

**Capital Improvements Committee Meeting**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at 5:30 pm**  
**Bellingham Municipal Center**  
**Arcand Meeting Room**

Capital Improvements Committee Members Present: R. Lavallee (Chairman), J. Collamati, J. Kuzmeskas, J. McCarthy

Capital Improvements Committee Members Absent: K. Grant

Meeting Commenced: R. Lavallee called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm

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J. Collamati made a motion to approve the Minutes from the March 28, 2023, Capital Improvements Committee Meeting, as submitted. Seconded by J. Kuzmeskas. Recommended 4/0.

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**Public Hearing:** DPW Director, Jesse Riedle, was present to discuss the following Capital Requests as listed below:

**Stormwater**

Mr. Riedle is requesting the purchase of 2 new Elgin Pelican Street Sweepers, in the total amount of \$485,020, which includes the warranty of the new sweepers and trade in value for both sweepers being replaced. The current street sweepers are a 2018 Elgin with 1,633 hours and a 2019 with 1,301 hours. The new sweepers would come with a 1-year standard warranty, service, parts and operator's manuals, and all other standard equipment. The new sweepers are being requested due to anticipated costs and repairs to the aging equipment. Sweepers should be traded on an increased schedule in order to maintain operational equipment and frequent street cleaning, as required by Stormwater Regulations.

Committee Members discussed this request and agreed that more information would be needed regarding the condition of the current sweepers, as well as a copy of repair logs for sweepers that are currently in use.

J. Collamati made a motion to table this request until the Fall Town Meeting, after the above requested information can be obtained and researched. J. Kuzmeskas seconded. Recommended 4/0.

**Water**

The DPW Director is requesting \$65,000 for the repair of a failed 100KW generator that is needed to provide emergency standby power to run Wells #7 and #8. The current generator is not operational, and the department is currently renting a generator to maintain backup power. If power were lost, there would be no supply from two of the largest producing wells on the North side of Town. An additional \$15,000 is estimated, due to inflation and contingency.

J. Collamati made a motion to recommend the repair of a backup generator for Wells #7 and #8, as described above. J. Kuzmeskas seconded. Recommended 4/0.

Mr. Riedle is requesting an amount of \$2,100,000 for PFAS and TTHM Treatment at the Hartford Avenue Filtration Plant. The PILOT study for \$450,000, is funded by ARPA. The requested amount is for the initial design fee of 10% and OPM fee of 0.5% of proposed cost of a \$20M project. The preliminary estimate of project construction cost is an additional \$18M, which the Department is planning to seek funding through various grants and loan opportunities for.

J. Collamati made a motion to recommend the Treatment of PFAS and TTHM at the Hartford Avenue Treatment Plant as described above. J. Kuzmeskas seconded. Recommended 4/0.

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**Public Hearing** – Building Commissioner, Tim Aicardi, was present to discuss the Capital Requests for Station 1 (South Fire Station), as presented below:

The amount of \$60,000 is being requested to remove and replace shingles and plywood for the roof of South Station. Also included in this pricing would be for the removal and wrapping of an asbestos boiler and replacement with a new boiler. There are multiple calls into companies for the pricing of both projects. However, if the combined quotes were over the requested amount of \$60,000, they would then work on the most important of the two, which would be roof shingles and plywood replacement.

J. Kuzmeskas made a motion to recommend the request for the South Station roof and boiler replacement, as described above. J. McCarthy seconded. Recommended 4/0.

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New Business, Emails, Correspondence, Bills:

The next Capital Improvements Committee Meeting, if needed, will be discussed at a later date.

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J. Collamati made a motion to adjourn at 6:31 pm. Seconded by J. Kuzmeskas. Recommended 4/0.

Respectfully Submitted,

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