TOWN OF BERLIN REGULAR BOARD OF FINANCE MEETING JUNE 14, 2022

John "Doc" McIntosh Conference Room or Remote Option 7:00 P.M.

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- A. CALL TO ORDER
- B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- C. ROLL CALL
- D. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- E. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES

May 10, 2022, Regular Meeting

F. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Move to approve the transfer of funds from Townwide Professional Services (\$12,250), Development Services Mid-Manager's Personnel (\$18,500), Development Services Pension (\$9,000), Building Maintenance & Repair (\$4,000), Animal Control Part-time & Summer Help (\$5,000), Emergency Management Dam EAPs (\$10,000), Health Department Regional Health Services (\$17,250), VNA Department Head (\$13,000) and VNA Pension (\$5,000) to the Schools Capital Equipment account, all in the General Fund.
- 2. Move to approve a transfer from the Waterways Treatment account (\$10,000.37) and the Storm-related overtime account (\$2,889.00), both in the General Fund, and from the Flat Bed Truck account (\$14,846.34), the Wood Chipper account (\$15,281.91), the Bobcat Accessories account (\$511.11), the Excavator account (\$343.75), the Pick Up Truck account (\$150.00), the Timberlin Clubhouse Roof Replacement account (\$400.20), the Lightning Detection account (\$140.00), the Rack Body (\$8.80), the Trailer (\$284.02) and the Storage Unit account (\$625.50), all from the Capital Non-Recurring Fund to the Skid Steer account in the Capital Non-Recurring Fund.
- 3. Move to approve a transfer of \$60,000 from the School Worker's Compensation account and \$65,000 from the School Contractual Services account to the Hubbard Playground account, all in the General Fund.

- 4. Move to appropriate \$5,048,046.16 of America Rescue Plan (ARPA) grant funds to the HVAC Upgrades account in the American Rescue Plan fund.
- 5. Move to transfer \$188,000, as detailed on the accompanying spreadsheet, to cover higher than budgeted expenditures in identified accounts.
- 6. Move to appropriate the \$4,000 Juvenile Review Board Grant to the Part Time Help, Worker's Comp., and Social Security expense accounts, all in the General Fund.
- 7. Move to approve the non-budgeted appropriation of the State of Connecticut Local Prevention Council grant in the amount of \$2,950 to the Local Prevention Council expenditure account, both in the General Fund.
- 8. Move to accept the Suspense List of \$144,846.27 as presented.
- 9. Discuss FY23 & Major Capital Projects Strategy
- 10. Update on the Community/Senior Center forums and submission of the report to the Board of Finance for their review.
- 11. Discuss proposal to pay for paving the Kensington Volunteer Fire Department (non-Town entity) parking lot with Town of Berlin funds and recommend a funding option to the Town Council.
- 12. Finance Director update.

G. ADJOURNMENT

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A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bordonaro called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. ROLL CALL

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present: Sal Bordonaro, Raul Fernandes, Tim Grady, Mark Holmes. George Millerd,

Gerald Paradis

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Kevin Delaney - Finance Director

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Peter Zarabozo, 158 Elwood Rd.

Mr. Zarabozo said he reached out to Finance Director Delaney about revenue that we are getting from the state program regarding alcohol nip bottles. According to the results, we have approximately \$9,100 coming in over a 6 month period. You can extrapolate and say \$18k a year depending on how much our town's people drink. I know there are stipulations around the usage of the money. It is supposed to be used for environmental uses and conservation efforts on the reduction of solid waste matter and so on. I didn't know if this commission was aware of that new revenue stream. Secondly, I was hoping to advocate that perhaps not the entirety of that sum, but a good portion of that sum, could go towards funding some initiatives and go towards the Conservation Commission. Some of them simple and not that costly, but some primarily being signage issues for public access trails and potential uses for the community garden and reduction of solid waste through some type of prototype of a composting program and something to that degree. I'm here to advocate that some of that

might be siphoned directly to some of those intentions that the Conservation Commission would like to use it for. I don't think it is a very expensive expenditure to fund those types of things. I think we have a new revenue source and I think it is for the greater good of the public. That money could also be put into the open land acquisition fund that we have.

Finance Director Delaney said back in budget year 2021, the legislature passed the public act which accesses 5 cents per nip, the small alcohol nip bottles. It is accessing at wholesale, so based on the volume, wholesalers sell to retailers in each town. That town has committed the money and it is remitted every 6 months by the public act. The money has to be remitted by April 26. That is the first 6-month period since the first time we received the money. We received it, deposited it and created a new account, Public Act 91, Nips Environmental Fund. There are very specific provisions, one of the areas is to prevent these nips from entering the water stream. So, putting things like screens over or under catch basins to prevent nips from getting into the water. Also, brushes and vacuums to pick these items up. It is very specific for what the money can be used. That is why we put it into that separate account, so nothing needs to be done with it until we can identify some potential uses for the money. Because it is the first time, we had to reach out to the town attorney just to make sure that some of the areas we propose to use are acceptable and we plan to leave it in that account and spend out of that account. If the state comes back, we don't need to report back to them, but like all other sources the state has the right to audit us. It would be a whole lot easier to comply with that request and show them what you spent that money on. That is why we have intended to do that. I think those are all good ideas and we need to make sure that we are compliant with that law.

Mr. Paradis asked what fund is that? Finance Director Delaney said we put it into capital non-return. It is seven separate accounts specifically for the biggest environmental thing, so that the money is prorated to that account and you will spend from that account. Mr. Paradis asked who is the right person to provide suggestions? Because it is not us. Finance Director Delaney said the Conservation Commission works with Maureen and I would probably bring it up there and then she and I could certainly talk.

E. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES April 19, 2022, Regular Meeting April 28, 2022, Special Meeting

Mr. Paradis moved to approve the April 19, 2022 Regular Meeting minutes and the April 28, 2022 Special Meeting minutes.

Seconded by Mr. Millerd.

Those voting in favor: Mr. Bordonaro, Mr. Fernandes, Mr. Grady, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Millerd, Mr. Paradis

Vote being 6-0. (MOTION CARRIED)

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Move to adopt "AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$2,800,000 FOR WATER LINE REPLACEMENT ON THE BERLIN TURNPIKE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$2,800,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION, AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF, THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWING FOR SUCH PURPOSE".

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Seconded by Mr. Millerd.

Those voting in favor: Mr. Bordonaro, Mr. Fernandes, Mr. Grady, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Millerd, Mr. Paradis

Vote being 6-0. (MOTION CARRIED)

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Mr. Millerd said the project will be scheduled with the Department of Public Health and State of Connecticut under Section 2. Finance Director Delaney said we pursue grants each time. Mr. Millerd asked if there is a probability that is going to happen, or do we pursue? Finance Director Delaney said we pursue every time and I think it is lower on this one. The Deming Rd. pump station is a much higher probability. That one was included in the budget last year as part of our general funding. This one is not. Mr. Paradis asked even if we don't get grants, do we have to get in line for 2% grants? Finance Director Delaney said no, this one we are going to still go through the approval process, but we have been assured by folks from Department of Public Health that this qualifies. It is just a lot of red tape to go through.

2. Move to transfer \$109,437, as detailed on the accompanying spreadsheet, to cover higher than budgeted expenditures in identified accounts.

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Seconded by Mr. Fernandes.

Those voting in favor: Mr. Bordonaro, Mr. Fernandes, Mr. Grady, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Millerd, Mr. Paradis

Vote being 6-0. (MOTION CARRIED)

Finance Director Delaney said they are all personnel related activities. Most of these are items that you have been aware of. It is clean up funding for the new Police Chief position, as well as paying unused vacation time. Also, it is funding the new Superintendent of Facilities and the VNA movement of leadership. They end up with unused vacation time in some areas. There is also the top manager position within the VNA and the Town Manager approved the modest increase for mid-manager to cover both positions. So it is really moving within the budget to fund a higher mid-manager, which was in that substantial debt savings.

3. Move to transfer \$2,700 from Storm Related Overtime to Charter Revision Commission Secretaries (\$2,000); Worker's compensation (\$47.00); Social Security (\$153.00) and Supplies Accounts (\$500.00) to fund a charter review.

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Seconded by Mr. Millerd.

Those voting in favor: Mr. Bordonaro, Mr. Fernandes, Mr. Grady, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Millerd, Mr. Paradis

Vote being 6-0. (MOTION CARRIED)

4. Finance Director update.

Finance Director Delaney said we continue to be in a good position with receipts overall 100%. I did transfer the balance from the high school project in, so the final shortfall vs. the \$1.2M we originally expected was \$261,939, but as you can see, we are already 100%. There is two more months of money to come in. Although I don't expect substantial money, we did receive this third and final tranche of ECS from the state department of education. We will collect some more back taxes at this point, potentially some additional money in advance of the tax sale that

takes place in August and September. Some folks pay earlier to avoid rolling into that sale, but other than that, I don't expect a dramatic increase in the general fund. We are in good shape from a tax collection standpoint. The pension liability sits where it was last evaluation. We are up substantially in interest rate, it was 2.16 in the last evaluation and we are heading up to 3%. That is about \$300-\$400 less in liability just from interest rate growth.

The BHS rooftop ductwork project is completed, what remains in there is to fund State audit support. We are moving forward with the lighting upgrade as well as a little bit of work for classroom storage cubbies at Hubbard. We continue to be in the \$2.5M range. We met today to talk about capital in the areas we want to come back and ask for money. That would be the first Town Council meeting in June and your meeting in June. These are the main public safety items such as the fire alarm upgrade at Willard and school vans that will actually catch us up to where we should be. Also, servers for the town hall and police department. Then some additional work at Hubbard playground to address the tripping hazards. Those are going to be the first areas we are trying to focus on.

At the last meeting, Mr. Paradis had asked for the VNA revenues. The last page is an attempt at that. I went back 3 years and through March, at the time this was published April revenue was still not closed for the VNA, but it gives you a picture. From my perspective, the area where we see the most dramatic challenge is the December/January timeframe. If you go back to FY19, we had over \$1M for full year revenue. FY21, we are all familiar with what happened with that period of time. This year we are going to be in the worst position in FY22. That is driven in two parts, one would be the staffing level. We had a lot of turnover of jobs and resetting the leadership, but also just turnover of nurses to provide the service. The other part is really getting an understanding of the Medicare reimbursement program. For probably the last 3 years, we have had a lot of talk about census. The challenge with the Medicare reimbursement model is it is based on the ideas of outcomes, not volume. So, it is not the number of visits that we do and amount of time and effort they put in, rather the outcome of patients. If you have a patient that is diagnosed, after 30-60 days, as the patient stays on, we are actually getting reimbursed the lower rate. While the census number may appear positive, the revenue numbers and therefore the net income for the VNA is not as strong. I don't know if that wasn't understood. I think Barbara did a great job of understanding that and Aleah who is the new VNA Director, is on the same page. We met a couple of times and she has dug into the budget and done some numbers and has really grasped about how you have a serious revenue problem. We keep looking at the costs and frankly there is not much that we can do unless we want to change the sampling model. There is a different model that Westbrook VNA uses which is very hyperbolic, they have two full time nurses, a full time physical therapist, an administrator and clerical person. They use a lot of per diems and are really hyper focused on Westbrook. So they don't go out to other towns. Their budget is around \$6k-\$7k per year. The VNA budget this year is positioned at \$1.5k and historically the last two years we were at \$1.7k and have strict substantial costs. I think there is a real understanding that the approach the VNA had been taking is not going to work with Medicare. The composition of CCCI, Medicaid and other low reimbursement insurers that represents a small piece of the puzzle. Health aides are a group that has many times rallied at the state capital because they want more

reimbursement pay. Often times they work minimum wage, or just above. We are paying municipal salaries and municipal benefits. The reimbursement rate from insurance companies is below the cost. There is no way you can ever have a business model where your variable margin is negative. So those are the areas of focus. As you look at the charter, they do a great job, but we've looked at these numbers and you can see it here, the approach is being taken. I'm not sure how we dig out of the several hundred thousand dollar loss a year. That is nothing to do with the people, I think the last leader could have been more candid or transparent, but at the end of the day I am not sure this model is something that the town is willing to supplement a few hundred thousand dollars.

