

Town of Sterling  
Capital Budget and Finance Committee Meeting Minutes  
With Selectboard Attendance  
March 3, 2021  
Zoom

The Capital Budget Committee called to order at 6:00 PM

The Finance Committee called to order at 6:00 PM

**In Attendance for the Capital Budget Committee:**

Remote Connection: Todd Chapman, Chair, Ezequiel Ayala, Lynne Sheppard, Bob Brown

**In Attendance for the Finance Committee:**

Remote Connection: Todd Chapman, Chair, Ezequiel Ayala, George Handy, Chris Paquette

**Absent:** Mary Cliett for Capital Budget Committee and Finance Committee

**In Attendance for the Selectboard:** Maureen Cranson, Chair, Arden Sonnenberg, John Kilcoyne

**Also Attending Remotely:** Fred Aponte, Town Accountant and Kellie Hebert, Town Administrator, Valerie Handy, Recording Secretary for the Capital Budget Committee and Finance Committee

**Review and Evaluate FY22 Capital Requests:**

The Selectboard asked if there are any red flags that need to be addressed. The CBC and Fincom have no red flags, rather they do have questions for the department heads.

Some of the projects the committees highlighted were:

Fire Department: Replacement of Rescue 1 for \$350k.

DPW: \$234K road resurfacing. This request is new to the department and more information needed.

Fire Department Storage Shed at DPW Site: \$125k. What are the assumptions, i.e., upkeep, etc.?

Library: \$330K engineering study. What does this encompass? \$50K was appropriated previously and \$30K was accepted for initial feasibility design. Specific information needed on last year's spending.

The committees and Selectboard touched on the Omnibus Budget increases. With these in mind, the questions regarding department capital projects will be: "Do You Need It and Do You Need it Now?"

**Other Committee Business:** None

**Set Next Meeting Date:** Wednesday March 11, 2021 at 6pm Zoom. This will be a Capital Budget Committee as well as Finance Committee Board Meeting.

**Adjourn – CBC:**

A motion to adjourn the CBC meeting was made by Lynne Sheppard and seconded by Ezequiel Ayala.

Unanimously supported. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

**Adjourn – Fincom:**

A motion to adjourn the Finance Committee was made by Chris Paquette and seconded by George Handy. Unanimously supported. Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.