MINUTES OF THE CHESHIRE TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING AND
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2010 AT
7:00 P.M. IN ROOM 207, TOWN HALL, 84 SOUTH MAIN STREET
CHESHIRE CT 06410.

Present
Budget Committee Members David Schrumm, Chairman, Michael Ecke and
James Sima. Council members Timothy Slocum, Andrew Falvey, Anne
Giddings, Timothy White. Absent: Thomas Ruocco
Staff: Michael A. Milone, Town Manager; Patti Lynn Ryan, Finance Director;
James Jaskot, Deputy Finance Director; Ramona Harten, Library Director; Jack
Casner, Fire Chief.
Dr. Greg Florio, Superintendent of Schools; Vincent Masciano, Business
Manager, BOE.

1. ROLL CALL
The clerk called the roll and a quorum was determined to be present.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The group Pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

3. DISCUSSION RE: PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011 FIVE YEAR
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PLAN AND ANNUAL CAPITAL
EXPENDITURE BUDGET.

Mr. Milone distributed a 5-page summary of the FY 2011 Proposed CEP Funding
and Referendum Analysis. Page 1 takes the CEP from the public hearing to
where we are now. As a result of going back and looking at projects and
realizing certain things would be subject to referendum, a few items were moved
around in C.N.R. to limit the number of referendum items. The items scheduled
for referendum are: 8 – Land Acquisition; 10 – Fire Breathing Apparatus
Upgrade; 17 – Road Repavement Program; 23 – District Wide Roof
Replacement; 27 – Dodd Cafeteria Renovations.

Mr. Ryan highlighted some of the items in the summary.
Item #1 – GIS System, $135,000; moved from C.N.R. to bonds.
Item #5 – Roof Repairs/Police Department, $165,000; moved from C.N.R. to
bonding. This totals $300,000. Water Main projects were brought back into
C.N.R.; the water mains on Moss Farms Road had a previous appropriation of
$200,000, and this $300,000 would have put the project over the referendum
limit.
#12, #15, #22 are vehicle replacement items to be combined for $160,000 total to
create the Vehicle Replacement Fund.
Item #19 – Cook Hill Pump Station design, $120,000 was moved to year #1.
Item #23 – District Wide Roof Replacement, was reduced by $150,000 to $1
million.
Mr. Milone explained that the column “Recommended Appropriation as Revised” totals $8,855,000; the distribution of the C.N.R. revised is $1,130,000; Bonded funding is $6,550,000.

The only two projects where the grant funding was backed out were in the West Main Streetscape Project and the Turf Field at CHS. As it is understood, Council is not going ahead with either of these projects unless they were fully funded from other sources. The $350,000 for West Main Street is offset by the grant expectation; and the CHS Turf Field is offset by the $500,000 grant and other monies being raised. Mr. Milone said the bonding column will not be as high as stated because of the grant funding.

The backup generator, $177,000 has a grant of $88,300, but the final bond amount was not reduced pending receipt of the State grant.

Without changes in the projects, the ones cited will go to referendum.

Dodd Cafeteria Renovations had an appropriation of $120,000 plus the $200,000 in FY 09-10, and this project will have to go to referendum.

The Roof Replacement – Police Department was reduced to $1 million. Some of the roofs listed were done with an appropriation (page 9-9) from last year and were completed. The high school roof replacement had a previous $75,000 appropriation, and the Norton School roof project had a previous $75,000 appropriation.

**CHESHIRE LIBRARY – Ms. Harten**

Ms. Harten was present for this part of the meeting. Technology costs estimated in year #1 are $127,500, which is a higher quote due to availability of a new type of disc media tag.

Library Furniture – This cost is reduced to $172,500. Some Councilors did a walk through the Library with Ms. Harten and Mr. Milone. The estimated annual expenses for the equipment will have to be paid out for maintenance contracts and RFID tags.

Ms. Harten informed the Council that ISO will be voting this year on data standards for RFID tags. Once the standard is in place all tags can be read by any vendor’s equipment. Other libraries are going forward with RFID without the ISO standards.