Mr. Millerd asked if anyone has looked at just servicing Berlin? Not sure if there is anything in the charter that says we have to service other communities. Mr. Paradis added that it was told to us many times that it wasn't enough. That in order to get their census up and to get more treatments out, that they had to work outside of the town. Mr. Millerd asked if that was predicated on keeping the staff the size that they wanted to keep it vs. you have 10 people doing it? Finance Director Delaney said that is the Westbrook model. Mr. Paradis asked about VNA Westbrook being \$6k, but how much revenue do they take in? Finance Director Delaney said they are typically at ground breaking. I describe them as a VNA model sort of similar to Timberlin Golf Course, which is they might lose a little, but they might make a little. They are a service to the community. They are not trying to make money, but also not trying to lose money. Her goal is to serve those residents who want that service. Mr. Millerd said it would be interesting to understand what their services are. If you go to Hartford Hospital and get admitted, you get a care manager assigned and their job is getting you these services. Maybe Westbrook is providing care management services. Finance Director Delaney said they have two full time nurses who serve as case managers and then hire per diems who do a lot of the hands on work for folks. They use more per diem help. It is not a primary focus for them. They have a physical therapist on staff, which is critical. It is a tough business to be in. Westbrook is typically ranging from 30 to 35 census and they will never go above. If you have that type of census, you can handle two, or three out of town and manage that. I had a conversation with her and she said I never want to be in a position where I have to decline a Westbrook resident in the name of servicing someone from out of town. This is what they are paying for, they should be able to get that service. It is almost the equivalent of turning away people who live in Berlin because somebody from New Britain is coming in and wants a service in there.

Mr. Paradis said when you talk about revenues being lower, you mentioned something about turnover and other staffing issues. Does that mean that we will be seeing expenditure positive variances? Finance Director Delaney said our monthly PLM would show that we are using some of that to cover other items such as the Police Chief and Superintendent costs. In terms of what is really happening there, the net income is smaller than last year. Chairman Bordonaro said he is surprised that Westbrook never came up in conversation before. Finance Director Delaney said there was a period of time when it was brought up internally. I initiated the conversation to understand and I pulled up their financials from their town website and looked at their results. I want to understand better how they are a third of the size of us and offering this service. Westbrook is not that much smaller.

Mr. Fernandes asked if they keep service past a certain point, does another town have to pay for these services? Finance Director Delaney said I would say go back a year or more. The intent was to keep the census number up. We need to be moving towards that. One of the things that Hartford Healthcare does well from a business standpoint is recognizing the lifecycle of a patient. The margin will allow you that this patient deteriorates over time from a reimbursement perspective. We want to do more, but there is a point where you have to cut it off. It is a very different model. We are still talking about metrics. Census really isn't a great indicator of the performance that we are waiting to achieve there. Census remains at a level where it has to be through new patients, so you almost have to take census combined with turnover. You need a higher turnover rate if you are going to look at the two. Mr. Paradis said at one point they were giving us reports that broke down payer type, so you know whose reimbursement you are dealing with, which was a little more helpful. Finance Director Delaney said I think prior to January 2020 when Medicare switched their reimbursement law, that was their approach. We continue to focus on the census number and that is actually hurting us.

Mr. Millerd asked what ended up with the state motor vehicle tax? Finance Director Delaney said they approved the 32.46 rate. The grant numbers were less than projected by about \$80k less. I'm confident we can make that up. If you want to adjust the mill rate, you certainly could. The directive from OPM is that communities have until June 15 to make that adjustment, if towns have chosen to revisit their mill rate and adjust. Some chose not to. Those who haven't could come back and do so. It is really up to you guys. OPM is good at reimbursing. It will be closer to \$120k short.

G. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Paradis moved to adjourn at 7:32 p.m.

Seconded by Mr. Fernandes.

Those voting in favor: Mr. Bordonaro, Mr. Fernandes, Mr. Grady, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Millerd, Mr. Paradis

Vote being 6-0

Submitted by, Alina Brown

FIRST PERSON VERSION

BOARD OF FINANCE

The Board of Finance will now consider and take action with respect to the \$2,800,000 Water Line Replacement on the Berlin Turnpike appropriation and bond ordinance as adopted by the Town Council. A copy of the ordinance is available from the Town Clerk.

Is there a motion and a second that the ordinance entitled:

"AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$2,800,000 FOR WATER LINE REPLACEMENT ON THE BERLIN TURNPIKE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$2,800,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION, AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF, THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE", be approved?

Moved by Mr. Paradis, seconded by Mr. Millerd.

[Discussion]

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Those in favor?

Mr. Bordonaro, Mr. Fernandes, Mr. Grady, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Millerd, Mr. Paradis

Those opposed?

None.

I declare the ordinance approved.

EXCERPT FOR MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FINANCE HELD May 10, 2022

A meeting of the Board of Finance of the Town of Berlin was held at the Town Hall on May 10, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Members present and absent were as follows:

<u>Present</u>

Mr. Bordonaro, Mr. Fernandes, Mr. Grady, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Millerd, Mr. Paradis

Absent

None.

<u>Chairman Bordonaro</u> convened the meeting on the following ordinance as adopted by the Town Council which is the subject of this meeting and is available to the public and may be obtained at this meeting from the Town Clerk.

<u>Mr. Paradis</u> moved seconded by <u>Mr. Millerd</u>, to read the title of the following proposed ordinance and to waive the reading of the remainder of the ordinance, incorporating its full text into the minutes of this meeting.

Upon vote the ayes and nays were as follows:

<u>AYES</u>

Mr. Bordonaro, Mr. Fernandes, Mr. Grady, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Millerd, Mr. Paradis

NAYS

None.

<u>Chairman Bordonaro</u> thereupon declared the motion carried.

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[Insert Summary of Discussion]

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Upon vote the ayes and nays were as follows:

AYES

Mr. Bordonaro, Mr. Fernandes, Mr. Grady, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Millerd, Mr. Paradis

NAYS

None.

Chairman Bordonaro thereupon declared the motion carried.

There being no further comment, Chairman Bordonaro adjourned the meeting.

Agenda Item No. F-1 Request for Board of Finance Action

TO: The Board of Finance

FROM: Arosha Jayawickrema, Town Manager

DATE: May 26, 2022

SUBJECT: Purchase of three (3) vans to be used for Student Transportation by the Berlin Public

Schools and the New Britain Transportation Company (NBTC).

Summary of Agenda Item:

The Berlin Public Schools transports students every school day to and from various facilities inside and outside of the District. Pursuant to the Agreement with the Berlin Board of Education, NBTC provides all the drivers and buses; while the BOE and Town provide the necessary vans. The fleet of vans provided includes approximately 30+/- vans of varying size. Each year we need to replace vans that have logged excessive miles and/or need expensive repairs in order to continue to provide efficient, economical and safe transportation for the students. This fiscal year we plan to purchase three (3) passenger wagons at the State Contract price from Gengras Ford.

Funds are available in various accounts (listed below) within the fiscal year 2022 General Fund budget.

FROM:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Professional Services	\$12,250
Mid-Manager's Personnel	\$18,500
Pension	\$ 9,000
Maintenance & Repairs	\$ 4,000
Part-time & Summer Help	\$ 5,000
Dam EAPs	\$10,000
Regional Health Services	\$17,250
Department Head	\$13,000
Pension	\$ 5,000
	Professional Services Mid-Manager's Personnel Pension Maintenance & Repairs Part-time & Summer Help Dam EAPs Regional Health Services Department Head

TO:

Account	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
001.35.3561.0.54000.01729	Capital Equipment	\$94,000

Action Needed:

Move to approve the transfer of funds from Townwide Professional Services (\$12,250), Development Services Mid-Manager's Personnel (\$18,500), Development Services Pension (\$9,000), Building Maintenance & Repair (\$4,000), Animal Control Part-time & Summer Help (\$5,000), Emergency Management Dam EAPs (\$10,000), Health Department Regional Health Services (\$17,250), VNA Department Head (\$13,000) and VNA Pension (\$5,000) to the Schools Capital Equipment account, all in the General Fund.

Attachments:

None

Prepared By:

Jeffrey P. Cugno, Director of Operations, Berlin Public Schools

TO: The Board of Finance

FROM: Arosha Jayawickrema, Town Manager

DATE: May 26, 2022

SUBJECT: Approve the transfer of funds and the purchase of a new Skid Steer

Summary of Agenda Item:

The Town's existing skid steer was purchased in 2007. The piece of equipment is utilized by several departments including Grounds, Highway, and other Town Departments. The existing skid steer is used on a daily basis for loading trucks with mulch, infield material, playground safety surfacing and other types of aggregates. It is also used during winter months for snow removal at Town buildings and cleaning up Main Street after large storms. We also assist the Conservation Commission with clearing recently purchased open space, fallen trees, and mowing and widening walking paths with our brush mower attachment. The primary function of this piece of equipment is field renovation, installing wooden guardrails, and grading and removing of curbs in preparation of paving. With its age, the machine is routinely in the garage for repairs and parts have become difficult to locate.

Public Grounds solicited quotes for a replacement skid steer. Based on the quotes, this request is to purchase a new Caterpillar 259D3 HF Compact Track Loader and approve the transfer of existing Town funds to complete the purchase. The cost of the new machine is net of a 31.94% State discount and a trade-in credit of \$18,000 offered by H.O. Penn for the Town's existing skid steer.

Funds are available in several accounts to make this purchase. To enable the expenditure, this request includes a second motion to transfer excess funds from various projects into the Public Grounds Skid Steer account. Specifically,

FROM:

Account	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
001.25.2545.0.53932.00000	Waterways Treatment	\$10,000.37
001.25.2545.0.51445.00000	Storm Related Overtime	\$2,889.00
500.20.2037.0.54000.00024	Flat Bed Truck	\$14,846.34
500.20.2037.0.54000.00138	Wood Chipper	\$15,281.91
500.20.2037.0.54000.00142	Bobcat Accessories	\$511.11
500.20.2037.0.54000.00172	Excavator	\$343.75
500.20.2038.0.54000.00015	Pick Up Truck	\$150.00
500.20.2038.0.54000.00336	Timberlin Clubhouse Roof Replacement	\$400.20
500.25.2543.0.54000.00701	Lightning Detection	\$140.00
500.25.2545.0.54000.00017	Rack Body	\$8.80
500.25.2545.0.54000.00100	Trailer	\$284.02
500.25.2545.0.54000.00322	Storage Unit	\$625.50

TO:

500.25.2545.0.54000.00175 Skid Steer \$45,481.

Action Needed:

Move to approve a transfer from the Waterways Treatment account (\$10,000.37) and the Storm-related overtime account (\$2,889.00), both in the General Fund, and from the Flat Bed Truck account (\$14,846.34), the Wood Chipper account (\$15,281.91), the Bobcat Accessories account (\$511.11), the Excavator account (\$343.75), the Pick Up Truck account (\$150.00), the Timberlin Clubhouse Roof Replacement account (\$400.20), the Lightning Detection account (\$140.00), the Rack Body (\$8.80), the Trailer (\$284.02) and the Storage Unit account (\$625.50), all from the Capital Non-Recurring Fund to the Skid Steer account in the Capital Non-Recurring Fund.

