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# TOWN OF ELLINGTON

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JOHN W. TURNER

BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Monday, January 30, 2017  
Town Hall Meeting Hall

## MINUTES

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Lori Spielman, Melinda Ferry, Aaron Foster, James Prichard,  
David Stavens, Ronald Stomberg and John Turner

OTHERS PRESENT: Nicolas J. DiCorleto, Jr., Finance Officer/Treasurer; Gary T.  
Feldman, Sr., Chief, Ellington Volunteer Fire Department (EVFD);  
Bryan Harvell, Crystal Lake Fire Department; Timothy Webb,  
Director of Public Works/WPCA Administrator; John Rachek,  
Board of Finance Chair; Tom Adams

### I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Selectmen (BOS) meeting was called to order by First Selectman Spielman at 7:00 P.M.

### II. CITIZENS' FORUM

No citizens came forward.

### III. AUTOMATED FINGERPRINT IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM AGREEMENT

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (PRICHARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ENTER INTO THE AUTOMATED FINGERPRINT IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM AGREEMENT FOR FINGERPRINT CARD SUBMISSIONS WITH THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION AS RECOMMENDED BY THE RESIDENT STATE TROOPER'S OFFICE SUPERVISOR; AND FURTHER RESOLVED, TO AUTHORIZE THE FIRST SELECTMAN TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT.

### IV. 2017-2018 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENETS DELIBERATIONS

The list of items that were recommended to add and remove from the Capital Improvements Budget was reviewed.

Ms. Spielman noted that the BOS recommended *Road Overlay and Chip Sealing of Streets-Reallocate* to the Capital Improvements Budget.

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Mr. Turner asked if we know if the LOCIP fund is going to reimburse for chip sealing. Mr. DiCorleto responded that the project was approved but they could not do the bonding for this year. They kept it in the budget because the Governor should be coming out with a budget in the next week, so it can be adjusted later.

The Town Hall Renovation/Addition is going to be a bonded project.

Mr. Turner questioned whether the quote for the *HML- Carpet Replacement* was based on a local vendor or a State bid. Mr. Webb responded that it is based off a State bid, the same firm that did the roof project. It is the CRCOG General Contractor. The *HML- Carpet Replacement* was recommended to the Capital Improvements Budget.

Ms. Spielman said that the BOS recommended *Town-wide Sidewalks* (for \$25,000 instead of the requested \$50,000), *Sidewalk Extension- West Road (RTE 83)*, and *Parking Lot Renovations* (for \$50,000 instead of the requested \$70,000).

Mr. Turner stated that the *Plan of Conservation and Development 2018, EVFD- Generator Station 243- Replmt* was recommended by the BOS to the Capital Improvements Budget. The *EHS Artificial Turf Football Field/Lighting* was recommended for bonding. The *BOE-Windermere Air Conditioning Cafeteria* was recommended.

Mr. Turner stated that the recommended projects for equipment purchases that were approved include *DPW- Snow Plow Dump Trucks Replacement, Pool Car/Town Staff Vehicle, CLFD- Multipurpose Pumper Truck- (Forestry/Service Vehicle)* (recommended at a 5 year lease), *CLFD-Replmt Breathing Apparatus (SCBA)-Revised* (recommended at a 5 year lease), *EVFD- Replmt Forestry Unit (F-143)* (recommended at a 5 year lease), and *EVFD-Breathing Apparatus and Air System Replacement* (recommended at a 5 year lease).

Mr. Turner noted that the total of the budget comes to \$2,735,272, less grants and reimbursements in the amount of \$184,561, for a net cost to the Town of \$2,550,711. As the projects mentioned under a 5 year lease must then be counted on their own under the operational budget, the net requested total is \$1,155,711.

Ms. Spielman again recapped each category to highlight whether there were any questions.

Mr. Turner asked the BOS to consider adding \$10,000 to the \$20,000 that was approved last year for an *Emergency Service Study*. Fourteen years ago when the original study was done, the Town spent just under \$20,000. He noted that it would be valuable in order to answer questions about apparatus replacement, station location, and give direction of where emergency services should go in the years to come. Considering there is about a million dollars going to equipment requests, Mr. Turner believes this would be a good time to enact the study.

Mr. DiCorleto recommended that they do not do the study for that amount, but to first do the RFP, and then come back for additional appropriation. Mr. Turner stated that he believes that the numbers and industry trends show that it is absolutely necessary to get the 3<sup>rd</sup> party verification and guidance.

