church that connects to the existing Millville Elementary School. This land is already owned by the town. There is a warrant article (Article 7) concerning the St Augustine's property, on the upcoming Annual Town Meeting for Monday, May 9, 2022.

Capital Requests from Department Heads:

BVT- Fusion Laser: There is a request from BVT for a \$22,000 Fusion Edge Laser. This laser is a necessary piece of equipment needed to teach the Engineering curriculum frameworks to students. This laser will be a needed piece of equipment to teach in September 2022. The projections for this upcoming FY 2023 school year include a reduction of \$51,781 fewer dollars for the town of Millville's assessment. There is some possibility that this laser could be purchased using ARPA funds. Some members of the CPC committee were hesitant to approve this expenditure using ARPA or other funds, until the entire extent of ARPA funds and pending expenditures could be examined in more detail. A non-binding straw poll was conducted of the CPC, and it resulted in 3 votes in favor (Caruso, Pettit, Finn), 2 abstentions (Tringali, Gill): citing the need for more details on ARPA funding availability.

Police Department – Incident Command Vehicle:

Michael Soter is working to secure \$25,00 in funding to properly outfit a vehicle as an Incident command vehicle, however the vehicle must be purchased by the town.

Recreation Department: Outdoor Basketball Court:

There is a request from the recreation department to install an outdoor basketball court on the location of the current playground adjacent to the Millville Police Department. However it is not permitted to pave over an active septic leach field. It is believed that a leach field currently exists under the existing playground, the playground is covered in pea gravel at the present time. Jeff Pettit suggested that he is able to determine where the existing leach field is currently. He will do this and get back to the committee with his results at a later date.

May 9 Annual Town Meeting Warrant Items:

There are two articles on the ATM meeting, articles 9 and 10, that need approval of the Capital Program Committee. There was a motion to move any funds from these two articles into free cash. The vote was unanimous, 5-0, to support moving any resultant funds from these articles into free cash.

Liaison Reports: Gerry Finn-Senior Center There have been two estimates submitted for the carport at the Senior Center. The price from each estimate is very similar.

Approval of Minutes: from the March 29, 2022 meeting. One minor change was noted, it was rectified. The minutes were approved with the change, Voted 4-0, with 1 abstention.

Next meeting: June 7 @ 7:00 via zoom.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:48pm, Unanimously approved 5-0.

Peter D Camer
CPC Chair
3/15/23