Attachments:

None

Prepared By:

Steve Wood, Public Grounds Superintendent

TO: The Board of Finance

FROM: Arosha Jayawickrema, Town Manager

DATE: May 26, 2022

SUBJECT: Approve a budget transfer to fund upgrades at Hubbard Playground

Summary of Agenda Item:

The playground and stairs at Hubbard Playground need an upgrade to remain safe for the children. The Town can purchase the materials in June 2022 and hire a contractor to complete the work before the 2022-23 school year begins using the approved on-call list. This motion is to approve the transfer of surplus funds to cover the cost of the project.

Funds are available in the School Worker's Compensation account because the Town's final renewal rate was lower than expected in the FY22 budget. Funds are also proposed to come from the School Contractual Services account since this project is considered a high priority for the Board of Education. The requested transfer is to move \$60,000 from the School Worker's Compensation account (001.35.3561.0.52010.00000) and \$65,000 from the School Contractual Services account (001.35.3561.0.53814.00000) to the Hubbard Playground account (001.35.3561.0.54000.00773), all in the General Fund.

Action Needed:

Move to approve a transfer of \$60,000 from the School Worker's Compensation account and \$65,000 from the School Contractual Services account to the Hubbard Playground account, all in the General Fund.

Attachments:

None

Prepared By:

Kevin Delaney, Finance Director

Agenda Item No. F-4 Request for Board of Finance Action

TO: The Board of Finance

FROM: Arosha Jayawickrema, Town Manager

DATE: May 24, 2022

SUBJECT: Appropriation of \$5,048,046.16 in American Rescue Plan (ARPA) grant

funds for HVAC Upgrades at the three elementary schools

Summary of Agenda Item:

Under the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF), a part of the American Rescue Plan, the Town of Berlin was awarded \$6,048,046.16. The distribution of these funds was scheduled to occur in two installments – June 2021 and June 2022. The Town received the first installment (\$3,024,023.08 or 50% of the total grant) on 6/22/2021. The second installment is scheduled for approximately twelve months after the first installment.

In May 2021, The US Treasury published the Interim final rule (IFR) describing eligible uses of the SLFRF. Since that time, Treasury has received feedback on the IFR. Based on that feedback, Treasury issued the final rule in January 2022. The final rule delivers broader flexibility and greater simplicity.

Among the changes, the final rule offers a standard allowance for revenue loss of up to \$10 million, not to exceed the total award amount, and streamlined reporting requirements. The final rule takes effect April 1, 2022. However, "recipients can choose to take advantage of the final rule's flexibilities and simplifications now, even ahead of the effective date. Treasury will not take action to enforce the Interim final rule to the extent that a use of funds is consistent with the terms of the final rule, regardless of when the SLFRF funds were used." (p.5, Overview of the Final Rule)

Based on the IFR (and reinforced by the final rule), the Town appropriated \$1,000,000 to the State & Federal Grants revenue account between fiscal years 2022 & 2023. As a result, the Town has \$5,048,046.16 remaining.

Original ARPA Grant – Berlin	\$6,048,046.16
Fiscal Year 2022 adopted GF budget	(\$ 700,000.00)
Fiscal Year 2023 adopted GF budget	(\$ 300,000.00)
Available ARPA Grant – Berlin	\$5,048,046.16

Although there are many uses of the remaining ARPA funds that would benefit Berlin, this motion is requesting to appropriate the remaining ARPA grant balance (\$5,048,046.16) to the HVAC Upgrade account (545.35.3561.0.54000.00341) in the American Rescue Plan Fund. This appropriation may be used to purchase equipment, pay construction contractors, and pay a

construction manager. The first school HVAC project is expected to be bid in 2022, and construction is projected to start at the first school during the summer of 2023.

Action Needed:

Move to appropriate \$5,048,046.16 of America Rescue Plan (ARPA) grant funds to the HVAC Upgrades account in the American Rescue Plan fund.

Attachments:

None

Prepared By:

Kevin Delaney, Finance Director

Agenda Item No. F-5 Request for Board of Finance Action

TO: The Board of Finance

FROM: Arosha Jayawickrema, Town Manager

DATE: May 26, 2022

SUBJECT: Budget Transfers to Clear Overbudget Accounts

Summary of Agenda Item:

Over the course of the fiscal year some accounts exceed budget for different reasons. All the higher than budgeted costs are offset in other parts of the budget or contingency. No new money is being appropriated with this request. These items are summarized on the Budget Adjustments spreadsheet submitted with this action item.

Action Needed:

Move to transfer \$188,000, as detailed on the accompanying spreadsheet, to cover higher than budgeted expenditures in identified accounts.

Attachments:

Budget Adjustments spreadsheet

Prepared By:

Kevin Delaney, Finance Director

From To Explanation	\$30,000.00 The Town and the Blue Collar union agreed to establish a new position at the Golf Course. The new position is a 9-month, non-benefits eligible position (9BCS)that replaces the part-time position in prior separs. The Golf Course has five 9BCS positions. This transfer moves funding from the Part-time account to the Blue Collar (union labor) account to fund the change.	\$8,250.00 Due to inflation, the cost of Natural Gas is higher than budgeted. \$8,250.00	\$100,000.00 At the request of the Police Commission, the Department has deployed an extra officer per shift and paying with overtime. The FY23 budget request included two additional officers that were expected to reduce overtime costs while enhancing public safety.	\$25,000.00 The Department has experienced higher worker's compensation costs \$25,000.00 \$25,000.00 Significant reduction in sign purchases resulted in excess funds in the traffic account, which are needed to cover expenses related to background investigation costs, additional training classes, and POSTC tuition for a 43rd officer.	\$10,000.00 \$1,000.00 \$500.00
	Blue Collar Personnel Pension Worker's Compensation Part-time & Summer Help	Natural Gas Part-time & Summer Help	Overtime Police Personnel Pension	Worker's Compensation In Lieu of Sick Pay (retiree) Professional Development Traffic	Department Head Social Security Worker's Compensation
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Department	Golf Course	Golf Course	Police	Police Police	Human Resources

Water Control

WATER CONTROL TOTAL	\$0.00	\$0.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$188,000.00 \$1	\$188,000.00

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GENERAL FUND TOTAL

Agenda Item No. F-6 Request for Board of Finance Action

TO: The Board of Finance

FROM: Arosha Jayawickrema, Town Manager

DATE: May 26 2022

SUBJECT: Juvenile Review Board Grant

Summary of Agenda Item:

Berlin Social & Youth Services is applying to renew the \$4,000 Juvenile Review Board Grant we receive from the Connecticut Department of Children and Families and the Connecticut Youth Services Association for fiscal 2022-23. The grant supports providing case management services to JRB clients.

Funds will be deposited in the revenue account 001.00.0000.8.45301.00000, appropriated to the Part Time Help 001.30.3054.0.51510.00000, Worker's Comp. 001.30.3054.0.52010.00000, and Social Security 001.30.3054.0.52100.00000 expense accounts to be used according to the terms of the grant.

Action Needed:

Move to appropriate the \$4,000 Juvenile Review Board Grant to the Part Time Help, Worker's Comp., and Social Security expense accounts, all in the General Fund.

Attachments:

None

Prepared By:

Doug Truitt, Director of Social & Youth Services

Agenda Item F-7 Request for Board of Finance Action

TO: The Board of Finance

FROM: Arosha Jayawickrema, Town Manager

DATE: May 31, 2022

SUBJECT: Local Prevention Council Grant Adjustment

Summary of Agenda Item:

The State of Connecticut has awarded the Town an additional \$2,950 for the Local Prevention Council Grant. This agenda item is to appropriate the additional funds to revenue account:

001.00.0000.6.44551.00000 (Local Prev. Council Grant) \$2,950

And expenditure account:

001.30.3054.0.53437.00000 (Local Prev. Council Grant) \$2,950

Action Needed:

Move to approve the non-budgeted appropriation of the State of Connecticut Local Prevention Council grant in the amount of \$2,950 to the Local Prevention Council expenditure account, both in the General Fund.

Attachments:

None

Prepared By:

Doug Truitt, Social & Youth Services Director

Agenda Item No. F-8 Request for Board of Finance Action

TO: The Board of Finance

FROM: Arosha Jayawickrema, Town Manager

DATE: June 6, 2022

SUBJECT: Suspense List of \$144,846.27

Summary of Agenda Item:

Pursuant to C.G.S. §12-165, tax collectors must annually deliver a list of those taxes deemed uncollectible. That list is called a Suspense List. The taxes may be uncollectible for several reasons: deceased, bankruptcy, cannot locate, constable is unable to collect, out of business, etc. Even though these accounts are transferred to the Suspense List, the tax office can still attempt to collect and will receive payment on some of the accounts.

Action Needed:

Move to accept the Suspense List of \$144,846.27 as presented.

Attachments:

Suspense List

Prepared By: Debbie Swan, Revenue Collector

LIST OF TAXES TRANSFERRED TO SUSPENSE LIST FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022

Motor Vehicle

Grand List of October 1, 2019 due July 1, 2020 \$70,893.91

Supplemental Motor Vehicle

Grand List of October 1, 2019 due July 1, 2020 \$16,640.84

Personal Property

Grand List of October 1, 2019 due July 1, 2020 \$57,311.52

Grand Total \$144,846.27

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Grand Total: 43

Agenda Item No. F-9 Request for Board of Finance Action

TO: The Board of Finance

FROM: Arosha Jayawickrema, Town Manager

DATE: May 31, 2022

SUBJECT: Discussion of FY23 Capital and Major Capital Projects/Purchases

Summary of Agenda Item:

In the Fiscal Year 2023 General Fund budget development, the Board of Finance removed all capital requested by the Town Manager and directed him to use fiscal year 2022 General Fund operating surplus funds to make the requested purchases and complete the requested projects.