Mr. Stavens asked about the money that had been approved in 2016-17 for the *Emergency Service Study*. He was told that the study was not done, and that the money is still there.

Ms. Spielman said that she is worried about the cost of the study. Mr. DiCorleto stated that he would prefer if they did the RFP, came back, and asked for additional appropriation.

Ms. Spielman asked John Rachek, Board of Finance Chair, what he thought of the study. He agreed that the study is necessary and that it should be done the way Mr. DiCorleto is recommending. Mr. DiCorleto noted that if they need more money, the Board of Finance can appropriate up to \$40,000 without a Town Meeting.

Mr. Stomberg raised concern regarding the cost of the artificial turf field. He said that the cost seems to grow every time the project comes up. Originally, it was under \$1,000,000, but now almost costs \$3,000,000. He stated that it will take a tremendous amount of maintenance to upkeep, and the people he has spoken to are not very enthusiastic about the project. He is not enthusiastic about it either. Mr. Prichard noted that they spent \$40,000 to do a study, which he voted against. Mr. DiCorleto said that the issue was that they were trying to find the true cost of the field. They did not want any surprise, or for there to be more money requested later; \$2,805,000 is the true cost of the field. Ms. Ferry asked what this amount covered. Mr. Webb said that it included one field, fencing, equipment to maintain the field, and lights on the field and tennis courts.

In regards to the *EVFD-Replmt Forestry Unit (F-143)*, Mr. Prichard brought up that he does not understand why the cost of the Forestry truck is \$450,000 for EVFD, but only \$230,000 for CLFD. Chief Feldman responded that this requested budget reflected the average price of these vehicles. They can cost more or less, but the goal of purchasing one of these is to benefit the Town with an ISO credit, and lower insurance ratings and getting an F-550 will not lower any insurance ratings. He said that he does not have the exact amount that it would lower the insurance premiums, but estimated that it would be around \$5 per person. He acknowledged that this is industry standard. Mr. Prichard responded that he thought it would be a better idea for the EVFD to get something that they need, rather than this. Chief Feldman said that he can just run the current truck into the ground, but right now there is no use for it besides putting out brush fires.

Mr. Turner again brought up the need for the *Emergency Services Study* so that a third party can come in and make recommendations. He said that this is needed before the BOS makes any recommendations.

Mr. Prichard said that the problem is that there are two forestry trucks that have a huge difference in cost. Chief Feldman said that he is replacing a forestry truck with a truck that will have a value to the Town. Mr. Prichard responded that they had just bought UTVs in order to put out brush fires. Chief Feldman stated that they currently cannot get their trucks down longer driveways. An F-550 will not carry 1000 feet of hose, which is the minimum required. He is in favor of doing a study, but the study from 2003 was never completed. He would like to see them set a time period for everything to be completed. He acknowledged that he has to think about what is best for the safety of everyone who comes through the Town of Ellington, and that is what he is trying to do by replacing the forestry truck with this vehicle.

Mr. Foster asked Chief Feldman if the full \$450,000 was approved, would there be a possibility for the cost to be less. He asked what the low range cost would be. Chief Feldman responded that it would be between \$250,000 and \$300,000.

Mr. Stomberg asked Chief Feldman to actually define what the truck would do. He doesn't believe that a truck that costs \$450,000 will go up into the woods. Chief Feldman said that the truck has the ability to go up Soapstone, and go up long roads to remote areas with the UTVs. It could be called a "mini pumper" that will get ISO credit, but an F-550 will not get ISO credit.

Tom Adams (5 Settlers Way) said that this truck is meant to be in support of UTVs. It can support forest fires as well as house fires.

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Mr. Foster asked how often the current forestry truck is used. Chief Feldman responded that it goes out about 12 times a year, but the new one would perform the function better as it would be able to carry more water.

Mr. Turner said that in order to keep the fire services going it is absolutely necessary to replace the air packs. There is no way around spending that money. He would recommend leaving that in and then reviewing everything else after a study is completed.

Ms. Spielman asked the BOS if they decided to take out the \$450,000 recommendation for the *EVFD- Replmt Pumper (ET-143)*. The BOS agreed to take this out for now.

Mr. Prichard asked when is the soonest that they can go out for the RFPs for the study. Mr. Turner suggested pulling the study from 2003, reviewing the language, and seeing what other towns have done recently and to see if we can get a copy of their RFPs.

Ms. Spielman confirmed with the BOS that they are definitely leaving in the requests for breathing apparatuses from both fire departments.