With rearrangement of the furniture to accommodate the Library patrons, Mr. Slocum asked if this would be a satisfactory result in year one with available funding.
In response, Ms. Harten said “yes”...she could see an immediate benefit to the library, staff and patrons. The project can be done in a two step process. She has heard that Hartford is funding shovel ready projects.

Mr. Milone explained that the non-technology estimated cost is actually $162,500; the Library has $50,000; and is hoping for another $50,000 grant. We can move on this project immediately because we have the $50,000 grant. We must wait three weeks for projects over $175,000 as they can be petitioned for referendum.

Mr. White asked for Ms. Harten’s perception on the RFID, check out, as a separate function other than the return function.

According to Ms. Harten the return function is more complicated, and it cannot be accommodated in Cheshire, and it is more costly.

Mr. Schrumm stated that he visited the Library and the reconfiguration will be more beneficial to the staff and patrons.

Specialized movers are required to take the books off the shelves, and Ms. Harten said they must be boxed in order along with the equipment.

Ms. Harten said the reconfiguration will alleviate space pressures. The Teen Library section will be moved into the lobby; the Teen area will be used to expand the pre-school in the Children’s Room.

It was recommended by Mr. Schrumm that $162,500 be taken for the reconfiguration and furniture, and put the RFID into next year’s budget.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – Chief Jack Casner

In the CEP there is $300,000 for water mains and Mr. Schrumm asked for specificity about the naming of the roads involved for this project and associated costs with each road.

Ms. Ryan noted that the water mains are in C.N.R. without any specificity. Without specificity this project would be going to referendum. With C.N.R. funding there is flexibility and no interest payments.

With doing water mains, Mr. Schrumm asked about installation of gas lines into the street if it is available at the same time.

Mr. White asked if any money has been allocated to water mains over the last few years.
In FY 2006, Ms. Ryan said there was a $600,000 appropriation for water mains, non-specific on the roads involved.

Breathing Apparatus, page 3. Chief Casner gave a detailed explanation (and handout) along with a description of the apparatus and what is involved. Each of the 80 breathing apparatus units will include new harness, upgraded regulator, pressure reducer, masks, tracking, air bottles, and hoses. Total cost is $272,000.

For the 50 regulators, Chief Casner would choose 50 of his most active fire fighters. The SCBA face masks will be issued to members with regulators with 10 spares of varied sizes.

There would be 80 breathing apparatus units to be stored on the vehicles with a mask and regulator. There would be a total of 130 regulators. If the appropriation is approved there would be 80 units on wheels showing up at a fire, and 50 units with on the person of 50 active firefighters. The industry trend is to issue a mask and regulator to individual firefighters, as this prevents infections and airborne diseases. With individual masks there no need to decontaminate and clean them immediately after each use. When masks are used by multiple fire fighters they must be cleaned and decontaminated immediately upon return to the fire house. The fire department has about 1,000 calls annually, air packs and masks are used for every fire call event.

Mr. Falvey asked about the air bottles and replacement time for the bottles.

The average amount of time for an air bottle is 20 minutes, and Chief Casner said it depends on the fire fighter’s activity at the fire, with some bottles replaced twice during a fire. Once the bottle is used, it is thrown away.

Water Mains – without specificity, Mr. Schrumm said there could be specificity declared over the next 12 months for the roads, i.e. Moss Farms Road. He asked why Moss Farms Road.

Chief Casner said it provided a layer of redundancy from the water main on Waterbury Road up to the Deacon Wood/Alpine Drive development. There have been water main failures in Town in the last few years, and fire protection water would not be lost or drinking water lost. There are some contaminated wells on Moss Farms Road, and there has been an attempt to secure funding from the State to no avail. Mr. Milone said that there was contamination on four properties and the Town was promised a State grant but it never materialized. The contamination was not from the landfill.
Chief Casner would like to do Marion Road which would be about $1 million for water mains from Consolidated Industries to Waterbury Road. It would be another $1 million to do the Charter Oak area.

Mrs. Giddings asked about getting to outlying roads, and hooking up mains in other towns, i.e Wallingford.

This is done and Chief Casner said thee is capability to hook up with Southington or Wallingford, with a universal fitting that clicks together and snaps. This is being done with bordering towns.

Generator – Mr. Milone asked Chief Casner why the four Town buildings were chosen and for more information on the generator, if we are going out to bid, and the costs of wiring the buildings.

