



Town of Winchester

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Re: Capital Funding

As you are aware the Capital Planning is in the process of evaluating all departmental capital requests for FY2021. The Committee has received requests for the Capital Stabilization Fund that total in excess of \$7,000,000.

The Town Engineer submitted two capital requests that involve the traffic study for the McCall School addition project. These requests include the following: 1) McCall School Traffic Improvements – Main Street @ Washington Street \$210,000 (this amount is net the current balance in the project account of approximately \$300k) and 2) McCall School Traffic Improvements – Mystic Valley Parkway @ Waterfield Road \$715,000.

The CPC has also learned that the engineer for this traffic project expects the final estimate to be in excess of the preliminary number of \$715,000.

With the cost of this project approaching the \$1M mark the Capital Planning Committee is requesting that the Select Board inquire as to the possibility of appropriating additional funds as part of the approved debt exclusion vote for the McCall School addition. The scope of work that was identified at that time clearly included the traffic study and recommended traffic improvements. We respectfully request that the Board consider this, if allowed, as a possible funding source. The Committee is also wondering if any remaining funds are available at the completion of the project could they be used for these traffic improvements.

Additionally, it is the Committee's understanding that the Board will be recommending to Town Meeting that \$500,000 of the Winning Farm money be allocated to capital. At this time it is the consensus of the Committee to apply these funds to one of the two bridge projects that we will be putting forward for funding. As we finalize our recommendations it would be helpful to confirm that these funds are available.

The Committee requests an opportunity to meet with the Select Board to have a discussion regarding these items at your earliest convenience.

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