

**AMHERST CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
PROGRAM COMMITTEE
Wednesday July 11, 2018**

In attendance: S. Coughlan, Chairman, J. D'Angelo-Selectman Ex-Officio, G. Tremblay, D. Pray, S. Grund, S. Wilkins and Community Development Director G. Leedy

S. Coughlan called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm.

Gordon reviewed the agenda for the meeting. He distributed and updated version of the Tax Impact Spreadsheet, and explained the modifications that had been made.

G. Leedy pointed out the significant difference on spending between 2020 and 2021. S. Coughlan discussed the potential for "evening out" spending through bonding some or all of the school improvements. There was discussion regarding the potential for getting three bond issues passed in three years.

S. Coughlan asked whether it would be possible to move the Cesar's Brook bridge improvement project forward one year to move this spending into 2021. J. D'Angelo indicated that the schedule was dependent on NHDOT project schedules. G. Leedy said he would check with Eric Hahn to see what the potential for moving this project may be.

S. Grund will use the excel spreadsheet to create some alternative scenarios for funding of school projects, and provide information on alternatives and potential savings based on bond requests and/or creation of capital reserve funding.

There was discussion regarding potential demographic changes in town that will affect the school population and needs for recreation. G. Leedy will check with Nancy Demers to see what kind of current data she has regarding town population. The committee agreed that the current census data under states the town's population.

J. D'Angelo suggested that it may be wise to put a placeholder in the CIP plan for acquisition of recreational land. G. Leedy indicated he would discuss this with Jim O'Mara.

J. D'Angelo moved to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2018 meeting. S. Wilkins seconded. All were in favor.

G. Tremblay moved to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2018 meeting. Danielle Pray seconded. All were in favor.

The next meeting of the Committee will be July 25, 2018 at 4:00 PM.

S. Coughlan moved to adjourn at 5:06 pm. J. D'Angelo seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Gordon Leedy