Chief Casner advised that throughout the application, there was reference to purchasing of the generator through the State process. This must be done by November 15th and in the Town’s possession. He is not sure this will happen even with ordering the generator now. He hopes to get an extension from Homeland Security, and no problem is anticipated. The generator is $88,000, and the one the Town has is 230kw, and for $8,000 more the Town can buy an 800 kw generator. The buildings to be wired will have the same boxes on the outside which are the same as the one at the high school. This way the generator can be pulled up with a PW Department truck, fire it up, run cords over and plug it in. The high school has the wiring for the front half of the building. He would like to see the Senior Center, Town Hall, Fire Station Headquarters and the Police Department wired. These are the key buildings, with the police station as the communications hub as well as the fire department. The front of the high school is a secondary shelter after the Senior Center as the primary shelter. The Town Hall is selected for continuity of government issue in order to run the town government.

It was noted by Mr. Schrumm that the cost is $177,000, less the $88,000 grant, with a net of $99,000 needed. The wiring could be done in the order of the Police Department, Fire Department, Senior Center and then Town Hall. Right now the high school has the capability of power in the front part of the school with the existing generator. The BOE building has a back up generator. The old generator is still functioning to power the front half of the school. The new generator could be used to power the back of the building, gaining access to the gym, auditorium, weight room, for space. When the pricing was put together, Chief Casner said the contractor stated $20,000 per building for wiring, but it could be done for about $12,500 per building. With this pricing, we should be able to do the high school.

Mr. Milone said that with getting the generator for less money, the rest of the money cannot be used for wiring of the buildings.
With the generator proposed, Chief Casner said it can generate any voltage with a selector switch on it. With the State application approval, it was mentioned that the generator would be bought through the State procurement. Going out to bid and putting together the specs, we would be nowhere near the November 15th deadline, and the grant would be in jeopardy.

Charter Oak Drive – to do this area of Town would cost about $590,000. Mr. Milone said there is another $40,000 if we take the water main and extend it to the curb line for the affected houses. The total would be about $630,000 to do the entire area. These are estimates from the RWA. There was a question from Mr. Sima about bypassing the RWA when we are doing water mains and just go out to bid. In talking with RWA, Mr. Milone said RWA has the right of way to the property, and would not authorize the Town hooking up to their water mains. Basically, RWA controls the supply, right of way and hook up. RWA bids out projects by linear foot, have 3 or 4 vendors, and choose whoever is available to do the work. There is also about $300,000 for rock blasting.

Page 5 Vehicle Equipment, $160,000 request this year. Police Department is $80,000; Public Works pickup truck is $40,000 and Parks Department is $40,000 for a truck.

Page 6 – Public Property/Various Town Building Improvements, $200,000. The PW Department has a list of 5 items to be done and they are cited in the summary. There is also identification of larger unplanned building projects which have utilized capital money in the last few years.

Page 7 – Police Department Inventory/Assignment. Chief Cruess put together this listing showing the assignment of each vehicle. There are 7 take home vehicles (Chief, Deputy Chief, two Captains, Administrative Lieut. And Traffic Lieut., and the Detective Sergeant. The rest of the vehicles are distributed throughout the department. PTL means the vehicle is in patrol; Maco is the Animal Control; TRC is traffic; DB is the Detective Bureau which has 4 cars assigned, and they become the pool vehicles if anyone needs one.

On page 5, Mr. Adinolfi asked about the lower number.

Mr. Milone said we are trying to use this vehicle replacement account for lower cost vehicles. The two dump trucks are requested in the PW Department, item #15 on the CEP list.

GIS System – Mr. Schrumm said that it would be a good idea to take $25,000 out of the 2nd year Technology amount; move it into the first year; increase the Capital Planning Account to $135,000.

EDUCATION – Dr. Florio and Mr. Masciano.
Mr. Milone explained that there was $120,000 previously appropriated for the kitchen project, with $320,000 total appropriation. With the $150,000 requested appropriation in FY 2010-11, the project would have to go to referendum.

