

**EAST LYME BOARD OF FINANCE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
BUDGET REVIEWS – FY 2016-2017
Monday, APRIL 4th, 2016**

Members In Attendance: Steve Harney, By Phone
Lisa Picarazzi, Acting Chairman
Camille Alberti
Beth Hogan
William Weber

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Also In Attendance: Mark Nickerson, First Selectman
Anna Johnson, Finance Director

Absent: Jason Pazzaglia

A. Call Special Meeting to Order

Acting Chairman Picarazzi called this Special Meeting of the East Lyme Board of Finance to order at 6:30 PM.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was observed.

C. Delegations

Ms. Picarazzi called for Delegations.

Luane Lange, 160 Pennsylvania Ave, Chair of the Historic Properties Commission said that when she had spoken previously at the other meetings that she had spoken about the various historic homes. She wanted them to know that the Samuel Smith House came to them and to their attention because of the 65 letters that were sent out by the Natural Resources Commission asking the owners of these properties in the watershed area should become available that the Town may have an interest in them. She said that the letter was signed by more than one person and that the previous First Selectman had signed it. She provided the timeline regarding the Samuel Smith Property (copy attached). She mentioned that they had done a number of things to the House since acquired and that the ADA restroom would cost around \$6500 to do.

Mark Christiansen, 66 Grassy Hill Road said that he is the VP of the Samuel Smith House Committee and noted that the purchase originated with the Natural Resources Commission. That was then and moving forward the work that they have done with many volunteer hours amounted to a cost of \$3000 however if the man hours were figured they received over \$200,000 worth of work. The inmates have done a lot of the yard work; Guy's removed the oil in the tank and paid them for it; the Rotary also donated funds and helped with the garden and they were able to donate items from the garden to the soup kitchen. He noted the various fund raising that they have done and that Mr. Nickerson had come up with the idea of the biking event and that he has been generous with his personal donations. He also suggested possibly holding a dance on the House grounds in the late summer and while all of this is nice, this is a Town property and they should have a budget and fund of their own.

Alex Argeris, 17 South Beechwood Rd. said that he is a concerned parent of a school child and asked that they consider that the current proposal on LB Haynes and Flanders School is being rushed and not all of their questions were answered. At the Finance meeting of March 30, 2016 Mr. Nickerson said that it would not come forward for any vote until May or June so there is plenty of time for questions and more details to be worked out. While he realizes that their job is to do what the Town can afford – if they were to find this project as proposed affordable – it would not meet the needs of the educational system. He said that he is assuming that when the proposal goes to the Board of Selectmen that the outcome would be the same as with the BOE so he is asking them to vote it down when it comes here so that it can go back out to the people.

Karen Rak, 27 Black Point Road said that while she feels for the parents that she would suggest that they all show up at the Town Meeting in May and vote down the Capital Improvement Plan. As for the Samuel Smith House and having it on the Town roll – she said that she thinks that they should continue as they have been as Mr. Christiansen has shown them how well it is working. She thinks that it should stay this way as there are wants and needs and it becomes like a bundle package and suddenly everything is embedded. Regarding the school plans – she said that the Board of Finance really does not deliberate on plans and she would suggest NO increase. This plan has not happened and it is time for the taxpayers to get a break. Taxes at all levels are excessive and are costing people more than basic needs. They have a lot of people here who are retired and who have had to go back out to work to make ends meet. There are a lot of things that are not needs in the budget and she suggested that they work on it so that they can return something to the taxpayers for a change.

Ashley Manwaring 23 Black Point Road said that she would read a letter from her mother Amy Manwaring who could not attend this evening. She said that she is a business owner in Town and has been for numerous years as the Manwaring family has long standing roots in the Town. She feels that Niantic Center School is the cornerstone and that it should remain as it is and given the time and respect it deserves to stay as it is now. (Letter not submitted)

Ms. Picarazzi read a letter from Jennifer Murray of 7 Tabernacle Ave asking them to stop scheduling meetings at the same time. She asked about Central Office dollars and other capital items. (Copy attached)

D. Old Business

a. Any Outstanding Information

Mr. Nickerson said that they opened the bids on the Fire Department Study and that he would have that for them for their next meeting.

Ms. Johnson said that she had the information on the interest rates for the financing and that it is 2.49%. The figure that they had questioned on Mr. Bragaw's information was the total over the life of the debt.

