

LITCHFIELD CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2019
LITCHFIELD TOWN OFFICE BUILDING – 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order: Chairman David T. Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Also present were Leo Paul, Jr., Fran Carpentier, Ed Evers, Jim Koser, Ray Schmid, Raz Alexe and Amaechi Obi. Members absent were Ed Gadomski and John Morosani.

Approve Minutes: **Motion:** L. Paul moved to adopt the regular meeting minutes of 12/18/18 and F. Carpentier seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Review Requests, Finalize and Recommend

Public Works Director Raz Alexe made a short presentation explaining his offer to defer or put into the operations budget projects totaling \$1,663,721, a reduction of 34% from the original request of \$5 million. This brings the Public Works request total to \$3.3 million.

F. Carpentier asked about the sharing of cost for Old Smith Road, and Mr. Paul said he has contacted Thomaston. It is a town line road, so by Statute there must be a sharing of cost, so there will have to be negotiations with Thomaston on the split.

Reducing the capital budget as above brings the total requests for 2019/20 to \$4.4 million. Mr. Wilson said this is still higher than any capital budget looked at before. Mr. Paul asked Mr. Obi how much of this figure could be pay-as-you-go. He said they could do between \$750,000 – \$800,000; however, they agreed this should be determined later.

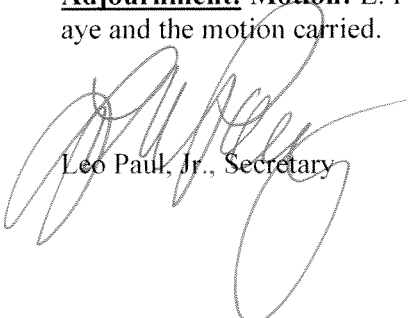
They then went through the proposed list of 2019/20 proposed projects and removed:

School Copy Machines	\$ 125,000
BOE Pick-up Truck	39,000
Public Works	1,663,721

Using \$800,000 for pay-as-you-go, there will be \$3.5 million to bond. **Motion:** L. Paul moved to recommend a capital budget to the Board of Selectmen of \$4,308,797.00, with anticipation of using between \$700,000 - \$800,000 for pay-as-you-go. J. Koser seconded, all voted aye and the motion carried. Mr. Paul suggested that Capital Committee members attend the Selectmen's meeting and Board of Finance's meeting for support when this budget is presented.

Set Meeting Schedule for 2019: F. Carpentier asked why the process could not be started earlier in November. Mr. Wilson said he had commitments earlier and there is still plenty of time for adjustment if needed. **Motion:** L. Paul moved to adopt the 2019/20 meeting schedule as presented. E. Evers seconded, all voted aye and the motion carried.

Adjournment: **Motion:** L. Paul moved to adjourn at 7:41 p.m. and F. Carpentier seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.



Leo Paul, Jr., Secretary