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Capital Improvements Committee
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Minutes
Special Meeting
December 11, 2025 – 5:30 p.m.
Mayor's Conference Room, Town Hall

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

The Special meeting of the Capital Improvements Committee was called to order on December 11, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. in the Mayor's Conference Room by **Chairman George Castle**.

Members in attendance included: **Chairman George Castle, Vincent Gualtieri, Jim Kaneski, Vicky Carey-BOF and Pam Pelletier-Recording Secretary.**

2. Fire Exit Notification – pointed out by the Chairman.

3. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by the Chairman.

4. Public Comment

Melanie Church, 328 Main St., Terryville, CT

States that she recalls a Town Council Meeting when Mayor Festa had discussion with the DEEP relative to Lake Winfield and they were told that it would never be used as a recreational swimming area again. This was due to groundwater contamination and methane released into the Lake.

5. Capital Improvements Project Discussion

6.

a. Plymouth Parks and Recreation

Guests – Director Maureen Cappetto

Director Cappetto provides the Committee with a brief history of previous requests.

Project #1A – Core Drilling Study at Lake Winfield

Priority: 1 (High)

Estimated Cost: \$18,000 (Testing only)

Director Cappetto explains that her department has made this request for the last few years; she has estimated that cost has increased.

This is the first step in determining the condition and water quality at Lake Winfield. There is concern if this is not addressed that the Lake will continue to fill with silt and eventually become a marsh. This has been a constant public inquiry discussion.

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Project #1B – Replace Playscape at Veterans Memorial Playground

Priority: 1 (High)

Estimated Cost: \$300,000

The current playscape has had multiple repairs and fabrications and is at its end of life. We would like to replace the equipment with multi-generational equipment that can be used by older children and adults.

Project #2 – Update Senior Lounge Furniture, Flooring and Decor

Priority: 1 (High)

Estimated Cost: \$25,000

There is general discussion regarding the Senior Lounge. **Chairman Castle** feels that it was built for the Seniors and there are questions regarding if it can be reallocated to the Police due to the funding received when Town Hall was built. Director Cappetto would like to clean it up and make it an inviting space so that the Seniors will come back; she also using the space for other Recreational programs.

Project #3 – Full Size Basketball Court – Gear Drive Complex

Priority: 1 (High)

Estimated Cost: \$105,000

We do not have a full-size basketball court in our town. This court would be used by many; our current half-court is always full.

Project #4 – Mist Station

Priority: 3

Estimated Cost: \$25,000

This is a recommendation from Parks & Recreation Commissioners. Lake Winfield gets a lot of traffic in the Summer, and a misting station is very successful in other Towns.

Project #5 – Dog Park (Main St School)

Priority: 3

Estimated Cost: \$30,000

This would include fencing, equipment and a water feature. Suggested location Main St School – plenty of room near field.

Project #6 – Redesign and Improvements to the Community Gardens – Gear Dr.

Priority: 3

Estimated Cost: \$125,000

It is recommended that the gardens be enlarged with a new landscaping design to enhance the field. (Wooden split rail fencing, raised beds, vegetative screening to block view from road.

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7. **Homework – Next Meeting 12/18/2025 – 5:00 Review of submissions to date. Report from meeting with Mayor regarding Public Works/Highway Budgets.**
8. **Chairman / Committee Member Comments – No other comments.**
9. **Adjournment**
MOTION: Jim Klaneski made a motion, which was seconded by Vince Gualtieri to adjourn the meeting and the motion is voted on unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted

Pam Pelletier
Recording Secretary