E. New Business

a. Budget Deliberations

Ms. Picarazzi said that she would ask each member for their views and suggestions first and then they could make motions, one for the Board of Ed and one General Government.

Ms. Hogan asked about the CIP.

Mr. Nickerson said that they would see it at their next meeting once the Board of Selectmen reviews it at their meeting this week.

Ms. Hogan said that she would suggest the following:

- A \$50,000 reduction in the CIP/CNRE accounts
- A \$20,000 reduction in the Health Insurance benefit
- Decrease the Building Official 30 hour request down to 28 hours, give 2 hours to the PT Tax Aide
- Eliminate the \$10,000 request in Parks & Rec for the Health/Wellness Counselor as the plan is not well thought out. She suggested contacting regional groups dealing with the opioid/heroin addiction to form a network of providers willing to cover residents' calls; also the 211 network is known for providing information. More research is needed for this to be effective here.
- Remove \$20,000 from various Town operating accounts.

She said her total reduction would be \$100,000.

She said that she would also put \$5000 in contingency for the Samuel Smith House and that Capital long-term bonding should be reduced for each fiscal year except for the Public Works Town Road paving and repair plan for this fiscal year. This would help offset some of the debt to better work with the large impact on debt from some future school project. She also suggested that the First Selectman should invite a Finance board member to sit in negotiations for any union or non-union labor contracts and to also create a subcommittee to research current trends in labor benefits in CT Towns to enable better long term planning and potential savings.

Mr. Weber said that one of the things that they had talked about was formalizing the reporting process with the utilities listed by department for comparison.

- He said that the Tax Collector may need some extra hours at various times and the Registrars budget may be stretched very thin and he would suggest putting some money in Contingency for those departments to be able to cover.
- He does not think that they should fund the Historic Properties this year although they do need a long-term plan on how it would be handled.
- He concurs with the removal of the \$10,000 in Parks & Rec for the counselor as the plan is not well thought out
- He said that he has notes on the school budget and that there are some 'mushy' numbers in it and that he thinks that their recording has to be cleaned up before going forward with the new plans.

Ms. Alberti said that regarding the BOE budget that she was in favor of it as presented. She has also spoken to many people who have expressed their views and concepts against it however she remains in favor of it. She said that she favored the raises so that they would be competitive and reward good work. The BOE had reduced their own budget by 1% before presenting it here, they face unfunded mandates and she feels they have reduced staffing with the enrollment reduction. They have made some hard decisions with regard to the elementary schools and have considered the needs of the Town. She would not cut their budget further.

For General Government she said the goal was to try to keep the mil rate the same and she was prepared to cut the budget to a level where it could be achieved but that would require a cut of \$1M and the requested increase is \$900,000 so to keep it the same the budget would be less than the current budget. She said that she calculated that to get to a 2.5% increase from a 3.99% increase that they would have to cut \$345,000 so that is the figure that she would cut. She said she is firm on that figure as it is based on compensation and it is hard to support the salary increases of 2.5% to 6% that people have received. This Board has repeatedly asked to be in the union negotiations but they have not been there. The non-union positions have not proven that the increases are necessary and it is also not necessary to hire extra people when the work load increases a bit when you have had them there when it was not as busy. She would put Town Capital projects on hold until the school project is decided.

She also said that when the Gateway came to Town that assertions were made that the additional taxes would help and would create additional revenues – she would like to see the BOE and General Government manage themselves better to stay in line with the revenues.

Ms. Picarazzi said that Mr. Pazzaglia had sent in his suggestions. He did not want to over burden the taxpayers as the state and local economies continue to face difficult times. He said that they have an aging population and the raises and salaries are of concern. He would reduce the BOE budget to a 3.3% increase from the requested 3.5% as people move here for the schools and they have already reduced their request.

Ms. Picarazzi said that for FY15-16 the State deficit was \$220M, for FY16-17 it is estimated at \$900M. In researching what is happening in the surrounding Towns she found that Groton is searching for millions in revenue; Ledyard had a 3% increase before cuts; Stonington had a 2.8% increase and North Stonington 1.97%; Montville 1.9% and Waterford declined increases for it's officials. Our projection of 3.74% is the highest of all of the surrounding communities.

