

# **MONTAGUE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE**

## **Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, April 12, 2023 3:15 PM**

### **Meeting Held Remotely**

#### **In Attendance:**

CIC Members: Gregory Garrison (GG), Ariel Elan (AE), Jason Burbank (JB), Chris Menegoni (CM)

Town Staff: Water Ramsey (WR)- Assistant Town Admin,

Meeting convened 3:15, GG presiding

#### **1.Approval of Minutes:**

**MOTION** by JB to approve the minutes of 3/29/23. Seconded by CM. GG-AYE, JB- AYE, CM- AYE, AE- Abstaining. *MOTION CARRIED.*

#### **2. Review of Draft FY24-29 Capital Plan, next steps**

WR reviewed the framework of the Capital Plan. The CIC was satisfied with the work product so far. WR will continue to build out the information gaps and report back. WR will present the plan framework to the Selectboard next week.

#### **3. ARPA Discussion**

GG and Matt Lord (Selectboard) have met with WR and Steve Ellis and are working out an ARPA spending framework/strategy. It involves funding a split of 50% on wastewater, 30% on general capital, 10% on economic and community development and 10% on general contingency. Since there are more projects than funding is available, there still needs to be worked out criteria by which to rank potential projects. The CIC does wish to play an active role in the process. There was some discussion about a proposal from Matt L to fund wastewater capital projects on the ATM warrant through ARPA to help offset the fiscal impact of the screw pump project to ratepayers.

#### **4. Meet with Heath Cummings, Facilities Director of Gill-Montague Regional School District to discuss future capital needs.**

Heath Cummings reviewed the status of current projects. The School is prioritizing parking lot, driveway, and sidewalk repairs at Hillcrest in the next budget cycle. This is due to safety and walkability and drop off convenience concerns. The walks and driveways are in poor shape and in Heath's opinion cannot wait for a new school to be constructed.

A new school feasibility study, if accepted into the MSBA program, would cost approximately \$200,000 on FY25.

Most of the major capital needs for Hillcrest and Sheffield can wait on the outcome of that study. Heath reviewed the project list and edits were made in real time by WR

**Next Meeting TBD**

***MOTION** to close the meeting at 4:47 PM by JB. Seconded by AE. GG- AYE, AE- AYE, JB-AYE.  
Motion Carried*

Respectfully Submitted,

Walter Ramsey