Dodd Middle School, is at $150,000. Mr. Masciano reported on what is being done with the Dodd Kitchen project, noting it will be completed in a few weeks (loading dock area, installation of freezer and cooler on the loading dock, removal of the freezer downstairs, conversion of this area to a storage area, renovation of a bathroom that is ADA compliant, with the storage closet in the back becoming an office for the kitchen manager and lockers). The request of $150,000 for the next fiscal year is to re-work the serving area for students. In the following fiscal year there is a $100,000 request to re-work the actual kitchen tables, food prep area, etc. It is three phases, with the third year having complete renovation of the Dodd Middle School kitchen. The total cost is $350,000 to $360,000.

District Wide Roofing at $1 million. Two roofs were done, one at the high school and one at Norton School. Of the $1 million, $900,000 will be for the high school area above the east gym and home economic area, about 47,000 sq.ft. of roof. The remaining $100,000 will be for repairs of seams on the roofs on the school buildings.

Dr. Florio stated that there will be State money for roof replacement, but not for repairs.

Some of the roofs to be seamed are out of the warranty period and Mr. Masciano said those still in warranty are not being looked at. Doing the seam repairs will keep us ahead of leaks.

Mr. White raised the issue of the town wide energy audit for all Town buildings, and requested that there be coordination of these roof projects. The general idea going forward is an RFP in September, responses in October, and selection of a vendor in November based on Cheshire High School, Dodd Middle School, Town Hall, and Police Department. In January the vendor will come in, do an energy audit of all Town buildings through to May, with possibly moving forward on a larger project. With the $1 million approved at referendum, Mr. White assumes there will be coordination of getting all the roofs done, and make sure we stay on top of everything. Some of the roof replacements will have an energy savings component.

Mr. Masciano reported that the carpeted flooring is being replaced with hard flooring which will last longer and stay cleaner.

TURF FIELD $825,000 – CHS
Mr. Schrumm stated that he does not believe the BOE or Town Council is ready to go forward with this project immediately, and it is not ready for year #1 of the
CEP. There will be more discussions about this project with the BOE having more questions on the project. Mr. Schrumm does not recommend putting the project into the first year of the CEP.

Dr. Florio said it appears we are in a Catch 22 because there will always be questions until there is a known actual cost. The BOE tried to get the best estimate possible, and there will still be questions. Until we have in our hands a document which states...if the project is started June 15, 2011, here is what it will cost to put in...there will still be questions. The exact cost will not be known until there is a hard and fast number, and people who want to ask questions will continue to do so.

This is different, and Mr. Schrumm said people are raising money to get to “X” without knowing what it is.

Dr. Florio commented on the turf field idea being around for 15 years when there was no $500,000 grant or group raising $250,000. This field is a no cost item to install. The Council said to the group...raise the money...if the bid comes in at $1.5 million the group has to raise another $700,000. If it comes in at $750,000 they have to raise another $10,000 to $15,000. Dr. Florio stated the questions cannot be answered until we go out to bid and know what the construction costs will be.

If the project is about $800,000 Mr. Slocum said it does not have to be in the CEP. The project could be done next Spring time. It is not a referendum item and does not have to be in the CEP. There must be coupling of the field and track projects, with one, the track project, having to go out to bid and referendum.

Less than a week ago the Council started seeing some numbers, and Mr. Schrumm said there has not been long detail on the different components of the project. There should be a consultant to determine which part of the work is track and which is the turf field. Mr. Schrumm said the track is a referendum item if section South D is included, which will put the project over $350,000. There will be no answers before August 31st when the Council votes on the annual CEP.

Mr. Ecke informed the Council and public that the track cost $500,000 fifteen (15) years ago, and there is no way for $400,000 that we will get a new track.

According to Mr. Masciano the cost is to resurface the track, including $60,000 for grinding down the rubber surface to the asphalt layer, putting 1.5 inches of concrete over this layer, and then put on the rubber surface. The $60,000 is an estimate; this work may not have to be done; and this would bring the total cost under the referendum limit. Core samples must be done.
Mr. Masciano said it would be a vote of confidence if the Council would support the project going to the next step. The $500,000 grant is still out there, and should be locked up before it goes away. The fund raising committee has momentum. The next step should be taken…get solid bids…find out the actual cost. At some point when the economy improves these costs will increase.