She said that the First Selectman is the CEO and he should make the cuts as he works with the people everyday. She echoed Ms. Hogan's suggestions and comments on a subcommittee to review salaries and raises.

Pay increases of 3% to 6% are unacceptable whether you call them step or something else – they need to change.

There are several department heads who receive over 5% and that has to change.

The larger budgets can be reviewed for some efficiencies – a requested increase of 7.7% is too high.

The Counselor position suggested for Parks & Rec is not the right fit.

She could see a \$40,000 cut to Public works Storm Materials.

Capital is at 9.45% which is way too high and could be reduced.

The Samuel Smith House and the curator need to be worked on however it is not going to be settled this evening. She said that she did read the information and she was not sure why they do not hear from the Thomas Lee House.

Mr. Nickerson said that they have been in effect for 100 years and they have a stipend.

Ms. Picarazzi said that she would like them to come up with some creative ways to raise funds. She would also bring the salary increases closer in line with the private sector and she thinks that they need to phase out pensions. Holiday pay and vacation time should be metered out so that people do not leave with lots of time that has to be paid out. She thinks that there are some staffing levels that can be reviewed as they need to figure out how to do more with less.

The do not force people over 65 who work here to move to Medicare and that needs to be explored. These are paradigm shifts that need to be looked at and implemented over time. She said that she was also surprised that the Board of Selectmen had not made cuts on the budget themselves.

She thinks that the cut that could be made to General Government is \$250,000 to \$300,000.

For the BOE – she said that she supported the teacher salary increases also however, enrollment is down 10% and they only reduced the people by 2. She thinks that they can be more prudent with the costs. She said that it is a tough time for healthcare.

She said that it is their job to be as fair an equitable to the Town as they can and they should consolidate to two elementary schools; further she thinks that 7 psychologists sounds rather high. She also noted the advertising revenue that she has heard about for some 5 years now but has not seen.

She said that when she looks at the BOE budget that she would like to see it reduced by \$200,000. While it is not a fat budget there are some opportunities for some staff adjustments to be made.

Mr. Harney said that he has listened to everyone and that he would like to add that in looking at the revenue side that the lion's share comes from the taxpayers. With reductions in PILOT, the Salem tuition and the sewer assessment he said that he is seeing about \$675,000 in reduced revenues and while he knows that they are always looking to see what the State will do he was hoping that they would stay within a .5 mil increase. He would suggest reducing the BOE to a 3.1% increase for a reduction of \$200,000 to \$225,000 and General Government to a 2.5% increase which is around \$345,000.

Ms. Alberti said that to keep it at a .5 mil increase that they would need to cut \$571,000. If the Town was cut by \$345,000 then the BOE would be cut by \$225,000 to keep to the .5 mil.

Mr. Nickerson noted that there is a reduction in revenue of approximately \$875,000 not the \$675,000.

Ms. Picarazzi asked if they were ready to make motions.

****MOTION (1)**

Ms. Alberti moved to approve the BOE budget for FY16-17 as presented.

Ms. Hogan seconded the motion.

Ms. Picarazzi called for discussion.

Mr. Weber said that the BOE budget and the Town budget are well aligned and that overall the school budget is above the DRG. He does not see us cutting only the Town budget and leaving this alone.

Ms. Picarazzi called for a vote on the motion.

Vote: 2 – 3 – 0. Motion failed.

For: Ms. Alberti, Ms. Hogan

Against: Mr. Harney, Ms. Picarazzi, Mr. Weber

****MOTION (2)**

Mr. Harney moved to reduce the BOE budget for FY16-17 by \$200,000 for an overall 3.1% increase.

Mr. Weber seconded the motion.

Ms. Picarazzi called for discussion.

Ms. Alberti said that she thinks that the reduction is too large and while she knows that there is room for reduction in staff, etc. until the consolidation happens there are 2 Fire Departments that are not combined and she feels that this is too much.

Ms. Hogan said that she would agree that it is a lot and she would give them the benefit of the doubt as they are acknowledging the need to consolidate the schools.

Mr. Weber said that while the Town budget is larger now that in the end it will be less than the BOE increase. This \$200,000 is .4% of their overall budget of \$45M+.

Mr. Harney said that he concurs with Mr. Weber and that he thinks that this will be for the positive for everyone. It is a reduction of an increase of a \$45M+ budget and to take \$200,000 is not excessive. These are not easy times.

