

**10 Year Capital Improvement & Strategic Planning Committee
Minutes of Special Meeting
February 27, 2019**

Members Present: Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu, Jake Carrier, Dave Preleski, John Smith, Glenn Heiser and Tom Hislop. Also present from the Comptroller's Staff: Diane Waldron, Robin Manuele and Skip Gillis.

Call to order.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu at 2:00 p.m.

To review the 2019-20 10 Year Capital Improvement Plan

Diane reviewed debt comparisons to other municipalities including debt as a percentage of the budget, total bonded debt and debt per capita. Using Bristol's 2018/19 budget Bristol is at 4.58% as a percentage of the budget, compared to 4.24% as of June 30, 2017. Other Comparable municipalities such as Hamden are 9.12%, Manchester 5.87%, Meriden 6.87% and New Britain 9.20%. However, New Britain and Hamden do have pension obligation bonds outstanding.

Discussion was held on the projects on the 2019-2020 Capital Budget. It was agreed a consultant should be hired for the fiber network project to assist in the planning and development of the project. It was agreed \$100,000 for year one would be sufficient and moving the remaining balance to the out years.

John Smith stated the Board of Education facility plan is needed to move forward, if a ceiling is renovated this year how will that affect a school being renovated in the out years. Robin stated they did circle back with the Board of Education and no alliance building grant funding is Available for the projects.

Dave Preleski questioned if any parks trust funds can be used for the planning, which it cannot trust funds can only be used for maintenance and repairs of the parks and in some cases renovation of facilities.

Department Heads are following up on questions asked and will have answers at the next meeting.

Adjournment.

John Smith made a motion seconded by Dave Perlaki to adjourn at 3:31 p.m. Motion approved.

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