

MINUTES
**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS/
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**
Meeting of Tuesday, April 19, 2022 – 5:30 p.m.
Conference Room A, Gorham Municipal Center

Present: Council Vice Chairman James Hager, and Councilor Suzanne Phillips, Committee Chair.

Absent: Councilor Benjamin Hartwell.

Also Present: Councilor Janet Kuech; Councilor Virginia Wilder Cross, and Town Manager Ephrem Paraschak.

1. Consideration of the minutes of the March 24, 2022 meeting.

A motion was MADE by Council Vice Chairman Hager, SECONDED by Councilor Phillips, and VOTED to accept the minutes of the March 24, 2022. Unanimous vote.

Councilor Kuech said minutes looked good since she was at the last meeting.

2. Current Business

A. Discussion regarding finalization of proposed list of capital projects for Town facilities.

The committee discussed common projects with the schools such as paving at Public Works and anything done on the Chick property.

Councilor Phillips cautioned using more of the Chick property for school and/or recreation projects, because it is open land in town, which there is not a lot of.

The committee looked at Town facilities in terms of usage and decided that the Public Safety building, Central Fire Station, and Municipal Center are used more than others. Also Public Works and Baxter Memorial Library are high on the list of priorities. Also high priority are roads and culverts.

Town Manager Ephrem Paraschak mentioned playgrounds and culverts.

The committee also discussed the buildings that are rented and can generate revenue, including the Little Falls Activity Center, Old Robie School, Robie Gym, and other possibilities.

Councilor Phillips said the Historical Society is close to a plan to move out of the School Street building.

The committee agreed not to get into a discussion about the athletic fields portion of the Facilities Study, and to save that for another time.

Councilor Phillips said she would present the committee's notes and discussion points at the Joint Town Council Capital Improvements Committee and School Facilities Committee meeting on Monday, April 25, 2022.

3. Other Business

No other business was discussed.

4. Schedule next meeting and discuss agenda items for next meeting.

No regular meeting is scheduled for May unless needed.

5. Adjourn.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m. No votes were taken.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Hughes, Executive Assistant