

Capital Outlay Committee

Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 9, 2026

In person meeting at Town Hall, floor 3, South Meeting Room

Present:

- COC members Mike Donovan, Steven Pohl, David Leiphart, George Danis.
- Assistant Town Administrator Katie Dugan
- Assistant Town Administrator Art Robert

Call to Order: Committee member George Danis called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA, Act) update: Art Robert updated the committee on the Town's efforts to comply with Article 2 of the Act. The Town has completed a self-assessment and has implemented or initiated a number of projects to comply with the requirements of the Act. Areas of focus include Town Hall, Library, Recreation Barn, and Central Fire Station with a goal of providing building egress in the event of an emergency.

- Completed projects: Town Hall Community playground, Cronin Field pathway and dugout replacement, South Shore Country Club (SSCC) main entrance and patio improvements, and the new Public Safety Building.
- Projects underway include the Town Hall parking lot repaving, connecting pathways and van parking spaces.
- Future projects include updates to the community and laundry rooms at the Lincoln School Apartments, GAR Hall elevator replacement, construction of Pickleball Courts, Haley Field driveway and parking spaces, updating the basketball court at Plymouth River School, the new pool at the SSCC, a new putting area at the SSCC, and the proposed Center for Active Living.

Discussion of budget recommendations by the Capital Outlay Committee: The committee reviewed department requests and priorities in an attempt to reconcile requests with available funds as provided by the tax levy and/or the use of excess unassigned fund balance or borrowing. Since departmental requests exceeded available funds, the committee focused on high priority projects.

During the discussion, the committee identified several requests that required additional information. These requests included clarification from the Police Department on the value of the police motorcycles compared to a cruiser and analysis of the benefits of leasing versus purchasing Tasers (Tasers have a 5 year life span). Additional questions for the School Department included a last minute decision to change two high dollar

expenses (high school life safety system and East School roof top HVAC units) from phased three years to one year projects, whether van and bus were replacements or new vehicles, if a less expensive option might be available for athletic equipment storage, and clarification on the use of designated roof repair funding conflicted with the extraordinary maintenance fund. Additional concerns were raised regarding the status of the high school boilers and their short and long term viability.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 by unanimous consent.