FISCAL YEAR 2023 REQUESTED GENERAL I		Funding	<u> </u>	Tier
Project	<u>Tier</u>	Source	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Total</u>
School Vans	1a	FY22 Surplus	\$95,000	
Hubbard School Playground Paving & Stairs	1a	FY22 Surplus	\$125,000	
Town Hall Server Replacement	1b	FY22 Surplus	\$162,500	
Police Server Maintenance	1b	FY22 Surplus	\$28,930	
		FY22 Capital	\$9,070	
Fire Alarm Upgrades - Willard	1b	FY22 Surplus	\$150,000	\$570,500
Demore, Dinda, Bittner Jr. Memorial Pool Repairs	2	FY22 Surplus	\$200,000	
New carpeting (replace original now 32 yrs old)	2	FY22 Surplus	\$144,824	
	2	CNR Capital	\$5,176	
12 Passenger Van (20% TOB/80% Fed DOT)	2	FY22 Surplus	\$17,000	\$367,000
Toro Tri-Plex Greensmower	3	FY22 Surplus	\$40,000	
On-course bridge replacement (assumes \$35k/bridge)	3	FY22 Surplus	\$35,000	
Small used Kubota tractor	3	FY22 Surplus	\$35,000	\$110,000
Vehicle - Patrol Units - (5% incr. in out yrs)	4	FY22 Surplus	\$165,375	
Vehicle - Unmarked/Admin	4	FY22 Surplus	\$35,000	\$200,379
Basement Storage (Griswold)	5	FY22 Surplus	\$40,000	
Auditorium & Stage Renovation (McGee)	5	FY22 Surplus	\$250,000	
Lavatory Upgrades (Griswold, Hubbard, Willard)	5	FY22 Surplus	\$350,000	
Sage Park Parking Lot	5	FY22 Surplus	\$300,000	\$940,000
Paper Goods Pond Dam (consulting)	6	FY22 Surplus	\$65,000	
Deming Road House (Mobile Home caretakers house)	6	FY22 Surplus	\$50,000	\$115,000
Pool Cars (incl Assessor, Bldg Insp, DPW, Nursing)	7	FY22 Surplus	\$28,350	
Large dump truck	7	FY22 Surplus	\$220,000	
Pickup Truck	7	FY22 Surplus	\$45,000	
Facilities - Truck	7	FY22 Surplus	\$38,000	
Used 1 Ton 4x4 dump truck w/ plow	7	FY22 Surplus	\$30,000	
Dump Truck (with plow & sander)	7	FY22 Surplus	\$110,000	\$471,350
Exterior repairs to Art League Building	8	FY22 Surplus	\$50,000	
Hubbard Library Media Center and Courtyard	8	FY22 Surplus	\$300,000	
Floor Tiles (Griswold, Hubbard, Willard)	8	FY22 Surplus	\$75,000	
Band Room Renovation (McGee)	8	FY 22 Surplus	\$50,000	\$475,000
McGee Generator	HOLD		\$500,000	\$500,000
			\$3,749,225	\$3,749,22
Tier 1 -3 Total Tier 1 -4 Total			\$1,047,500 \$1,247,875	\$1,047,500 \$1,247,87

Based on the projected fiscal year 2022 surplus, a cross-functional team of Town and BOE department heads prioritized the requested purchases/projects (see above). Based on the current projected fiscal year 2022 surplus, the items highlighted in green expect to be funded with the final fiscal year 2022 surplus. Once final invoices are paid in July, agenda items will be developed to fund as many of the green highlighted items as possible.

In addition to the fiscal year 2023 budget items, major capital projects and proposed funding are listed below. These projects/purchases have been proposed previously. The goal of this discussion is to determine if the proposed strategy should be implemented if projected funding materializes.

CAPITAL PROJECTS CAPITAL						
	Funding		Expected			
<u>Project</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>	Timing			
Police Station Renovation						
Design/Bidding work (Jakunski & Humes)	Fund Balance	\$300,000	Summer 2022			
Relocate BOE Storage (rough estimate)	Fund Balance	\$500,000	Fall/Winter 2022			
Relocate Food Pantry/Storage (rough estimate)	Fund Balance	\$500,000	Fall/Winter 2022			
Construction (Phases 1-3)	June 2023 Bond	\$4,624,250	Summer 2023			
HVAC						
Construction Manager - estimate	ARPA	\$500,000	Summer 2022			
Willlard	ARPA	\$4,548,046	Summer 2023			
	Fund Balance	TBD	Contingency			
Griswold	June 2024 Bonding	TBD	Summer 2024			
Hubbard	June 2024 Bonding	TBD	Summer 2024			
Percival Soccer Field	Fund Balance	\$225,000	Summer 2022			
Highway Wash Bay	FEMA	\$264,212	Summer 2022			
	Fund Balance	\$250,000	Summer 2022			
Fire Vehicle (#4 of 4 in Fire Dept Strategic Plan)	FY22 or FY23 Surplus	\$1,050,000	TBD			
Willard School Parking Lot	LOCIP	\$258,000	Summer 2023			

The most recent projected 6/30/2022 fund balance is:

	<u>A</u>	s a % of FY22 budget	Source/Notes	
6/30/2021 GF Unassigned Fund Balance	\$18,300,008	19.5%	from audited Annual Comprehensive Financial Report	
Non-budgeted appropriation	(\$7,510,640)	-8.0%	FY22 DB pension payouts & new fire vehicle purchases	
Projected FY22 Year-end GF surplus/(deficit)	\$2,250,000	2.4%	on-going operations only	
Surplus used for removed FY23 capital requests	(\$1,233,629)	-1.3%	from proposed capital projects/purchases spreadsheet	
Assigned fund balance in FY23 budget	(\$380,000)	-0.4%	increase in use of fund balance in FY23 adopted GF budget	
Proposed Use of Fund Balance	(\$775,000)	-0.8%	from proposed capital projects/purchases spreadsheet	
Projected 6/30/2022 GF Unassigned Fund Balance	\$10,650,739	11.3%		
Other items:				
Net DB Pension Liability	(\$1,779,950)		Unfunded liability as of 1/31/2022	
Fire vehicles	(\$1,050,000)		Replacing fourth 20-year old fire vehicle	

Unassigned fund balance is projected to be sufficient to cover the proposal above.

Action Needed: None

Attachments:
Capital Spreadsheet

<u>Prepared By:</u> Kevin Delaney, Finance Director

Town of Berlin Short-Term Capital Spending & Funding Plan Fiscal Years 2023 & 2024

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00000SS	Sand Room Renovation (McGee)	œ	FY22 Surplus	\$50,000	\$475,000
	AcGee Generator	HOLD		\$500,000	\$500,000
				\$3,749,225	\$3,749,225

FY22 Surplus (Tier 1-4)	\$1,233,629
-Y22/CNR Capital	\$14,246
ARPA	\$5,048,046
FEMA	\$264,212
-und Balance (ex PD Relo, HVAC)	\$775,000
TOTAL Identified Items	\$7,335,133

Agenda Item No. F-10 Request for Board of Finance Action

TO: The Honorable Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Arosha Jayawickrema, Town Manager

DATE: June 2, 2022

SUBJECT: Community/Senior Center Update

Summary of Agenda Item:

The town held two forums on Thursday, June 2, 2022, at the Berlin Senior Center to inform the public on the report from the Community/Senior Center Advisory Committee. Chairman Luddy presented the attached power point presentation.

At this time, the Town Council should forward the report to the Board of Finance for their review of the Committee's findings.

Action Needed:

Update on the Community/Senior Center forums and submission of the report to the Board of Finance for their review.

Attachments:

Forum Presentation

Prepared By: Kate Wall, Town Clerk

Berlin Community & Senior Center

(Sub-Committee Factual Analysis, Assessment & Evaluation thereof)

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Barbara Gombotz (Chair, Commission on Aging)

Dave Cyr (Chair, Economic Development Commission)

&

Jennifer Ochoa (Director of Community, Recreation and Park Services (acting Town Hall liaison to this sub-committee)

Under a \$750,000 grant Berlin received in 2018 from the State of Connecticut, and outgoing Democrat Majority Leader Joe Aresimowicz, to specifically study the potential for a new, and/or combined Community and Senior Center, a fact gathering subcommittee was established by the Berlin Town Council on July 20, 2021. This subcommittee was sourced to investigate and research the potential of building a new Community and Senior Center in Berlin. The committee is composed of six members as listed above and their report was delivered to Town Council on April 7, 2022. Enclosed for your review is the culmination of their work and efforts.

We thank all members of this sub-committee for their hard work and efforts on behalf of Berlin, and all its residents.

Sincerely,

Brenden Luddy

Deputy Mayor

Chair, Community & Senior Center Sub-Committee

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Appendix I---Conceptual Programming Ideas

The \$750,000 Grant:

(a) Description:

The Town secured a grant in the amount of \$750,000 from the State of Connecticut to do a comprehensive study and to prepare preliminary design plans for a new Community/Senior Center.

(b) Funds used to date, and purpose (as of 3-3-2022):

<u>Costs</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Encumbered</u>	<u>Balance</u>	Reimbursed	Receivable
Appraisals	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Engineering/Architectural	\$520,000.00	\$175,965.30	\$169,034.70	\$175,000.00	\$145,910.02	\$30,055.28
Environmental Feasibility	\$60,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$60,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Contingency	\$85,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$85,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Consulting Services	\$70,000.00	\$621.10	\$0.00	\$69,378.90	\$0.00	\$621.10
TOTAL	\$750,000.00	\$176,586.40	\$169,034.70	\$404,378.90	\$145,910.02	\$30,676.38
Engineering/Architectural						
QA&M		\$175,965.30	\$169,034.70		\$145,910.02	\$30,055.28
Consulting Services						
Commission Secretary		\$621.10	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$621.10

(c) Grant dollars spent to date, encumbered, & remaining balance:

- --\$176,586.40 has been spent to date, and \$169,034.70 is encumbered/intended for preparing a Design/Build Package after a voter approved referendum.
- --The current remaining balance is \$404,378.90. This money was intended to be used for debt issuance costs, marketing, plan revisions (if needed), and administrative costs.

(d) Grant Term:

- --Term is 7-15-18 to 6-30-20 (Berlin applied for an extension and the request was approved—Grant now expires 12-31-22)
- -Additionally, if funds are still remaining as it gets closer to 12/31/22, the Town can ask for another extension.

Options explored by this sub-committee:

- (a) <u>Berlin builds & runs a new 72,000 square foot facility as depicted in the conceptual design</u>
- (b) YMCA builds & runs their own facility

**Note: Please see Page 34h for additional comments on options.

Toured facilities list:

		One adult me	mbership cost
(a)	Bloomfield Com. & Senior Center (tour 10-12-21): (Alvin & Beatrice Wood Human Services Center)	resident no fee	non-resident no fee
/I-)	(pay only for specific programs, outdoor pool only)	****	
(b)	Mansfield Community Center (tour 10-26-21): (2 pools25 yard lap pool & therapy pool) (plus \$35 join fee)	\$401/yr \$134/3mos	• • •
(c)	Glastonbury Riverfront Com&Senior Ctr (tour 10-26 (pay only for specific programs, no pool)	<u>-21</u>): no fee	no fee
(d)	Newtown Com. & Senior Center (tour 10-27-21): (2 pool—6 lane lap pool & therapy pool)	\$20/mos	\$40/mos
(e)	Branford Com. House & Senior Center (tour 12-1-21 (pay only for specific programs, no pool, Senior Cen		n/a in)
(f)	Windham Com. & Senior Center (tour 12-9-21): (1 pool—recreation)	\$10/mos \$50/6mos	\$20/mos \$60/6mos
(g)	Rocky Hill Senior/Community Center (tour 12-16-21 (pay only for specific programs, no pool)): no fee	\$20/yr
(h)	Meriden YMCA (tour 1-14-22): (1 poollanes & recreation, plus \$36 join fee)	\$47/mos	\$47/mos
(i)	Hale-Putnam YMCA (tour 1-28-22): (2 pools—lap pool & recreation pool, plus jacuzzi, sa (plus \$25 join fee)	\$64/mos auna & steam r	

^{**}Note: Rates above are per one adult. Discounts for youths, seniors, families exist for some facilities.