Mr. Adinolfi said his perception is that, without the State funding, the turf project will not go forward. Some of the discussion taking place is important, but he is not sure of the next steps of the Council to insure getting this grant money. He hopes the Council will take action to request the State for the money and get it locked up.

It was stated by Mrs. Giddings that this project is not depending on the capital budget, and she asked why it is in the CEP. Discussion is important to have, asking the BOE revise their CEP request and include this project enabled this discussion to take place. The fund raising committee has worked hard, got more estimates, giving more information. If this project does not have to be included in the CEP, Mrs. Giddings said this project should not be forgotten, but it is something essential to the meeting’s discussion.

Mr. Schrumm said the issue of getting the project into the CEP was to get it out of the shadows. This is now an official BOE project, and after August 31st there will still be discussion on the project.

This is moving forward a project without any cost to the Town. Dr. Florio asked if a group decided to find funds to seek bids with solid construction numbers, could they come to the Council with firm numbers, and get permission to continue raising money and moving the project forward.

Mrs. Giddings wants the BOE to go on record, not just revising the CEP request, but in favor of this project. This does not mean BOE members have had their questions answered and they are in full support of the project. To her this sounds like passing the ball to the Council without BOE on record in support of the project. If the BOE wants this project, and it is thoroughly vetted, Mrs. Giddings wants them to go on record supporting the turf project, not just inclusion in the CEP. There were only four BOE members present who voted unanimously on this project.

With the money in the CEP, Dr. Florio said he wants to do the track project next Summer. It can be pushed off, but there will be money spent repairing holes in the track until it is totally replaced.

Mr. Falvey would like to spend the money to do the turf field at the same time as the track project…they should be done together since there is drainage work to be done for both the track and turf field.
There was $150,000 in the CEP last year for the track, and Mr. Schrumm said adding $300,000 this year makes it a referendum project. The track could be repaired for $450,000 including the South D area. If there are problems and issues with the track, then he wants to do only the track resurfacing, not the D area.

If the project is to be done, Dr. Florio said the Town should get the numbers for the whole thing.

Mr. Slocum said there is nothing stopping the BOE from getting hard numbers on the track and turf field projects.

The track is a Town Project, and Dr. Florio questioned if we are going to bid for one project.

Mr. Schrumm said he did not think so, unless the BOE is convinced the turf field will not fly. If it does not fly, then the track is done alone; if the turf field does fly then the projects are done together.

In that regard, Dr. Florio said the Council is saying to take the same engineer and keep going forward with them. If the funds are approved for the track, then we would have the firm choose numbers for the track and turf projects. The turf committee is responsible to pay for the design and installation of the turf. The Council is asking the committee to put up money without actual Council approval.

Mr. Slocum said the Council is trying to put more money into the track side of things which assures the turf will be paid for with fund raising.

If the track is not out to referendum this Fall 2010, Mr. Schrumm said next spring if there is money ready to go for the turf and track, we would need an out of sequence referendum, or wait to November 2011, doing the project in 2012.

This is a reimbursement grant for the turf field, and Dr. Florio asked if the Council must appropriate the $525,000 as part of this capital budget.

Town Manager Milone advised that at any time the Council can approve a special appropriation. It does not have to be in the capital budget process.

Mr. Schrumm stated he understands that the BOE does not have everything in place to approve the turf field.

There are numbers in the BOE budget and Dr. Florio said these numbers are close to those of the consultant. Now, the committee did a lot of research, and is being asked to bid the project with hard numbers and advise the Council.
Bob Behrer, Turf Committee Chairman, addressed the Council, stating that in November 2009 the Council voted to allow the committee to move forward, and raise at least half of the funds. If this was done, the Council would file with the State DEP to tie up the State grant. By tying up the State grant there was no obligation for the Town to request the money since it is a reimbursement grant. The committee raised one half of the money needed. The BOE voted to allow $9,000 for get the schematic drawing for both the turf and track projects. The funding is now at the 50% level, therefore, the committee will ask the Council to make an official request to the State to tie up the DEP money and move forward. At that point, Mr. Behrer said if there is the ability to move forward, for the committee to complete its work, it can be done. The field can be put on the inside of the track without disturbing the track. The point is to move forward with the project, but Council support is needed for continuation, as was shown in November 2009. The BOE Planning Committee will be taking up and discussing the project.