Ms. Picarazzi asked Mr. Harney if he would consider amending his cut to \$150,000.

Mr. Harney said that he would stand by his \$200,000 and that he thinks that they can work this out together. Discussion continued with Ms. Picarazzi asking Mr. Harney if he would amend his motion to a \$115,000 reduction as Ms. Hogan and Ms. Alberti suggested that they could support that.

Mr. Harney amended his motion (2) to reduce the BOE budget for FY16-17 by \$115,000.

Ms. Picarazzi seconded the amended motion.

Vote: 5 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.

****MOTION (3)**

Ms. Hogan moved to reduce the General Government FY16-17 budget by \$100,000.

No second – Motion died.

****MOTION (4)**

Ms. Alberti moved to reduce the General Government FY16-17 proposed increase by \$345,000 to a 2.5% increase.

Ms. Picarazzi seconded the motion.

Mr. Weber said that in considering the ratio between the two budgets that with the BOE facing a \$115,000 cut – then the General Government reduction needs to be much less – the \$345,000 is way too much of a decrease on a very minimal budget.

Ms. Alberti said while that is true that she looks at the BOE over a 4 year average and they only received 4.1% and this is about making hard choices so she thinks that it is okay if it is lopsided.

Mr. Weber asked where her research was from as he plotted what the BOE gave them and if they go up – then the Town does also.

Mr. Nickerson said that 79% of the BOE budget is in salaries and that the Town carries a lot of the BOE debt in our budget.

Mr. Weber said that he feels that with the BOE \$115,000 reduction that the Town is paying more than their fair share. The Town is tight also.

Ms. Picarazzi called for a vote on the motion.

Vote: 2 – 3 – 0. Motion failed.

For: Ms. Alberti, Ms. Hogan

Against: Mr. Harney, Ms. Picarazzi, Mr. Weber

****MOTION (5)**

Mr. Weber moved to decrease the General Government FY16-17 proposed increase by \$250,000.

No second – Motion died.

Mr. Harney said that he was thinking perhaps \$275,000.

****MOTION (6)**

Mr. Harney moved to reduce the General Government FY16-17 increase by \$275,000.

Ms. Picarazzi seconded the motion.

Mr. Weber said that while he does not agree that he thinks that they are about as close as they are going to get on this.

Mr. Harney said that this is around a .5 to .6 mil increase. With the mil rate at 24.71 it would bring them around 25.29.

Mr. Nickerson said that with the school project that they would be looking at a 1.2 -1.3 mil increase.

Ms. Alberti said that she would prefer the reduction to be in the \$300,000 range.

Ms. Hogan said that she prefers it to be in the \$200,000 range.

Vote: 4 – 1 – 0. Motion passed.

Against: Ms. Hogan

F. Public Discussion

Ms. Picarazzi called for any comments from the Public.

Kyle Douton, 5 Rockwell St. said that he has kids in the school system and his wife is a teacher. He appreciated them supporting the school budget and thanked Beth Hogan for attending some of the BOE meetings that he also attended. He said that he thinks that they should be involved in the BOE issues to be able to vote especially if a school is going to be coming back to the Town. He thinks that Mr. Nickerson is incorrect in saying that it will not come to them until May to June – they all have to be involved in this together.

Maia Vargas, 18 Pontiac Drive thanked them for not cutting as much from the BOE budget.

Kelly Streich, 20 Brook Road said that she heard the budget difficulties and she thinks that there is a transparency issue with the schools and the re-purposing. She is concerned if the building is off the books and sold. The plan does not address everything or the other needs. She said that she also has other ideas and that it should be discussed further.

Marvin Schutt, 29 No. Edgewood Rd. said that this has been a learning experience for him. He thinks that communication is important and that they can get the job done with it.

G. Board Comments

Ms. Hogan said that there was never a first proposal presented to this Board from the BOE and to clarify – nothing has come forward to them and she thinks that they have misunderstood this.

Ms. Alberti said that they have attended some of the BOE meetings on this and she feels that they are knowledgeable.

Mr. Weber said that he would like to see them do a budget frontwards rather than backwards – put the dollars in and to see what you can get for them and not the other way around.

Mr. Harney thanked the Board for the time and effort that they have all put into this as these are challenging times with the most challenging projects that will have a big effect on the community.