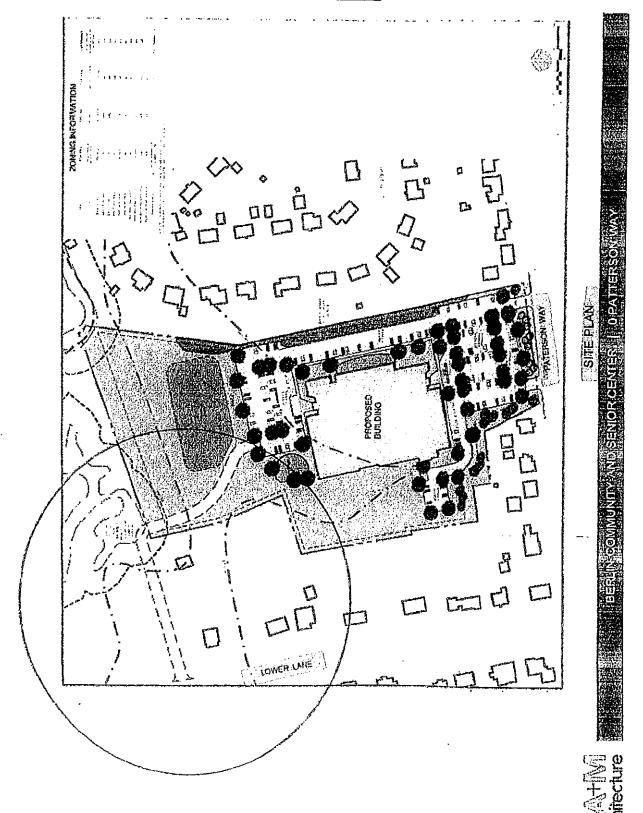
^{**}Note: Please see Appendix D for Sub-Committee notes from toured facilities

Site selection & analysis (Patterson Way):

- (a) <u>Traffic concerns & current congestion on Patterson Way:</u>
 - --not studied or evaluated
- (b) Lower Lane access road (possible now, or in the future):
 - --As depicted in the 72,000 square foot conceptual design the architect estimated a total cost of \$37,000,000 which does not include the cost to build this access road. In addition, the land for the proposed Lower Lane access road is not owned by the Town of Berlin, but by a private person. Discussions as to whether the owners are even interested in selling, and the actual purchase price, have not been discussed, evaluated, or pursued (see Pg 9 Site Plan).
- (c) 10.84 acres (7.81 & 3.03) of land owned by Berlin and use by YMCA:
 - --not studied or evaluated, but;
 - 1) Possible 50-99 year lease, at \$1.00 per year
 - Sale of land to YMCA
- (d) Cost & value of land:
 - --Berlin purchased & assembled four parcels of land on Patterson Way
 - (a) Two parcels from Cieniewicz on 8-29-03 for \$630,000 (see V51/P528)
 - (b) One parcel from Dao on 5-2-08 for \$35,000 (V603/P002-0003)
 - (c) One parcel from Forsyth on 11-7-08 for \$35,000 (V610/P518-519
 - (d) Total cost that Berlin spent for all four parcels above was \$700,000

Site selection & analysis (Patterson Way):

(a) Site Plan showing Lower Lane access road:



Senior Center Usage Numbers-current:

Berlin Senior Center Data As of March 28, 2022

The Berlin Senior Center is for individuals 60 years of age or older and is open approx. 260 days per year, 5 days per week from 8:30 am -4 pm. Per the latest census, Berlin's population is 20,460 and 29.4% of the population is 60 yrs. or older (6,022 individuals). It is expected that the senior population will grow in the foreseeable future, given the aging baby boomer population. Seniors are living longer and are more physically and socially active than ever before. As from the table below, the Senior Center membership has grown dramatically (2.1 times since 2017) with currently 919 members or 15% of the town's senior population. This growth rate can be tied to the amount of outreach that happened during the pandemic by the Senior Center. New ways of communication were introduced and more virtual programs were offered. The table below provides statistical information from the Senior Center's badge system. Key points are summarized below the table.

		Α	8	C=B/A	. D	E= D/B	F	G=F/D Avg.
		Berlin	Berlin	Members		% of	Annual	Activities
		Senior	Senior	as a % of		Members	Participatio	Per Active
		Population	Center	Senior	Active	that are	n by Active	Member
Year		60+(1)	Members	Population	Members	Active	Members	Per Year
2017		6,022	.441	7%	441	100%	12,998	29
2018		6,022	482	8%	456	95%	12,910	28
2019		6,022	596	10%	471	79%	12,583	27
	Pre-Pandemic Aver	ages	506	8%	456	90%	12,830	28
2020	COVID Pandemic	6,022	639	11%	491	77%	2,957	6
2021	COVID Pandemic	6,022	846	14%	492	58%	7,961	16
	Members as of 3/2	8/22	919	15%				

Key Facts:

Even in the last two years of the COVID Pandemic with the Senior Center closed a good portion of the years and not running all programs:

- 1 58% of the membership visited the Senior Center (active member) in 2021; pre pandemic was 90%
- 2 Active members participated and visited the center 16 days in 2021; pre-pandemic was 28 days
- 3 15% of the senior population in Berlin are members of the Berlin Senior Center
- 4 Per the Berlin Director of Senior Services, towns with newer Senior & Community facilities have usually doubled active memberships with expanded program offerings meeting the needs of the growing physical and socially active seniors.

Community Center Usage Numbers--current:

COMMUNITY CENTER USAGE STATISTICS

Total number of visits

201	7	
	Activity Room	1,491
	Exercise Room	9,354
2000	Groups & Classes	13,640
TOTAL		24,485

201	8	
	Activity Room	1,119
	Exercise Room	8,318
	Groups & Classes	11,470
TOTAL		20,907

2019	Activity Room	1,296
·	Exercise Room	7,400
	Groups & Classes	10,645
TOTAL		19,341

202	D Activity Room	278
	Exercise Room	1,976
	Groups & Classes	2,388
TOTAL		4,642

^{*}Closed April to December COVID

2021	Activity Room	263
	Exercise Room	1,027
	Groups & Classes	4,208
TOTAL		5,498

^{*}Closed January to September COVID

^{*}These numbers are calculated by the number of people in the room based on an attendance sheet. The same person may be counted more than once.

Financials:

- (a) Projected cost to build Berlin's new 72,000 square foot facility:
 - --Projected cost varies depending on many factors and is estimated to be between \$36-44 million
- (b) Projected annual operating costs to run Berlin's 72,000 square foot facility:
 - --Projected annual operating costs based on Town Staff calculations and analysis (see Page 13)
 - **Note: For comparison, please see **Appendix E**---Financial information provided to this Sub-Committee from toured & existing facilities
- (c) <u>Projected FFE (Furniture, Fixtures, Equipment), expenses and start-ups costs</u> for Berlin's new 72,000 square foot facility based on Town Hall staff analysis (see Page 14)
- (d) <u>Projected ways Berlin pays the annual operating costs to run Berlin's new 72,000 square foot facility:</u>
 - --Increase in property taxes & mil rate increase
 - --Annual bonding
 - --Fundraising & donations--public and private
 - --Membership fees to join and use the new facility
 - --Or, a combination thereof

\$2,973,428

Financials:

(a) Projected annual operating budget for Berlin's new 72,000 square foot facility based on Town Hall staff analysis of costs and expenses:

PROJECTED ANNUAL OPERATING COSTS ADDITIONAL STAFFING Salary Budget Amount Facility Manager Full-Time (for entire building) Professional \$80,000 \$122,000 Aquatics Director Difference in hiring FT Mid Manager B to replace summer part time \$72,500 \$104,525 Lifeguards/WSI Instructors Non-Union Addtl. of current budget \$41,852 Recreation Supervisor Fuli-Time \$72,500 Mid Manager Union B \$113,375 Full-Time/Shared Position Program Coordinator White Collar Union \$58,076 \$96,787 Adminstrative Secretary (Senior Center) Part-Time Non-Union \$11,310 \$11,310 Community Center Supervisor Part-Time (for when depts are closed) Non-Union Addtl. of current budget \$7,042 Full-Time Additional Parks and Grounds Staff Blue Coliar Union \$52,271 \$90,112 Additional Facilities Staff (Custodians X 4) Full-Time Blue Collar Union \$182,624 \$330,020 Additional Facilities Staff (Trades X2) Full-Time Blue Collar Union \$111,822 \$188,596 Parks and Recreation Maintenance Exercise Room Equipment 10% increase \$275 **Pool Supplies** 20% Increase \$1,180 Training Line Item includes lifeguard training 10% increase \$286 Senior Services Operating Materials 50% increase \$1,000 Programs and Activities 50% increase \$1,000 Bank Fees \$25,000 Pool Pool Maintenance (once a week maintenance) \$6,000 Pool Contractual Services (repairs) \$10,000 Utilities/Maintenance/Facilities Water Based on estimate from QA&M given Newtown expenses \$40,000 Electricity Based on estimate from QA&M given Newtown expenses \$195,000 Natual Gas Based on estimate from QA&M given Newtown expenses \$80,000 Facilities Infrastructure (Custodial equipment, materials, supplies) \$150,000 New additional operating costs for 72,000 square foot Community & Senior Center \$1,615,360 Current annual operational budgets (Parks & Recreation, Senior Center, Social & Youth Services \$1,358,068

Please note that the above calculations assume operating hours of:

Projected Total Annual Operational Costs

Monday-Friday: 6am-10pm

Saturday & Sunday: 7am-5pm

Financials:

(a) Projected FFE (Furniture, Fixtures, Equipment) expenses, & startup costs for new 72,000 square foot facility based on Town Hall staff analysis of costs & expenses:

Tables, Chairs, Smart Boards, Projectors, Sto	prage Cabinets, Furniture, File Cabinets, Carts, Televisions		\$50,000
or Gymnasium			<u> </u>
Bleachers	includes Installation		\$36,000
corebaord	includes installation		\$8,500
/olleyball Stanchions with Nets	quantity: 2		\$14,000
Pickleball Nets and Posts	quantity: 4		\$3,000
vats for the Gym			\$9,000
or Pool Area			
iming System			\$4,400
tarting System			\$1,275
iming Cable Harness			\$800
ouchpads		*	\$9,000
iming Buttons			\$1,000
ouchpad Storage Caddy			\$1,600
ifeguard Chairs		\$650 - \$3,000	\$10,000
leachers		\$575 - \$3,500	\$7,000
ifesaving Equipment	Shepherd's Crooks, Ring Buoys, Rescue Tubes, Backboards, AED		\$5,500
wim Lessen Equipment	Dive sticks, kick boards, life vests, etc.		\$5,000
ortable Storage Carts		\$240 - \$3,000	\$5,000
ane Lines		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	\$4,950
ane Line Storage			\$2,200
ackstroke Flags Stanchions			\$1,300
ackstroke Flags			\$100
or the Exercise Room			7200
o outlit room	Number based on Rocky Hill cost to cutfit 588 square foot room & buying new	equipment	\$150,000
or the Café in Reception Area	The state of the s		7330,000
efridgerator			\$1,500
or Kitchen			41,000
mail appliances, not inic. in Tom's estimate			\$3,300
or Outdoor Patio			4-7000
urniture, Outdoor Umbrellas			\$10,000
or Health Room (Senior Center)	The state of the s		
pecialty Furniture and Equipment			\$1,500
or a Game Room			+-/
o Outfit Room			\$10,000
or Food Pantry			+/
helving/Portable Carts			\$1,600
acilities Vehicles (custodial and trade)	\$50,000 per trades person		\$100,000
acilities infrastructue (custodial equipment,			\$75,000
	And the state of t		\$532,525
	QA&M budgeted amount for FFE	ļ	\$150,000
	TOTAL	L	\$682,525

Bonding:

- (a) Best practices bonding levels as per Wall Street rating agencies:
 - --3-5% (maximum), of annual town budget
 - --Berlin current bonding/debt level is \$81,456,013 as of 4-1-22 which under Best Practices should be no more than \$41,000,000. At the end of FY2017 Berlin bonded debt was at a high of \$107,729,736., which includes the energy lease but excludes the unfunded DB pension liability.
 - --- Under the Best Practices formula, the current Berlin bonded debt percentage is 8.0% versus the 3-5% range advocated under Best Practices by rating agencies
- (b) Bonding costs, and mil rate increase for 72,000 square foot project:
 - --\$36,000,000 @10-15-20 year charts & resulting mil rate increase (see Pg 16)
 - --\$40,000,000 @10-15-20 year charts & resulting mil rate increase (see Pg 17)
 - --\$44,000,000 @10-15-20 year charts & resulting mil rate increase (see Pg 18)
- (c) Dates and timelines for bonding & referendum for (b) above (see Pg 19):
- (d) Other upcoming bonding projects on the horizon for Berlin (see Pg 20):
- (e) Per capita bonding level FY2019 of 22 towns in Central Connecticut (see Pg 21):
- (f) Berlin bond rating impact from (b) above (see Pg 22):

Bonding: \$36million bond chart @ 10-15-20 year increments with mil rate impact:

Town of Berlin Projected Mill Rate Impact of Community/Senior Center March 2022

KEY ASSUMPTIONS

19

20

\$1,800,000

\$1,800,000

\$36,000,000

\$108,000

\$22,320,000

\$1,908,000

\$1,800,000

\$58,320,000

0.81

0.77

Projected total cost Value of mill

536,000,000 2,348,139

* Projected mil rate displayed only considers additional debt service from the Community/Senior Center ots and operational changes are not included in the mil rate displayed.