According to Mr. Schrumm this project can be discussed on September 1st without being part of the CEP, and he is not ready to endorse the turf project.

Mr. Behrer noted that asking DEP for the grant money is not endorsing the project.

It was stated by Mr. Ecke that having a "0" cost project in the CEP does not affect anything.

Mr. Schrumm said this is tantamount to endorsing the project.

Mr. Ecke stated that this project is not costing the Town any money, and is more than needed.

The turf field is not a priority right now and Mr. Schrumm said other things need to be done in Cheshire.

In that regard, Mr. Ecke asked what other project is not being done because of the turf project, and what Town resources this project is using. He questioned the difference between the turf project and continued support of the pool.

Mr. Schrumm it will be in 8 to 10 years from now when another project must be taken away for the turf field. He replied that the subtle difference is football is played on grass for the next 100 years, but you cannot swim all year round without the bubble.

At football practice yesterday under poor field conditions, Mr. Ecke advised that athletes are falling down and one was hurt.

Mr. Schrumm questioned why the foot ball field has deteriorated to that point.
In response, Dr. Florio said the fields are used all the time, and cannot recover from this continuous use.

Mr. Schrumm said there is no reason why the turf field cannot be discussed with a vote on August 31st or later in the year. The BOE has questions on this project, and is still out there on the project. There are also decisions coming with this turf project which are not Council business. The answers could be received over the next few months, and Mr. Schrumm said there is no reason to include the turf project in the CEP. The track can be included in the CEP for funding.

We should ask for $450,000 for the track, and Mr. Slocum said it makes sense to do the project as a whole. If the track project is approved at referendum, Mr. Slocum said we have the major part of the total project approved. He realizes the BOE is in this position because it was asked to put the turf project in the CEP, but this was done in order to have this frank discussion.

Dr. Florio is hearing that there will always be questions on the turf project, with people working hard to demonstrate how important this project is to the community.

Since it appears the turf project will not be in the capital budget, Mr. Adinolfi requested Chairman Slocum for a resolution in September to get the State to commit the grant to Cheshire. He commented on the fact that there is no risk to the Town, and the decision to build the project is contingent on the BOE vote.

Stating that the Council must build a consensus, Chairman Slocum said he is in the affirmative vote on the turf project.

If we do not have the money to begin with, Mr. Adinolfi said the rest of the discussion is moot.

Mr. Schrumm is not putting a time line on the project. He said there needs to be more questions answered at the BOE level and Council level about allocation of costs, what money goes to the track, what goes to the turf field. There is a summary sheet, and everything must be broken down for the true costs, contingency issues (5% ?). The BOE must answer all the ancillary questions on the turf project, vote on the actual cost, and ask to go forward with the project.

Dr. Florio said the simple answer to the problem is the need for a bid for hard and fast numbers.

After the BOE endorses the turf project and there are hard and fast numbers, Chairman Slocum said the Council will have a resolution on the project in September or October.
Mr. Masciano displayed a rendering of the CHS athletic complex, and pointed out the various areas on the site. He informed the Council there is an appropriation of $437,000 plus engineering costs for a total of $475,000 in the CEP.

Mr. Milone stated there was an appropriation of $150,000; there is another $176,000; the BOE asked for $136,000; this is a total of $462,000.

The Council agreed on the number of $475,000 in the CEP for the CHS Track Replacement project.

