

The Advisory Committee's Capital subcommittee met on May 14th at 4 pm using the Zoom platform. Attending were subcommittee members Amy Hummel, John Doggett, Harry Friedman, Pam Lodish, Fred Levitan, and Carla Benka as well as Deputy Town Administrator Melissa Goff and several members of the public.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss previous recommendations made to and approved by the full AC regarding the FY 21 CIP. Due to the anticipated loss of revenue to the town due to COVID 19, the subcommittee has been encouraged to review FY 21 CIP requests and identify potential reductions. Any savings could then be considered for reallocation to the FY 21 operating budget and/or Stabilization Fund, Reserve Fund, etc.

Carla Benka posed several questions to subcommittee members:

- Are there proposed CIP projects that will result in increased operational costs and could be deferred? (for example parking meter upgrades will increase DPW's operating budget.)
- Are there projects that could be deferred without incurring additional operating costs?
- Are there projects now identified for FY 22, 23, or 24 that should be funded now in order to increase operational efficiencies?
- Should we rename one of Charlie Simmons's "buckets" so that funds from the renamed bucket could be used for COVID-19 building modifications, if necessary?

In response to the fourth question, Melissa Goff advised not budgeting for Covid-related measures since such budgeting could jeopardize reimbursement via FEMA or the CARES Act.

Subcommittee members commented on several CIP projects that they felt could be deferred. Carla Benka noted that the subcommittee had received a few emails from members of the public stating their support for projects related to bicycle access and pedestrian access improvements.

It was decided that input from department heads about their respective CIP requests should be invited before coming to any conclusions about which projects to fund and which to defer.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Carla Benka
Subcommittee Chair.