Mr. Foster asked how long it would take to implement the plan for radio system upgrades for EVFD. Chief Feldman responded that they will do a study and come back with more accurate numbers next year. Mr. Turner acknowledged that it might be possible for that to be done in less than a year, and if it is financially favorable they may come back sooner.

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (PRICHARD) AND PASSED [AYE: PRICHARD, STAVENS, STOMBERG, FERRY, FOSTER; NAY: TURNER] TO RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET FOR 2017-2018: ROAD OVERLAY (\$500,000); CHIP SEALING OF STREETS-REALLOCATE (\$106,719); UNIMPROVED ROAD IMPROVEMENT (\$20,000); HML-CARPET REPLACEMENT (\$95,750); TOWNWIDE SIDEWALKS (\$25,000); SIDEWALK EXTENSION-WEST ROAD (RTE 83) (\$97,303); PARKING LOT RENOVATIONS (\$50,000); PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT 2018 (\$80,000); EVFD-GENERATOR STATION 243- REPLMNT (\$55,000); BOE-WINDERMERE AIR CONDITIONING CAFETERIA (\$85,500); DPW- SNOW PLOW DUMP TRUCKS REPLACEMENT (\$190,000); POOL CAR/TOWN STAFF VEHICLE (\$35,000); CLFD- MULTIPURPOSE PUMPER TRUCK (\$230,000); CLFD- REPLACEMENT BREATHING APPARATUS (SCBA)- REVISED (\$215,000); EVFD- BREATHING APPARATUS AND AIR SYSTEM REPLACEMENT (\$500,000).

AND FURTHER TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF FINANCE A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET FOR 2016-17, A GROSS AMOUNT OF \$2,285,272, LESS GRANTS & REIMBURSEMENTS OF \$184,561, FOR A TOTAL NET AMOUNT OF \$2,100,711, LESS LEASES OF \$945,000, FOR A TOTAL NET COST TO THE TOWN OF \$1,155,711. (ATTACHED).

#### V. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED (STOMBERG), SECONDED (STAVENS) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AT 7:48 P.M.

Submitted by Meaghan Maguire Approved by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Meaghan Maguire

Lori Spielman

BOARD OF SELECTMEN APPROVED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET-	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET REQUEST 2017-2023									
	25-Jan-16 Approved Requests	26-Apr-16 BOF Approved	9-Jan-17 APPROVED BOS CAP IMP COM PROJECTS	30-Jan-17 BOS APPROVED CAP IMP PROJECTS	BOS APPROVED MEANS OF FINANCING	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Budget Requests 2016-17	Cap Non- Recur 2016-17	2016-17	BUDGET REQUESTS 2017-18	2017-18	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Amounts shown in dollars										
<b>ROAD CONSTRUCTION</b>										
Road Overlay	500,000	500,000	501,304	2,900,000	500,000	600,000	500,000	600,000	600,000	650,000
Local Capital Improvement Program			0	0						
Chip Sealing of Streets-Realocate	105,415	105,415	105,719	105,719	105,719	105,719	105,719	105,719	105,719	20,000
Unimproved Road Improvement	20,000			100,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
Road Construction			0	0						
Drainage				50,000						25,000
Curvet Replacement-Strawberry Road				0						
Traffic Calming				20,000						20,000
Large/Small Bridges				50,000						
Total	626,415	606,415	606,023	2,956,719	626,719	626,719	626,719	626,000	626,000	650,000
<b>SITE ACQUISITION</b>										
Municipal Land Trust Fund				0						
Athletic Fields				0						
Open Space Fund				0						
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>BUILDING CONSTRUCTION</b>										
EVFD-Additional Fire House	4,200,000			0						
EVFD-Firehouse Improvements at 29 Main Street	200,000	200,000	100,000	0						
Crystal Lake Beach				85,000	30,000					25,000
Crystal Lake Fire Department Upper Floor Renovation				100,000						100,000
Animal Control Facility (Dog Pound)	20,000			20,000						20,000
Town Hall Renovation/Addition	750,000	1,250,000		2,860,000						
BOE-Windermere School Solar Photovoltaic				500,000						500,000
Total	5,170,000	1,450,000	100,000	3,635,000	2,890,000	0	0	0	125,000	20,000
<b>BUILDING REPAIRS</b>										
Brookside Pavilion Needs				40,000						20,000
Public Works Garage Renovation				100,000						25,000
HML-Renodding of New Portion of Building				291,139						251,139
HML-Upgrades to the Restrooms				0						
HML-Carpet Replacement	104,800	76,000	76,000	96,760	96,760	96,760	96,760	96,760	96,760	30,000
HML-Interior Painting				25,000						
BOE-EHS-Exterior Auditorium Wall Repair				30,000						400,000
BOE-Windermere School Tile & Ceiling Replimnt				400,000						153,028
BOE-Windermere School Window Replacement				153,028						1,714,800
BOE-Windermere School Renooing				1,714,800						336,139
Total	104,800	100,000	76,000	2,876,715	148,760	96,760	96,760	96,760	2,292,826	100,000
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>										
Townwide Sidewalks				250,000	60,000					50,000
Sidewalk Extension-West Road (RTE 89)				2,400,000	87,303	25,000	25,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Parking Lot Renovallions				330,000	70,000	87,303	87,303	210,938	2,091,859	60,000
Transfer Station Site Improvements at Town Garage	50,000	50,000	50,000	20,000	70,000	50,000	50,000	70,000	70,000	50,000
Reveloop Plan of Landfill Brush Collection Site				20,000						20,000
Revaluation				0						
Plan of Conservation and Development 2018				80,000	80,000					
Field Irrigation	25,000	25,000	25,000	65,000	65,000					
Backstops and Fencing				0						



