

Budget and Finance Committee

6/7/22 6:00 pm Senior Community Center

Meeting Post: <https://www.cityofnewburyport.com/budget-finance/events/307091>

Roll:

B/F: Wright, Zeid, Khan

Committee of the Whole: Donahue, McCauley, Vogel, Shand

Ethan Manning, Paula Burke, Mike Dissete, Ben loconno

Agenda:

ORDR00362_05_31_2022 Friends of COA Gift Acceptance \$15,700

- Originally came in
- Not fully spent towards pickleball
- This would allow the remaining funds to be used towards any purpose that is COA related
- Ben loncono – Chair COA. They are in support of this to move this forward and to get the funds to be used. At the same time, still hopeful that the other funds will be used towards multi-use court. In support of using unspent funds.
- JD - \$5,850
- All previous funds went to Huntress
- No immediate idea to spend this but transportation is high on the list as are outdoor spaces
- Paula Burke – waiting to think on that.
- AK – thank you to friends of groups. Accounting perspective, does it go into line item. Does it go to revenue?
- EM – donation would have gone into specific account. AK – does that show up in the budget. EM – they live in special revenue funds
- JM – Original gift for dedicated purpose.
- **Motion to Approve** - AK/MW – 3-0

TRAN00128_05_31_2022 Library Staff Salary \$25,955 to Library Heat/Electricity \$6,000 and Library Maint. Expense \$18,535 and Library Admin Expense \$1,420

- **Motion to Approve** AK/MW – 3, 0

ORDR00354_05_09_2022 FY23 CPC Recommendations (COTW)

https://www.cityofnewburyport.com/sites/g/files/vyhlf7106/f/agendas/city_council_packet_05_09_2022_v3.pdf#page=99

Project 1 Priority Housing Needs and Update to Housing Prod Plan

- Do they have opportunities
- This was setting aside funds
- SZ – asking about why we’re stacking in funds when we haven’t spent
- SZ – ViewPoint shows many balances
- AK – They have a 2022 AHT strategic plan
- AK - Kind of have some milestones, does this help, haven’t seen strategic plan
- AK – Hold on some questions, request AHT members to attend
- JM – Attended CPC meeting. They were stockpiling money, hopefully \$30k for updated plan. MVPC might be able to do plan for less. \$200k. Nothing specific but wanted to have cash.
- EM – The Affordable Trust Fund. It is set up under state statute. Balance grows forward. AHT fund is under jurisdiction under AHT.
- JD – Makes sense for them to prepare to possibly match a grant or have money to start a grant
- BV – Narrative speaks to 40R as well as well as Waterfront West, they are looking at different things. Stockpiling is not necessarily a bad thing.

Project 2 Old South Clock Face

- Mike Dissette – Current PR is already on file
- Held by Mass Historical
- JD – Wanted to speak on behalf of project. Applicant could not ahead. W2 constituent spearheaded.
- BV – Additional \$500 from their community raised

Motion to recommend approval – MW/AK, 3-0

Project 3 Cushing House Arch Preservation

- Bethany Dorou – New director. This project of 5 courses of decorative trim of end of life. Been there since 1808. They want to repair/replace. Gutters need to be assessed and rehung. It is a national historic landmark – carefully preserved. Shutters are less of preservation issue – made of pine. They also need to remade. Have a quote to make them out of Spanish Cedar. Been a challenge to get people who can do that. American Steeple Company. They were phasing it out. The 101K is the total project and will be phased over two years. \$20k more to finish – hope to raise it elsewhere.

Motion to recommend approval – AK/MW, 3-0

Project 4 Bartlet Mall Pond

Project 5 Open Space Reserve Fund

- Nothing hot in terms of a purchase
- Open space and rec is 10% as one category so debt service accounts for
- BV – is there a time limit
- MD – we meet for each cycle
- EM – shows as part of tax rate setting
- Can you go to reserve fund to pay for debt service? MD – we can find out
- AK – Open Space plan, is it the planning dept? It is the Open Space Committee?

- SZ – Can you use for maintenance, MD – No, not maintenance use for capital.
- SZ – Protect water sources, MD – Yes
- AK – Who connects the pieces in Planning Office. Geordie
- **Motion to recommend approval – AK/MW, 2-1**

Project 6 Heritage Tree Preservation

- Ghlee Woodworth – first did this in 2008 and 2009
- Back then worked on 50 trees
- Conducted by Northeast Shade Trees Portsmouth
- Heritage Means it is 100 years old or older
- Huge windstorm, those trees were saved
- Have some of the oldest trees in Newburyport
- Assume 20 trees or so in this run
- The vendor donates some time as well

Motion to recommend approval – AK/MW, 3-0

Project 7 Joppa Park

2-0, 1 Recused (SZ)

Project 8 Lower Atkinson

- 1.1M was total was for total
- 1.1M was for bringing parking into park and then relocate the playground that is there
- In this discussion with Parks and CPC
- Would be better to move playground as a next step
- There were some other issues such as draining
- The \$52X is a very recent quote for moving playground to be an inclusive playground. Any renovated will be inclusive.
- Net increase of 5-6 spaces
- This is to the east of the club house
- MW – where will playground go. It would go in between the ballfields
- AK – I think is a good application
- KT – Community Actions uses that playground meets requirements
- JM – We looked at this a year ago, put parking back the way it was because couldn't solve problem
- 22, to 32 spaces +10 spaces
- Stay in committee

Project 9 Market Landing Park

Project 10 Newburyport Black History Initiative

- Approximately 9 signs
- Proposed locations, subject to approval
- Subject to of sight of safety
- AK – There was an article in a magazine, It was in Newburyport magazine
- AK – Would be nice to have a map

- SZ – cost – MD – inflation
- MW – what category – MD – historic
- JM – Is the planning office the right group to do this? Is the planning office too busy for this?

Motion to recommend approval – AK/MW, 3-0

Project 11: NHS Stadium Bond

Project 12: Cherry Hill Bond

Project 13: Fuller Field Track Bond

Project 14: Administrative Costs

TRAN00129_05_31_2022 Mayor's Office Multiple See Attached \$3,021,480.56 to Multiple See Attached \$3,021,480.56 COTW

- BV - This is a good idea
- BV – How close are these dollar amounts to finish these projects
- BV – Timing on this?

Additional Business:

ORDR00336_03_28_2022 ARPA Amesbury 250K

ORDR00355_05_09_2022 Loan Order \$2,574,000 Bartlet Mall Improvements Project COTW

ORDR00356_05_09_2022 Loan Order \$3,000,000 Market Landing Park Expansion Project COTW

Motion to adjourn:

Recording:

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AK/MW, 7:29pm, 3-0