Ms. Picarazzi thanked everyone for working hard on the budget and coming to a consensus. To the public she said that she has heard them on meetings on the same nights but that is hard to work with during the

budget season. Regarding the school she said that people do not always understand what the process is. They take what they can afford and work from that and it is not easy to fit everyone's needs. If they do not understand the process they should ask.

Mr. Nickerson said that he does not think that we messed up on the meetings. There are many meetings that are scheduled on the same night and we have to get these meetings in. The comments in particular are with the school however there are BOS, IWA and Historic Properties meetings going on for the same nights so there is no ineptness involved here. They have work to do and they have to get it in.

He said that he was enthused with their trust of the BOE budget. He went to their meetings and witnessed what they did with their budget.

He continued that Ms. Alberti had mentioned the Gateway project - only 25% of the Gateway project is built out and the \$4M in revenue was based on the project being built out which is on-going. Regarding Historic Properties he said that if the Board of Selectmen has the obligation to work with the Town Buildings that the proposals for Town fundraisers at the House is a good idea – perhaps they could make it an annual event.

He said that they have not negotiated any contracts yet and that what they saw in the budget is what is in effect now. He said that he would see what they could do when he discusses this with the labor attorney. Also, he said that they were given an FOIA request at their last meeting and he asked them to forward to him what they had so that he could clear it up. He said that he needs them to do this and get it to him as his office is where the data is being collected.

Lastly, he said that he will come back to them at their Regular Meeting next week with cuts for the \$275,000. He thanked them for their hard work.

Ms. Picarazzi said with regard to the meetings and scheduling that she stands corrected – it is something that is unavoidable.

H. Adjournment

Ms. Picarazzi called for a motion to adjourn.

****MOTION (7)**

Ms. Alberti moved to adjourn this Special Meeting of the East Lyme Board of Finance at 8:55 PM.

Mr. Weber seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Zmitruk,
Recording Secretary

APPENDIX

SAMUEL SMITH PROPERTY PROJECT TIMELINE

- May, 2009 Open Space Report of Natural Resources Commission includes 82 Plants Dam Rd.
- June 29, 2010 First meeting of Natural Resources with Steve and Carol Hubers in response to letter sent to each landowner identified on Open Space Report. Signed by First Selectman, Planning and Natural Resources Commissions
- July, 2010 Contact made by Natural Resources Commission with Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation and Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism
- August 3, 2010 Natural Resources, Historic Properties Commission meet with CT Trust for Historic Preservation at Samuel Smith House
- August 4, 2010 State Archaeologist Dr. Nicholas Bellantoni visits site
- August 16, 2010 Art Carlson, Chairman, Natural Resources Commission, and commission member, Marvin Schutt, make Open Space/Huber property presentation to Historic Properties Commission
- August, 2010 Historic Properties Commission members tour property
- October, 2010 State Archaeologist contacts Natural Resources Chairman to tell of town eligibility for a matching acquisition grant for up to \$200,000
- November, 2010 Communication of available Barn Grant from Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation
- November, 2010 Carlson gives BOS 24 page packet: Outline history, value, environmental aspects of Huber property
- June, 2011 First citation on Agenda at Historic Properties Commission
- August, 2011 Board of Selectmen Agenda
- September 7, 2011 BOS
- September 19, 2011 Historic Properties Commission votes to support the purchase of the Samuel Smith property
- September 21, 2011 BOS
- Sept 28, 2011 Carlson, Schutt, Lange presentation to Smith Harris Commission

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November 16, 2011	BOS
December 7, 2011	BOS
Spring, 2012	Six week-ends of Samuel Smith Open House, posted on East Lyme Public Access, Channel 22. Forty people visited
March 7, 2012	BOS
March 21, 2012	BOS
April 3, 2012	Agenda item/Minutes of the Planning Commission
April 4, 2012	BOS
April 8, 2012	Full overview posted on East Lyme Historical Society website Feature article: <u>The Day</u>
April 9, 2012	Full overview posted on E.Lyme Historical Society Newsletter: Seventy hits in two days.
April 18, 2012	BOS
May 1, 2012	Planning Commission agenda
May 2, 2012	BOS
May 16, 2012	Meeting at Samuel Smith House. Hubers, Laura Mancuso SHPO , Gary Goeschel, Ann Faust, Schutt, Lange
May 23, 24, 2012	Brainstorming Sessions with Samuel Smith property visitors. Sign-up for initial commitment to be active
June 1, 2012	East Lyme Historical Society Annual Meeting approves the Society serving as a holding agency, for the Samuel Smith Core Group, for funds raised to support the preservation of the Samuel Smith house.
June 6, 2012	BOS
June 12, 2012	Barrett presentation to the Economic Development Commission
June 14, 2012	Lange presentation to the Parks and Recreation Commission
June 21, 2012	White Gate Farm visit to Samuel Smith property