\$159.26

\$150.25

\$255.96

\$241.47

					Incrementa	Tax Impact
	10-YEAR DEBT SCHE	DRITE			\$280,000 Home	\$450,000 home
10 4.0%	Principal	Intercet	Total	Mil Rate	70% of value	70% of value
0	Fincipal	<u>Interest</u> \$1,440,000	Debt Service	Impact 0.51	č1 pp 26	4402.45
1	\$3,500,000	\$1,296,000	\$1,440,000	0.61	\$120.20	\$193.17
2	\$3,600,000	\$1,152,000	\$4,896,000 \$4,732,000	2.09	\$408.67	\$556.79
3	\$3,600,000	\$1,008,000	\$4,608,000	2.02	\$396.65	\$637.48
4	\$3,600,000	\$864,000	\$4,454,000	1.96 1.90	\$384.63	\$618.16
5	\$3,600,000	\$720,000	\$4,320,000	1.84	\$372.61	\$598.84
6	\$3,600,000	\$576,000	\$4,175,000	1.78	\$360.59	\$579.52
7	\$3,600,000	\$432,000	\$4,032,000	1.72	\$348.57 \$336.55	\$560.21 \$540.89
8	\$3,600,000	\$288,000	\$3,888,000	1.66	\$324.53	\$521.57
9	\$3,600,000	\$144,000	\$3,744,000	1.59	\$312.51	\$502.25
10	\$3,600,000	\$0	\$3,600,000	1.53	\$300.49	\$482.94
	\$36,000,000	\$7,920,000	\$43,920,000	2.55	43 00.43	V402.34
	15-YEAR DEBT SCHEE	OULE				
15	<u> </u>		Total	MII Rate		
5,0%	<u>Principal</u>	Interest	Debt Service	Impact		
0		\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000	0.77	\$150.25	\$241.47
1	\$2,400,000	\$1,680,000	\$4,080,000	1.74	\$340.56	\$547.33
2	\$2,400,000	\$1,680,000	\$4,080,000	1.74	\$340.55	\$547.33
3	\$2,400,000	\$1,560,000	\$3,960,000	1.69	\$330.54	\$531.23
4	\$2,400,000	\$1,440,000	\$3,840,000	1.64	\$320.53	\$515.13
5	\$2,400,000	\$1,320,000	\$3,720,000	1.58	\$310.51	\$499.03
6	\$2,400,000	\$1,200,000	\$3,600,000	1.53	\$300.49	\$482.94
7	\$2,400,000	\$2,080,000	\$3,480,000	1.48	\$290.48	\$466.84
8	\$2,400,000	\$960,000	\$3,360,000	1.43	\$280.45	\$450.74
g	\$2,400,000	\$840,000	\$3,240,000	1.38	\$270,44	\$434.64
10	\$2,400,000	\$720,000	\$3,120,000	1.33	\$260.43	\$418.54
21	\$2,400,000	\$600,000	\$3,000,000	1.28	\$250.41	\$402,45
12	\$2,400,000	\$480,000	\$2,880,000	1.23	\$240.39	\$385.35
13	\$2,400,000	\$360,000	\$2,760,000	1.18	\$230.38	\$370.25
<u>1</u> 4	\$2,400,000	\$240,000	\$2,640,000	1.12	\$220.36	\$354.15
1 5	\$2,400,000	\$0	\$2,400,000	1.02	\$200.33	\$321.96
	\$36,000,000	\$15,960,000	\$51,960,000			
	20-YEAR DEBT SCHED	DULE				
20			Total	Mil Rate		
6.0%	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	Debt Service	<u>Impact</u>		
0		\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000	0.77	\$150.25	\$241.47
1	\$1,800,000	\$2,052,000	\$3,852,000	1.64	\$321.53	\$516.74
2	\$1,800,000	\$1,944,000	\$3,744,030	1.59	\$312.51	\$502.25
3	\$1,800,000	\$1,836,000	\$3,636,000	1.55	\$303.50	\$487.76
4	\$1,800,000	\$1,728,000	\$3,528,000	1.50	\$294.48	\$473.28
5	\$1,800,000	\$1,620,000	\$3,420,000	1.45	\$285.47	\$458.79
6	\$1,800,000	\$1,512,000	\$3,312,000	1.41	\$276.45	\$444.30
7	\$1,800,000	\$1,404,000	\$3,204,000	1.36	\$267.44	\$429,81
8	\$1,800,000	\$1,296,000	\$3,096,000	1.32	\$258.42	\$415.32
9	\$1,800,000	\$1,188,000	\$2,988,000	1.27	\$249.41	\$400.84
10	\$1,800,000	\$1,080,000	\$2,880,000	1.23	\$240.39	\$386.35
11	\$1,800,000	\$972,000	\$2,772,000	1.18	\$231,38	\$371.86
12	\$1,800,000	\$864,000	\$2,664,000	1.13	\$222,37	\$357.37
13	\$1,800,000	\$756,000	\$2,556,000	1.09	\$213.35	\$342.88
14	\$1,800,000	\$548,000	\$2,448,000	1.04	\$204.34	\$328,40
15	\$1,800,000	\$540,000	\$2,340,000	1.00	\$195.32	\$313.91
16	\$1,800,000	\$432,000	\$2,232,000	0.95	\$186.31	\$299.42
17	\$1,800,000	5324,000	\$2,124,000	0.90	\$177.29	\$284.93
18	\$1,800,000	\$216,000	\$2,016,000	0.86	\$168.28	\$270.44
19	\$1.200.000	\$108,000	\$1,909,000	0.81	¢150.5-	Ann

Bonding: \$40million bond chart @ 10-15-20 year increments with mil rate impact:

Town of Berlin Projected Mill Rate Impact of Community/Senior Center

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\$40,000,000

\$24,800,000

Projected total cost

\$40,000,000

* Projected mil rate displayed only considers additional debt service from the Community/Senior Center

Projected total cost Value of mill	\$40,000,000 2,348,139	* Projected mi project. Any o	rate displayed only ther debt service pay	considers addition (ments and opera)	nal debt service from t tional changes are no	t included in the n
	10-YEAR DEBT SCHED	OTE				\$450,000 home
10			Total	Mil Rate	76% of value	70% of value
4,0%	<u>Principal</u>	Interest	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Impact</u>		
0		\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000	0.68	\$133.55	\$214.54
1	\$4,000,000	\$1,440,000	\$5,440,000	2.32	\$454.08	\$729.77
2	\$4,000,000	\$1,280,000	\$5,280,000	2.25	\$440.72	\$708.31
3	\$4,000,000	\$1,120,000	\$5,120,000	2.18	\$427.37	\$686.84
4	\$4,000,000	\$960,000	\$4,960,000	2.11	\$414.01	\$665.38
5	\$4,000,000	\$800,000	\$4,800,000	2.04	\$400,66	\$643.91
6	\$4,000,000	\$640,000	\$4,640,000	1.98	\$387.30	\$622.45
7	\$4,000,000	\$480,000	\$4,480,000	1.91	\$373.95	\$600.99
8	\$4,000,000	\$320,000	\$4,320,000	1.84	\$360.59	\$579.52
9	\$4,000,000	\$160,000	\$4,160,000	1.77	\$347.24	\$558.06
			\$4,000,000	1.70	\$333.88	\$536.60
10	\$4,000,000	\$0		1.70	4334.00	4220.00
	\$40,600,000	\$8,800,000	\$48,800,000			
	15-YEAR DEBT SCHEO	DULE				
15			Total	Mil Rate		
5.0%	<u>Principal</u>	Interest	Debt Service	[mpact		
0		\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	0.85	\$166.94	\$268.30
1	\$2,666,667	\$1,865,667	\$4,533,333	1.93	\$378.40	\$508.14
2	\$2,666,667	\$1,866,667	\$4,533,333	1.93	\$378.40	\$608.14
3	\$2,666,667	\$1,733,333	\$4,400,000	1.87	\$367.27	\$590.25
4	\$2,666,667	\$1,600,000	\$4,266,667	1.82	\$356.14	\$572.37
			\$4,133,333	1.76	\$345.01	\$554.48
5	\$2,666,667	\$1,456,667			*	\$536.60
6	\$2,666,667	\$1,333,333	\$4,000,000	1.70	\$333.88	
7	\$2,666,667	\$1,200,000	\$3,866,667	1.65	\$322 .7 5	\$518.71
8	\$2,666,667	\$1,066,667	\$3,733,333	1.59	\$311.62	\$500.82
9	\$2,666,667	\$933,333	\$3,600,000	1.53	\$300.49	\$482.94
10	\$2,665,667	\$800,000	\$3,466,667	1.48	\$289.36	\$465.05
11	\$2,665,667	\$666,667	\$3,333,333	1.42	\$278.23	\$447.16
1.2	\$2,666,667	\$533,333	\$3,200,000	1.3€	\$267.11	\$429.28
13	\$2,666,667	\$400,000	\$3,066,667	1.31	\$255.98	\$411.39
14		\$266,667	\$2,933,333	1.25	\$244_85	\$393.50
	\$2,666,667	\$200,007	\$2,666,667	1.14	\$222.59	\$357.73
15	\$2,666,667 \$40,000,000	\$17,733,333	\$57,733,333	1.14	ŞEEL.33	ψ 337.13
20	20-YEAR DEBT SCHE	DOLE	Total	Mil Rate		
6.0%	Datasland	Internet	Debt Service	Impact		
	<u>Principal</u>	Interest	\$2,000,000	0.85	\$166.94	\$258.30
0	\$7.000.000	\$2,000,000	\$4,280,000	1.82	\$357.25	\$574.16
1	\$2,000,000	\$2,280,000			\$347.24	
2	\$2,000,000	\$2,160,000	\$4,160,000	1.77		\$558.06
3	\$2,000,500	\$2,040,000	\$4,040,000	1.72	\$337.22	\$541.98
4	\$2,000,000	\$1,920,000	\$3,920,000	1.67	\$327.20	\$525,86
5	\$2,000,000	\$1,800,000	\$3,800,000	1.62	\$317.1 9	\$509.77
6	\$2,000,000	\$1,680,000	\$3,680,000	1.57	\$307.17	\$493.67
7	\$2,000,000	\$1,560,000	\$3,560,000	1.52	\$29 7.1 5	\$477.57
8	\$2,000,000	\$1,440,000	\$3,440,000	1.46	\$287.14	\$461.47
9	\$2,000,000	\$1,320,000	\$3,320,000	1.41	\$277.12	\$445.37
10	\$2,000,000	\$1,200,000	\$3,200,000	1.36	\$267.11	\$429.28
11	\$2,000,000	\$1,080,000	\$3,080,000	1.31	\$257.09	\$413.18
		\$950,000	\$2,960,000	1.26	\$247.07	\$397.08
12	\$2,000,000			1.21	\$237.06	\$380.98
13	\$2,000,000	\$840,000	\$2,840,000 \$3,730,000			
14	\$2,000,000	\$720,000	\$2,720,000	1.16	\$227.04	\$364.88
15	\$2,000,000	\$600,000		3.11	\$217.02	\$348.79
16	\$2,000,000	\$480,000		1.06	\$207.01	\$332.69
17	\$2,000,000	\$360,000	\$2,360,000	1.01	\$196.99	\$316.59
18	\$2,000,000	\$240,000	\$2,240,000	0.95	\$186.97	\$300.49
19	\$2,000,000	\$120,000		0.90	\$176.96	\$284.40
20	\$2,000,000	\$0		0,85	\$166.94	\$268.30
25	22,000,000	614 PD0 D30				

\$64,800,000

Bonding: \$44million bond chart @ 10-15-20 year increments with mil rate impact:

Town of Berlin

Projected Mill Rate Impact of Community/Senior Center

March 2022

KEY ASSUMPTIONS

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Projected total cost Value of mill \$44,000,000 2,348,139 * Projected mil rate displayed only considers additional debt service from the Community/Senior Center project. Any other debt service payments and operational changes are not included in the mil rate displayed.

