



# The Town of Barnstable

## Comprehensive Financial Advisory Committee (CFAC)

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### CFAC Committee:

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Robert Ciolek  
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Gregory Plunkett  
Lillian Woo  
John Schoenherr

#### Staff Liaison:

Mark Milne

#### Councilor Liaison:

John T. Norman

### CFAC MEETING MINUTES

01.12.15

7:00 PM

#### Growth Management Conference Room

CFAC Members Present: Cynthia Crossman, Ralph Krau, Gregory Plunkett, Lillian Woo, John Schoenherr, Henry McClean, Jacqueline Michelove

CFAC Members Absent: Laura Cronin, Robert Ciolek

Councilors Present: None

Staff Present: Mark Milne, Nathan Empey, Gareth Markwell, David Kanyock, Mary Czajkowski

#### 1. Call to Order

Ralph Krau called the CFAC meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the Growth Management Conference Room of Town Hall.

#### 2. Act on Minutes

The following minutes were approved by unanimous vote:

12.08.14

### 3. Communication from Committee Members/Councilors and Staff

#### 4. Old Business

#### 5. New Business

Capital Improvement Project submission discussions were provided by Gareth Markwell, David Kanyock, and Mary Czajkowski. The main focus was on the top eleven projects based on priority.

#### Project Summaries

- Dave noted removal and replacement of the multifunction portables. Current trailers are 30yrs old. New facility expected to last equally as long. Project expected to start next spring for use during September 2016 school year.
- Mary noted the two phase project for roof/wall improvements. Current building houses eight hundred students. There is potential for mold and leakage, which two rooms had been closed for a period due to mold.
- Mary noted network infrastructure project would increase the bandwidth in the schools. Many of the schools offer an iPad device for students to use.
- Dave noted replacement of five burners installed in 1998-2000. They can no longer get parts for some of the burners as the technology has become obsolete.
- Dave noted stadium bleachers upgrades due to years of deterioration. There are no visitor bleachers.
- Transformer upgrades to meet safety codes. The project would move these transformers aboveground.

#### Suggestions & takeaways

- 1.) When a student leaves the district to attend other schools. The cost per student for the Town of Barnstable goes up.
  - a. No students K -6 outside the district with autism
  - b. Once a student leaves the school system, it's hard to bring them back.
  - c. It can cost \$70-100,000 per student if they leave the district compared to \$200,000 for five students within district.
- 2.) The School is experiencing attendance bubbles. There are sixty-six more students in the K-12 programs from a year ago.
  - a. Nine hundred out-of the fifty-three hundred Barnstable students attend schools outside the district. This is compared to one-hundred and fourteen coming into the district.

3.) Barnstable school district offers a very diverse academic curriculum, which makes it difficult for other districts to compete.

- a. If the Barnstable school system had capacity, we could bring in more students from other districts. The cost to the school system on a per student basis would go down.

#### 6. Discussion

Mark noted Dan Santos from DPW will be at the next meeting to discuss Capital Improvement Project submissions. Also, Mark noted the opportunity to review the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report in later meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: CFAC will have its next meet on Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014 @ 7 p.m. at the Growth Management Conference Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Town Hall.