PROPOSED CEP FUNDING/ANALYSIS
#2 - Capital Planning – increased to $135,000.
#3 – Town Building Improvements - $200,000.
#4 – Underground Fuel Tank – $110,000.
#5 – Roof Repairs, Police Department - $165,000.
#6 – Senior Center Elevator - $110,000.
#7 – Emergency Backup Generator - $177,000.
#8 – Land Acquisiton – “0” in FY 2010-11 and five year plan.
#9 – West Main Streetscape Project - $350,000 depending on grant.
#10- Fire Breathing Apparatus Upgrade - $425,000.
#11 – Installation of water mains - $300,000.
#13 - Vehicle Replacement Fund - $150,000 (for Police, PW and Parks Dept.)
#14 – Sidewalk Program - $200,000; Council will receive list of sidewalks for replacement and give approval.
#15 – PW Vehicles - $290,000 (two $145,000 vehicles).
#16 – Blacks Road Bridge Design - $60,000 moved to year #2 of the CEP.
#17 – Road Repavement Program - $1.5 million.
#18 – West Johnson Pump Station Design - $180,000.
#19 – Cook Hill Pump Station Design - $120,000.
#20 – Library – RFID - $160,000 in FY 2010-11; $130,000 in FY 2011-12.
#21 – Park Improvements - $130,000.
#22 – Parks Equipment Replacement - $130,000 (vehicle removed)
#23 – District Wide Roof Replacement - $1 million.
#24 – District Wide Paving - $125,000.
#25 – Indoor Flooring/Schools - $325,000.
#26 – 21st Century Classroom Smart Boards – “0”.
#27 – Dodd Cafeteria Renovations - $250,000.
#28 –CHS Track Resurfacing Phase II - $325,000.
#29 – District Wide Improvements - $154,000.
#30 – CHS Turf Field – “0”.

For the indoor flooring item #25, Ms. Ryan noted that this was previously in the C.N.R., the appropriation was frozen, and the project was never done.
Ms. Ryan stated that to satisfy bond counsel requirements for referendum items, the administration and Council must be specific with appropriation of money for smaller type expenses.

Mr. Milone said we must be more specific with identifying what will done if we know there will be continued appropriations for similar types of expenses. If it is specific it will not be aggregated.

On item #26, Mr. Ecke questioned why this item was cut from the CEP.

Mr. Slocum said that last year this was in the C.N.R. but was frozen and funding never used.

Mr. Milone advised that staff put the funding in the C.N.R., not the BOE.

Mr. Falvey stated that Smart Boards are not being used, and the Council should find out what is being done with them before spending any more money.

It was noted by Mr. Ecke that the Council can decide on spending the money, but the use of the Smart Boards is within the purview of the BOE. Mr. Ecke defers to the Cheshire BOE on the use of Smart Boards in the school system since they are elected officials.

Regarding referendum items, Mr. Milone said if a project is financed and closed out, it is unlikely it will be aggregated.

Referring to item #26 being removed from the CEP, Mr. Sima said the C.N.R. is down $250,000. He suggested adding $25,000 to the Capital Planning Account, and questioned which items should be moved in to C.N.R.

According to Mr. Milone, staff could apply money to the Breathing Apparatus Upgrade without it going to referendum.

Mrs. Giddings believes the Fire Department apparatus upgrade would be approved at referendum.

It was decided to move the GIS System, $135,000 and Senior Center Elevator, $110,000 into C.N.R. for a total of $245,000.

Mr. Schrumm stated that we do not want to put something into C.N.R. that is very critical because we do not know what will happen after November after elections.

With the GIS and elevator in the C.N.R., Mr. Milone said one of them could be held off. The Council can also leave the $250,000 un-allocated in the C.N.R.
The North End Firehouse is out into year #5 of the CEP. The replacement of the Snorkel was removed from the CEP.

Mr. Sima recommended $150,000 for the Dodd Kitchen and $100,000 in year #1 stating it makes sense to have $250,000 for one referendum item.

The funding for the pool bubble in FY 2010 at $500,000 was raised by Mr. Ecke. He also questioned leaving in the Linear Trail in FY 2012 at $875,000.

Regarding the Trail, Mr. Schrumm said better numbers are needed before this project can be considered in the CEP.

Mr. Milone explained that the preliminary expenditure estimate for the Linear Trail is $2.9 million. An analysis has been done by Milone and McBroom, and more numbers are needed before this project goes forward.

There are five projects for referendum in November 2010.
Fire Department Breathing Apparatus Equipment Upgrade.
Roof Replacement Projects.
District Wide Roof Replacement.
Dodd Middle School Cafeteria Renovations.
CHS Track Resurfacing, Phase II.

4. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Sima; seconded by Mrs. Giddings.

MOVED to adjourn at 9:35 p.m.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

Attest:

Marilyn W. Milton, Clerk