BOARD OF SELECTMEN APPROVED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET-	25-Jan-16		9-Jan-17		30-Jan-17		CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET REQUEST 2017-2023														
	BOS	Approved	BOS	Approved	BOS	Approved	2017-18		2018-19		2019-20		2020-21		2021-22		2022-23				
	Requests	Cap Non-BOF	Requests	Cap Non-BOF	Projects	Projects	Projects	Projects	Projects	Projects	Projects	Projects	Projects	Projects	Projects	Projects	Projects	Projects	Projects		
Revised-1/19/17																					
Amounts shown in dollars																					
BOE-Systemwide Security Enhancements																					
BOE-Computer Replacement Cycle																					
BOE-Audio/Visual Upgrades																					
Police Body Cameras																					
Police Cruisers																					
Total	2,845,907	1,565,945	497,945		3,949,000	2,455,000		1,820,000	1,170,000			285,000		50,000							
Grand Total	9,027,122	3,834,360	1,375,968		19,929,434	9,637,772		2,735,272	2,285,272			1,892,977		5,897,685		1,187,000					
TOTAL FUNDING	9,027,122	3,834,360	1,375,968		19,929,434	9,637,772		2,735,272	2,285,272			1,892,977		5,897,685		1,187,000					
LESS FEEDSTATE GRANTS/ASSESSMENTS/BOND/LEASE																					
Slate Grant-STEAP Grant-Town Hall		500,000																			
Slate Grant-DEEP Grant-EHS Artificial Turf Football Field			600,000																		
Slate Grant-DEEP Grant-EHS Artificial Turf Football Field					500,000																
Slate Grant-Winderm Sch Solar Photovoltaic reprimt-57.0%					1,000,000																
Slate Grant-Winderm Sch Tile & Ceiling reprimt-57.0%					285,000																
Slate Grant-Winderm Sch Window Replacement-28.5%					228,000																
Slate Grant-Winderm Sch Renocroing-57.0%					43,512																
Slate Grant-LOCIP (1)		105,415	105,719		106,719			106,719	106,719												
Federal Grant-Sidewalk Extension-West Rd (RTE 83)-80%					1,919,999			77,842	77,842												
DPW-Maintenance Fund																					
CLFD-Repimnt Pumper (E-242)			334,000																		
EVFD-Repimnt Pumper (E-143)			750,000																		
Town Hall Renovation			750,000																		
Ambulance Fee Program																					
TOTAL	605,415	2,439,415	1,087,719		6,060,766	1,684,561		184,561	184,561												
NET COST TO TOWN	8,421,707	1,394,945	1,268,249		14,868,668	7,953,211		2,550,711	2,100,711												
CAP NON REC FUND																					
One Mill for FY2016-17= \$1,311,725																					
EVFD-Breathing Apparatus and Air System Replacement																					
CLFD-Repimnt Breathing Apparatus (SOBA)-Revised																					
CLFD-Multipurpose Pumper Truck-(Forestry/Service Veh																					
EVFD-Repimnt Forestry Unit (F-143)																					
Equipment to be funded by 5 year lease																					
NET COST TO TOWN																					
CAP NON REC FUND LESS THE 4 LEASE ITEMS ABOVE																					