

**Town of Brunswick, Maine**

**Finance Committee Meeting  
Thursday, November 20, 2014  
3:30 – 5:00 PM**

**85 Union Street – Council Executive Session Room**

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**Meeting Minutes** (Approved 1/15/15)

**Members Present:** Sarah Brayman, Jane Millet

**Staff Present:** John Eldridge, Julie Henze  
Paul Perzanoski, Paul Caron, Greg Bartlett

**Public Present:** several, including representatives from the Bowdoin College Children's Center

**1. Acknowledgement that Meeting was Properly Noticed**

Sarah Brayman confirmed that the meeting was on the Town calendar

**2. Establish next meeting**

Committee decided to move December meeting to December 11, 2014 at 4 PM.

**3. Approval of minutes**

Committee approved minutes for 9/18/14, 11/6/14 and 11/13/14 meetings

**4. Capital Improvement Plan** - Committee continued review of Manager's Proposed CIP

a. Paul Perzanoski presented the School Department projects:

- i. Elem Sch/BJHS - \$30M was for replacement of schools. At this time the School Board is exploring renovation with Coffin estimated at \$1.9M and BJHS at \$3.2M. Okay to use \$5M each for now, and will get better numbers from PDT soon.
- ii. 5<sup>th</sup> grade option – estimated by Paul Caron, will update. Still the plan, may be vulnerable to board composition change in January
- iii. Jordan Acres demo – still the plan, would cost \$800K/yr to operate. New school would be on that site.
- iv. BHS Boiler – still a priority, will get updated quote next year
- v. BHS Egress road – 2008 quote, not a priority to school right now
- vi. Track – School Bldg Committee wants to stay with the \$250-300K estimate for school purposes. Larger project in cooperation with Town/Rec Dept would be more like \$500K. Explore other sources of funding?
- vii. Tennis Courts – in development, will be affected by decisions about bus garage
- viii. School buses – should be \$185K for 2015-16
- ix. Region 10 - \$10M project, Brunswick's share is \$3.4M. Move to 2016-17

*Public Works projects: moved discussion to later in meeting to accommodate discussion of South St. sidewalk*

**5. Sidewalk work requested by Bowdoin**

- a. South St sidewalk – Martha Eschoo, Children's Center director, and Barbara Elias, parent, expressed concerns about safety of sidewalk between the Children's Center and the Longfellow playground. This section is first priority, next would be the section from the Children's Center to Park Row. 48 children at the center. Also, 8 families regularly walk to the center.

John Foster provided memo with description and cost estimate - \$22,000. Discussion about potential sharing with Bowdoin. Concrete curb would be 1/3 the cost of granite curb.

- b. Noble Street – John Foster provided memo with description and cost estimate - \$28,000. JE will discuss cost sharing options with Bowdoin.

**6. Public Works projects**

- a. Annual resurfacing – based on Pavement Management Update Study dated 11/6/14, the Town should overlay approximately 38,500 linear feet of roadways per year. At current funding levels, PW is paving about half that amount. JF will provide recommendations of streets to be repaved in next three to five years.

JE raised question about cost of asphalt in relation to lower cost of oil. JF said liquid asphalt prices are not down as other oil products are at this time.

- b. Wash bay – project in development

**7. Layover Facility & Train idling mitigation options**

John Foster talked to Charlie Wallace, who says that a noise mitigation wall would not be effective in this case.