

Capital Planning Committee Report

July 21, 2014

FY14/15 Capital Budget Report

Please note all numbers are estimates based on Department reports and expected costs

The City Capital Budget for FY14/15 Starting July 1st, 2014 will be approximately \$21,249,240_ in planned project spending as well as \$1,642,784 in long term capital debt service for completed projects/bonds for a total of \$22,892,024. School Department capital spending is not included in this number. These numbers represent a tax burden for Fiscal Year 2015 of \$1,108,133. The FY15 capital budget impact on Sewer Fee appropriations will be approximately \$1,207,370 and Water Fee impact will be \$795,281. Differences in number totals reflect grants, donations, and receipt of lump sum bond funding. The debt service of 1.6 million represents bond repayment costs from prior year capital projects.

The Department of Public Works will begin work on the Combined Sewer Overflow project in the area between Crescent St. and Library Ave. This project will combine storm water runoff improvements with paving, sidewalk, and curbing. The City Forester has applied for and received a \$5,000 grant that he will match from his budget to ensure that the green space is brought up to current standard with tree plantings. The City Forester also identified a potential expense to his division due to Emerald Ash Borer invasion. Removal, replacement, and protection of the City's ash trees is estimated to cost over \$40 thousand dollars. The RRA has also applied for State grant funding and received Zamias Fund City match to complete sidewalk and curbing along Library Ave not covered by the DPW project.

The DPW will also continue its street and sidewalk rehabilitation with \$500,000 worth of road projects as well as \$70,000 in sidewalk repair and construction. Projects include: Killington Ave.

The Recreation and Parks Department will perform a capital assessment of White's Pool to determine short and long term structural needs. This represents the initial investment in a larger project. Structural assessment and project drafting will be completed at Giorgetti Arena using the Giorgetti Trust Fund. This will result in a plan for rink upgrades to bring the facility into current code compliance as well as control humidity and air handling problems identified in last year's study. Rotary Park will have a complete plan drafted with options for field drainage, building removal, pavilion siting, and path siting with field drainage and building removal commencing in FY14/15 using the Field Maintenance Fund. Section 4 of the Creek Path will begin construction in FY14/15 using Grant and local non-tax funding. Section 5 scoping and planning is slated for FY 14/15 as well. Also, the Center Street Alley may see some long awaited movement using a 978 thousand dollar federal earmark.

Long-Term Debt: A bond for one City capital initiative passed at town meeting. Annual payments for the Northwest Neighborhood Sewer Separation project bond (5 million approved, 3.7 million expected need) will start in FY15/16 at \$238,511 annually.

Capital Spending and Planning in FY 13-14

Total capital spending for FY 13/14 was not determined for this report.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

The Street Paving budget for FY13-14 was reduced to \$430,000 due to heavy snow year with increased salt and plow use. Projects completed included paving on Elm, Watkins, North St Ext, West St., Evergreen, Albert Cree, Ave D, Brightview, Dana, Coolidge, Marble, Edgerton, Harrington, Highland, Horton, Kendal, North, Perry, Piedmont, Prospect, Summer, Tuttle Meadow, Wood, & Baxter.

Sidewalks were replaced/improved on South Main, Stratton, Madison, Wales, Nichols ('13), Strongs, Washington, Union, Killington, & Deer.

Crescent St Bridge \$175,000

Equipment: 5-ton dump and ¾-ton truck \$153,000

WATER

Water Treatment CEN \$563,400

Water mains replaced on Division, Jan, & Killington. Loops completed on Ronaldo and Convent.

Excavator Lease: \$31,512

SEWER

Sewer CEN: \$187,800

CSO Bond: \$160,000

CSO Phase 2A: \$132,500

West St. Bond: \$28,300

Sewer line replaced on Burnham, River, Southern, Piedmont, Crescent, and Curtis.

RECREATION & PARKS

Giorgetti Park Bear Mtn. Needs Assessment: \$47,500

Design, planning and drafting completed for Rotary Park field rehabilitation, on site work to begin Fall 2014. \$12,500

White's Park Playground \$56,000 (26k from a family fund, 15k grant, and 15k tax appropriation)

East Creek Path Segment 2 completed.

Courcelle Roof Repair: \$140,000 (\$110,000 from appropriations, 30K from fund to be determined)

Ordinance requiring \$30k be place in capital account for Giorgetti Park annually.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Engine #2 Replacement: \$606,000 from Fire Equipment Replacement Fund

Other

City street lighting upgrade should be complete with all lights being LED by the end of FY14. \$325,771

FLEET REPLACEMENT (Non-Capital)

The **Police Department** developed and presented a detailed Fleet Replacement plan and schedule that allows for both safe and effective equipment, avoiding unnecessary vehicle costs and taking advantage of current lease financing.

Development of the Capital Planning Program was a time consuming undertaking. It would be a shame to see that effort wasted. The Mayor, along with a representative from the BOA, the RRA Director and a representative from the City Planning Commission should begin the process for FY 16 by mid-August. I look forward to hearing of their progress.