					Incrementa	
	10-YEAR DEBT SCHEE	DULE	*****************		\$280,000 Home	
10			Total	Mil Rate	70% of value	70% of value
4.0%	Principal	<u>Interest</u>	Debt Service	<u>Impact</u>		
0		\$1,760,000	\$1,760,000	0.75	\$146.91	\$236.10
1	\$4,400,000	\$1,584,000	\$5,984,000	2.55	\$499.49	\$802.75
2	\$4,400,000	\$1,408,000	\$5,808,000	2.47	\$484.80	\$779.14
3	\$4,400,000	\$1,232,000	\$5,632,000	2.40	\$470.11	\$755.53
4	\$4,400,000	\$1,056,000	\$5,456,000	2_32	\$455.41	\$731.92
5 _.	\$4,400,000	\$880,000	\$5,280,000	2.25	\$440.72	\$708.31
6	\$4,400,000	\$704,000	\$5,104,000	2.17	\$426.03	\$584.70
7	\$4,400,000	\$528,000	\$4,928,000	2.10	\$411.34	\$661,09
8	\$4,400,000	\$352,000	\$4,752,000	2.02	\$396.65	\$637.48
9	\$4,400,000	\$176,000	\$4,576,000	1.95	\$381.96	\$613.86
10	\$4,400,000	\$0	\$4,400,000	1.87	\$367,27	\$590.25
	\$44,000,000	\$9,680,000	\$53,680,000		•	•
15			Total	Mil Rate		
5.0%	<u>Principal</u>	interest	Debt Service	<u>Impact</u>		
D		\$2,200,000	\$2,200,000	0.94	\$183.63	\$295.13
1	\$2,933,333	\$2,053,333				•
2			\$4,986,667	2.12	\$416.24	\$568.96
3	\$2,933,333	\$2,053,333	\$4,986,667	2.12 2.12	\$416.24 \$416.24	•
	\$2,933,333	\$1,905,667	\$4,986,667 \$4,840,000	2.12 2.06	•	\$568.96
4	\$2,933,333 \$2,933,333	\$1,905,667 \$1,760,000	\$4,986,667 \$4,840,000 \$4,693,333	2.12	\$416.24	\$568.96 \$568.96
4 5	\$2,933,333 \$2,933,333 \$2,933,333	\$1,905,667 \$1,760,000 \$1,613,333	\$4,986,667 \$4,840,000	2.12 2.06	\$416.24 \$404.00	\$568.96 \$568.96 \$549.28
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20-YEAR DEBT	SCHEDULE

\$2,933,333

\$44,000,000

20			Total	Mil Rate		
6.0%	<u>Principal</u>	Interest	Debt Service	<u>Impact</u>		
0		\$2,200,000	\$2,200,000	0.94	\$183.63	\$295,13
1	\$2,200,000	\$2,508,000	\$4,708,000	2.00	\$392,98	\$631.57
2	\$2,200,000	\$2,376,000	\$4,576,000	1.95	\$381.96	\$613.86
3	\$2,200,000	\$2,244,000	\$4, 444 ,600	1.89	\$370.94	\$596.16
4	\$2,200,000	\$2,112,000	\$4,312,C00	1.84	\$359.92	\$578.45
5	\$2,200,000	\$1,980,000	\$4,180,000	1.78	\$348.91	\$560.74
6	\$2,200,000	\$1,848,000	\$4,048,000	1.72	\$337.89	\$543.03
7	\$2,200,000	\$1,716,000	\$3,916,000	1.67	\$326.87	\$525.33
8	\$2,200,000	\$1,584,000	\$3,784,000	1.61	\$315.85	\$507.62
9	\$2,200,000	\$1,452,000	\$3,652,000	1.55	\$304.83	\$489.91
10	\$2,200,000	\$1,320,000	\$3,520,000	1,50	\$293.82	\$472.20
11	\$2,200,000	\$1,188,000	\$3,388,000	1.44	\$282.80	\$454.50
12	\$2,200,000	\$1,056,000	\$3,256,000	1.39	\$271.78	\$436.79
13	\$2,200,000	\$924,000	\$3,124,000	1,33	\$260.76	\$419.08
14	\$2,200,000	\$792,000	\$2,992,000	1.27	\$249.74	\$401.37
15	\$2,200,000	\$660,000	\$2,860,000	1.22	\$238.73	\$383.67
16	\$2,200,000	\$528,000	\$2,728,000	1.16	\$227.71	\$365.96
17	\$2,200,000	\$396,000	\$2,596,000	1.11	\$216.69	\$348.25
18	\$2,200,000	\$264,000	\$2,464,000	1.05	\$205.67	\$330.54
19	\$2,200,000	\$132,000	\$2,332,000	0.99	\$194.68	\$312.83
20	\$2,200,000	\$0	\$2,200,000	0.94	\$183.63	\$295.13
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Bonding:

- (a) <u>Suggested dates for Community/Senior Center bonding & referendum:</u> (per Finance Director Kevin Delaney)
- May 17 Town Council Meeting to set the Public Hearing and authorized the preparation of bond documents
- June 7 Town Council Public Hearing
- June 21 Town Council adopts the ordinance
- July 12 Board of Finance approves the ordinance
- July 26 Town Council sends the ordinance to referendum and approves the question for the ballot

Note: Town Council will also meet September 6th and September 20th

Note: Board of Finance will also meet August 12th and September 13th

Bonding: Other proposed bonding—Next 10 years:

Town of Berlin Other Proposed Bonding - Next 10 years February 2022

		<u>FY24</u>	FY25	<u>FY26</u>	<u>FY27</u>	<u>FY28+</u>
<u>Existing</u>						
	Town Hall Roof Library Roof	£4.200.000	\$1,200,000			
	Library/CC Chiller Replacement	\$1,200,0 00		\$2,100,000		
	Fire Vehicles	\$850,000		<i>\$2,</i> 202,220		\$3,200,000
	Rescue Trucks					\$1,000,000
	Paper Goods Pond Dam			\$450,000		
	Pool Building - Percival Pool Building - East Berlin			\$750,000	\$750,000	
	Replace Turf @ Scalise				\$750,000	\$1,000,000
	Senior Center Roof				\$750,000	, ,
	HVAC - Griswold/Hubbard	\$5,000,000				
	HVAC - Griswold/Hubbard		\$5,000,000	4500.000	A=00.000	
	Boiler - Hubbard Boiler - Willard			\$500,000 \$500,000	\$500,000 \$500,000	
	Boiler - Griswold			\$500,000	\$500,000	
	Window Replacement - McGee			\$500,000	\$2,100,000	
	Window Replacement - Willard					\$1,500,000
	Window Replacement - Hubbard				•	\$1,200,000
	Window Replacement - Griswold					\$1,300,000
	TOTAL EXISTING	\$7,050,000	\$6,200,000	\$4,800,000	\$5,100,000	\$9,200,000
	Existing bond principal payments	\$6,360,000	\$6,385,000	\$6 110 000	\$4,445,000	
	Comply with borrowing strategy?	N	Υ Υ	Υ Υ	N	
Potential i	New					
	Police Station Renovations	\$5,000,000				
	Community/Senior Center	\$18,000,000	\$18,000,000	·		
	Clubhouse @ Timberlin					
	TOTAL POTENTIAL NEW	\$23,000,000	\$18,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
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	GRANDTOTAL	\$30,050,000	\$24,200,000	34,800,000	\$5,100,000	\$9,200,000

Note: There is now a current discussion of a Police Department remodel and some of the ARPA funds identified for the HVAC system are proposed to offset the mill rate in FY23 (\$300k).

Bonding:

(a) Per capita bonding rates Central CT (22 towns per CT OPM office—FY2019):

Rank (high to low)	<u>Town</u>	Per capita debt
1	Hartford	\$4,475.62
2	New Britain	\$4,126.05
3	Berlin	\$3,835.71
4	Cheshire	\$3,549.63
5	Farmington	\$2,742.88
6	Southington	\$2,498.68
7	Rocky Hill	\$2,386.40
8	Middletown	\$2,332.70
9	Meriden	\$2,307.86
10	Wolcott	\$2,289.05
11	Plainville	\$2,245.88
12	West Hartford	\$2,218.30
13	Wethersfield	\$2,067.43
14	Portland	\$1,892.78
15	Cromwell	\$1,776.81
16	Bristol	\$1,585.67
	Glastonbury	• •
	Avon	• •
19	Wallingford	\$915.72
	Newington	
	Middlefield	
	Durham	

Note: In addition, when you use the Regional Planning Authority (RPA) Identifier that the OPM uses for 38 towns in the "Capital Region—CRCOG", which Berlin falls into, Berlin ranks 3rd highest out of the 38 towns in the "Capital Region" area with respect to per capita debt. Also, when Berlin is compared to all 169 towns in CT, they rank 15th highest with respect to per capita debt. To see the list of per capita bonded debt for all 169 CT towns go to Appendix F.

