



# Town of Griswold

Capital Improvement Committee  
Regular Meeting  
Selectmen's Meeting Room  
June 20, 2019  
6:00 PM



## MINUTES

**1. Roll Call/Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM**

**Capital Improvement Committee Members Present:**

Brian Baker, Chairman  
James Barnie  
Steve Merchant Sr.  
Laurie Sorder  
James Krueger

**Members Absent:**

Dan Webster

**2. Approval of Minutes**

**a) February 21, 2019 regular meeting minutes**

J. Barnie made a **motion** that was seconded by S. Merchant to approve the minutes from February 21, 2019 as presented. All in favor; **motion carried**. James Krueger abstained as he was not present at the February meeting.

**3. Public Forum**

No one came forward.

**4. New Business**

**a) Discussion and possible action on adding an alternate to the committee.**

L. Sorder noted that this would be her last meeting. Marty Osga has been selected by the Board of Education to replace her. J. Barnie made a **motion** that was seconded by L. Sorder to forward to the Board of Selectmen a request to appoint an alternate to the Capital Improvement Committee. L. Sorder added that the expectation for the alternate is that they would attend all meetings and have voting privileges only when a regular member is not present. Discussion ensued as to whether the additional member should be an alternate or a permanent member. All in favor; **motion failed**.

J. Barnie made a **motion** that was seconded by S. Merchant to forward to the Board of Selectmen a request to add a permanent member to the Capital Improvement Committee that would have all the rights and privileges. This would bring the total committee members to seven. All in favor, **motion carried**. The Finance Director was asked to forward a memo to the Board of Selectmen notifying them of the decision of the Committee.

L. Sorder made a **motion** that was seconded by S. Merchant that we include in our request to the Board of Selectmen that the additional Capital Improvement Committee member be a community at large member. All in favor; **motion carried**.

5. **Old Business**

a) **Discussion, review and possible action on 5 yr. Capital Improvement Plan for FY2020-2024.**

B. Baker noted that the Board of Finance reduced the capital budget by \$275,000.

Much discussion ensued. Todd Babbitt, First Selectman, discussed the needs of the Public Works department. Items for this department have been cut and or moved out for several years. The equipment is aging and repairs have become costly. Tom Holowaty, Fire Chief of Griswold Fire Department, discussed the need for new radios for safety reasons. It was noted that the Jewett City Fire Department parking lot repaving is being partially funded by the Borough of Jewett City.

J. Barnie made a **motion** to remove the Cameras from the schools various floors for \$27,940, remove Bollards from the High School and the Middle School for \$28,000, remove Repaving 164 Campus entrance for \$175,000, and remove \$44,060 from the Road fund to accomplish the request to remove \$275,000 from the capital plan. As there was no second; **motion failed**.

L. Sorder made a **motion** that was seconded by S. Merchant to remove \$175,000 from the Campus Entrance on Route 164, remove \$28,000 for the Bollards for GHS and GES, and take \$72,000 from Road maintenance. J. Krueger, L. Sorder, and S. Merchant in favor, J. Barnie opposed; **motion carried**.

J. Barnie will put together a revised capital schedule.

6. **Any Other Business**

No other business.

7. **Adjournment:** S. Merchant made a **motion** that was seconded by L. Sorder to adjourn. There was no discussion. All in favor; **motion carried**. B. Baker adjourned the meeting at 7:24 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Marcotte  
Finance Director