June 25, 2012	Meeting with The Day editorial board
July 3, 2012	Core Group meets
July 5, 2012	Core Group J.Mahon & McLane, Schutt, Lange meet with Sportsment's Club Pres, and past president
July 10, 2012	Core Group
July 16, 2012	Core Group
July 10, 2012	Schutt, Bullock, Lange presentation: Friends of Smith Harris Board
July 16, 2012	Tour by six Board members of Friends of Smith Harris
July 18, 2012	BOS
July 19, 2012	Core Group
July 30, 2012	Full Op-Ed, <u>The Day</u>
August 6, 2012	Core Group
August 13, 2012	Core Group
August 20, 2012	Core Group
August 27, 2012	Core Group
September, 2012	Informational Community Letter, <u>Post Road Review. McLane</u>
September, 2012	Property Walkabouts, Sundays & Wednesdays. Core Group
September 4, 2012	Informational letter distributed to all E. Lyme Sportsmen's Club members via their internal email system, McLane
September 4, 2012	Reviewed by Planning Commission per POCD. Approved
September 5, 2012	BOS Voted to execute an option to purchase Samuel Smith property for \$425,000.
September 7, 2012	Informational, Sept. 19 by the <u>Lyme Times. Bette & John Mahon</u>
September 10, 17	Core Group
September 14, 2012	Sportsmen's Club votes to approve purchase of 9.5. acres, etc

- September 17, 2012 Core Group meeting with Paul Formica, First Selectman
- September 19, 2012 Public Information Meeting. News added about Sportsmen's Club approval to purchase 9.5 acres for open space preservation for \$125,000
- September 19, 2012 BOS . Voted resolution to approve the purchase and forward to the BOF for action
- September 24, 2012 Meeting: First Selectman, Town Attorney, Pres. Sportsmen's Club, SHPO Grant Mgr., reps. from Core Group, Bullock, B. Mahon
- September 27, 2012 Special BOF meeting. Vote to approve purchase
- October 1, 2012 Core Group
- October 3, 2012 Town Meeting

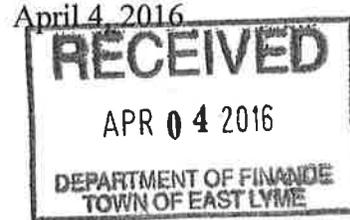
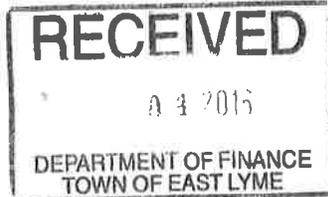
Other sub-group meetings of Core Group members. with contractors, structural engineer, writing articles, scheduling Walkabouts, family and house research

When was first meeting of Core Group with Paul?

Behind the scenes contacts!

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Dear Members of the Board,

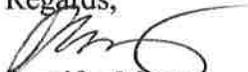
I respectfully request that my letter be read into the minutes of tonight's meeting.

I wanted to come to tonight's meeting, but it is again scheduled at the same time as the Board of Education meeting. Please stop scheduling these meetings when residents have to chose which to attend.

I would like to inquire about two things on the Capital Improvement Plan. Under department 999 there are two expenditures for Central Office—an ADA-compliant ramp costing \$100,000 and new windows costing \$90,000. Since Central Office is in such an outdated building, perhaps it should be relocated inside Lillie B. Haynes School. This allows space to be used and money to be saved should the Steering Plan for the elementary schools not pass referendum.

I am also concerned about the 2017/18 Roxbury Road Park expenditure in the amount of \$5,000,000 in Department 421. Our residents are being told that the Superintendent would like to close an elementary school for lack of funding. How will we afford such extravagant parks if we cannot afford to educate our children?

Regards,


Jennifer Murray

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