Bonding:

- (a) <u>Bond rating downgrade potential if Berlin bonds \$36-44 million for new Senior/Community Center</u>: (Information per Finance Director Kevin Delaney)
 - --In isolation, all of the borrowing levels result in a 0% increase in the likelihood of a bond rating downgrade. The fundamental question for the rating agency reports is whether the Town of Berlin is willing to adjust finances (raise taxes and/or cut expenses) to fund the increased debt service. Rating agency reports are assessing the likelihood that an entity will make its required payments. Buyers of bonds use this to apply a risk premium. As long as the Town has the ability (and it does) and willingness to increase taxes to service the debt, then the rating agency will continue to rate Berlin high.
 - --The committee should be careful not to draw (or infer) a direct line Between borrowing \$40 million and a rating downgrade. As long as the taxpayers agree to increase the mill rate/grow the grand list (net of abatements), to fund the project and the related operating cost increases, then the rating agencies are likely not to look unfavorably on the project. The risk is approving the project without the intent to fund the debt service costs.
 - -- Probability of down grade on Bond Rating, as a percentage:

---For a \$36,000,000 project: 00%

--For a \$40,000,000 project: 00%

--For a \$44,000,000 project: 00%

The YMCA Option:

(Comments below from Meriden YMCA Director John Benigni 2-24-22 presentation)

- (a) Our biggest program at the Meriden YMCA is daycare, and I suspect the same in Berlin.
- (b) The earliest and most optimistic date to have a shovel in the ground for a new Berlin YMCA project is 1 ½ years.
- (c) A new YMCA in Berlin will not be a replacement to the existing Berlin Senior Center, but will act as a supplement to it.
- (d) A new Berlin YMCA would be part of a three YMCA consortium (Meriden, New Britain, Berlin). Operating funds and revenues from Berlin could be taken and used to fund Meriden or New Britain YMCA operations if needed, and funds from Meriden & New Britain YMCA's could be used to support the Berlin YMCA if needed.
- (e) We would like to have playing fields, a running track, and a playscape area at a new Berlin YMCA, and we may also move the Willard School Summer Camp there.
- (f) The Meriden & New Britain YMCA's will remain open and functioning even if we build a new YMCA in Berlin.
- (g) A feasibility study could take up to one year to complete, but a short-term study of 4-5 months would know if Berlin can support a YMCA.
- (h) A new YMCA will not meet the Statement of Needs.
- (i) <u>Please see Appendix G for responses to questions submitted to Meriden YMCA Director John Benigni.</u>

Financials (for new YMCA facility):

(a)	Projected cost to build YMCA facility:

--Entire cost bore by YMCA

(b) Projected annual operating costs to run YMCA:

--Entire operating budget bore by YMCA

(c) Land use on Patterson Way by YMCA:

--See Page 8c

- (d) Possible financial assistance from the Town of Berlin is not yet determined
- (e) Any excess fundraising including grants would remain with the Berlin YMCA facility and not be used for other YMCA's

Fund raising & grants:

(a) New 72,000 square foot Town of Berlin owned & run facility:

-- State of CT grants: For the most part, none are available for consideration until you have a referendum approved project

-- Federal grants: For the most part, none are available for consideration until you have a referendum approved project

-- <u>Private grants:</u> For the most part, none are available for consideration until you have a referendum approved project

-- <u>Fundraising & Donations</u>: Berlin can attempt this on their own, or hire professional fundraising consultants

(b) YMCA facility:

-- State of Connecticut grants:

--YMCA handles and applies themselves as and when they see fit.

--Federal grants:

-- YMCA handles and applies themselves as and when they see fit.

--Private grants:

-- YMCA handles and applies themselves as and when they see fit.

-- Fundraising & Donations:

-- YMCA handles as and when they see fit.

Central CT facilities with pools: Annual membership cost individual family (a) Hospital for Special Care New Britain, CT: \$37/mos \$47/mos (2150 Corbin Ave New Britain—5.4 miles) (\$35/join fee) (\$35/join fee) --Pool #1-Fitness/Lap Pool, 60' x 45' --Pool #2-Recreation pool, 43' x 45' (no sauna, no hot tub) (b) LA Fitness Newington, CT: \$68/mos \$34/mos (3563 Berlin Tnpk Newington—3.4 miles) (\$99/join fee) (\$99/join fee) --Pool #1-Lap Pool, 4 lanes @ 25 yards (yes sauna, yes hot tub) (c) Cornerstone Aquatics Center: (non-resident rates) \$63/mos \$78/mos (55 Buena Vista Rd. West Hartford—10.9 miles) (no join fee) (no join fee) --Pool #1-Lap Pool, 11 lanes @ 25 yards --Pool #2-Recreation Pool, 3 lanes + open space (no sauna, yes hot tub) (e) New Britain YMCA: \$52/mos \$72/mos (50 High St. New Britain-4.7 miles) (\$36/join fee) (\$36/join fee) --Pool #1-one pool & one hot tub (no sauna) (f) Meriden YMCA: \$47/mos \$69/mos (110 West Main St. Meriden—8.2 miles) (\$36/join fee) (\$36/join fee) --Pool #1-one pool & one sauna (no hot tub) (g) Wheeler Plainville YMCA: \$43/\$64/mos \$99/mos (149 Farmington Ave. Plainville—7.4 miles) (\$25/join fee) (\$50/join fee) --Pool #1-Lap Pool, 4 lanes @ 25 yards --Pool #2-Multi-purpose pool (yes sauna, yes hot tub) (h) Southington YMCA: \$56/mos \$83/mos (29 High St. Southington—7.8 miles) (\$50/join fee) (\$80/join fee)

Note: Rates above are per one adult & families. Discounts for youths, seniors, and veterans exist at some facilities, but not enough room to print and list all. Note: Miles listed above are starting from Berlin Town Hall 240 Kensington Rd.

--Pool #1-Lap Pool, 6 lanes @ 25 yards (no sauna, no hot tub)

Berlin High School Swim & Dive Team:

(a) BHS Swim & Dive Team participants/members Winter 2022 & Fall 2021:

Boys Swim Team (winter 2022): 23 boys Boys Dive Team (winter 2022): 1 boy

Girls Swim Team (Fall 2021): 24 girls Girls Dive Team (Fall 2021): 2 girls

(b) BHS Swim & Dive Team participants/members Winter 2021 & Fall 2020:

Boys Swim Team (winter 2021): 25 boys Boys Dive Team (winter 2021): 3 boys

Girls Swim Team (Fall 2020): 25 girls Girls Dive Team (Fall 2020): 3 girls

(c) BHS Swim & Dive Team participants/members Winter 2020 & Fall 2019:

Boys Swim Team (winter 2020): 34 boys Boys Dive Team (winter 2020): 3 boys

Girls Swim Team (Fall 2019): 30 girls Girls Dive Team (Fall 2019): 5 girls

**Note: BHS only offers Varsity Swim & Dive teams, no freshman or JV teams, and no McGee teams either.

^{**}Please also note, in addition to the BHS Swim & Dive Team members, pool usage can and will include Berlin Seniors, Berlin residents, and the entire Berlin Community.

Current abnormal conditions locally (USA), & globally, with the potential and/or likelihood to impact/elevate project costs:

- --Global pandemic/Coronavirus
- --Inflation (currently at 40 year high)
- --Supply chain disruptions/issues
- -- Construction delays
- -- The Great Resignation (labor shortages)
- --Ukraine-Russia War
- --Rising & increasing interest rates and bonding impact

Unanswered Questions:

- (a) Economic Impact to existing Berlin businesses: not evaluated
- (b) Renovate existing Community and/or Senior Center: not evaluated
- (c) What to do with old Senior Center & resulting costs: not evaluated
- (d) What to do with old Community Center & resulting costs: not evaluated
 - **Note: And with respect to libraries as a whole, are they expanding or contracting given the internet and the digital information age?
- (e) Traffic on Patterson Way: not evaluated
- (f) Lower Lane access road: not evaluated
- (g) Closing of any outdoor pools: Please see Appendix H for costs and Capital Improvement Plan
- (h) Neighbors & abutting property owners input: not evaluated

Pros—new Berlin Community & Senior Center:

- 1) Berlin controls use and operations of facility
- 2) Pool would be close to BHS & residents need not leave town for pool usage
- 3) Berlin gets brand new/combined Community & Senior Center-one stop shopping
- 4) New and additional programming opportunities offered
- 5) Peck Memorial Library may expand its use in abandoned Community Center space
- 6) Possibility of more senior housing at old Senior Center
- 7) Mental Health & wellness benefits for users, and youth development
- 8) Near center of town and walking distance to three Berlin schools
- 9) Provides expanded & year-round activities for children/families/teens/seniors
- 10) Includes indoor competitive and diving pool, as well as a recreational pool and a therapy pool
- 11) Meets Parks & Recreation Commission & Commission on Aging Statement of Needs
- 12) Elimination of two separate facilities and duplicate space
- 13) Eliminates parking challenges/safety concerns at current Senior Center
- 14) Intergenerational, flexible facility to adapt and change programs/activities as community changes

Cons—new Berlin Community & Senior Center:

- 1) Any shortfall in design, construction, and annual operating costs will be taxpayer funded
- 2) Berlin taxes will increase via 10-15-20 year bonds
- 3) Bonding levels for Berlin will remain high
- 4) Other bondable projects will have to wait or not get done
- 5) Increased town staff/employees to be hired (salaries & benefits), and annual operating & maintenance costs required which increases the town budget & taxes
- 6) "Opportunity Cost" of 10.84-acre land use
- 7) Over & above the costs to build a new facility, FFE (Furniture, Fixtures, Equipment), expenses are required
- 8) Membership costs will exist where none exist now for our current Senior Center & Community Center
- 9) Town must decide what to do with old Community Center, and at what cost
- 10) Possible traffic issues
- 11) Potential issues with neighbors and property owners
- 12) Town may need to spend additional money on Lower Lane access road entrance/exit.
- 13) Fundraising & grants are applied for and handled by town staff (resources used)
- 14) Seniors who live at the current Berlin Senior Center property/Percival Heights will have to travel for services and functions
- 15) Construction of this facility exposes Berlin to "Abnormal Conditions" listed on Page 28
- 16) Current QA&M Conceptual Design is beyond the Statement of Needs.

Pros-new YMCA:

- 1) Berlin does not bond any money or pay to build a facility
- 2) Berlin taxes do not increase
- 3) Not a taxpayer funded project
- 4) YMCA builds & runs the facility with their own people
- 5) Pool would be close to BHS & residents need not leave town for pool usage
- 6) Includes indoor competitive and diving pool
- 7) Berlin gets a new facility for seniors and residents to use
- 8) Other bondable projects do not have to wait or not get done
- 9) Other non-bondable projects do not have to wait or not get done
- 10) No need to hire additional town staff/employees to run a facility (i.e. salaries & benefits)
- 11) High bond levels continue to drop
- 12) No need to spend for FFE (Furniture, Fixtures, Equipment), expenses
- 13) Will not turn away anyone who cannot afford membership fees
- 14) State Representative Cathy Abercrombie & State Senator Rick Lopes are on the Boards of Directors of YMCA
- 15) "Abnormal Conditions" listed on Page 28 are not as much of a concern as as if we built our own facility
- 16) Fundraising & grants are applied for and handled by YMCA staff
- 17) New and additional programming opportunities offered
- 18) Remaining \$750,000 Grant funds may possibly be repurposed within Berlin
- 19) Berlin may not need to spend funds to re-purpose current Community Center
- 20) Town staff resources not required to prepare bonding package documents
- 21) No need to consider a reduced size Berlin built & run facility to lower costs
- 22) Mental Health & wellness benefits for users, and youth development
- 23) Near center of town and walking distance to three Berlin schools
- 24) Provides expanded & year-round activities for children/families/teens/seniors

Cons—new YMCA:

- 1) Berlin does not control use and operations of facility and pool
- 2) Possible traffic issues
- 3) "Opportunity Cost" of 10.84-acre land use & possible Berlin financial contribution
- 4) Membership costs will exist where none exist now for our current Senior Center & Community Center & town would not control these fees
- 5) Potential issues with neighbors and property owners
- 6) Berlin does not get a brand-new Community & Senior Center combo
- 7) A feasibility study could take up to one year to complete with no guarantees
- 8) The earliest and most optimistic date to have a shovel in the ground for a new Berlin YMCA project is 1 ½ years
- A new Berlin YMCA will not be a replacement to the existing Berlin Senior Center, but will only act as a supplement to it.
- 10) Does not meet the Commission on Aging Statement of Needs
- 11) Does not meet the Parks & Recreation Commission Statement of Needs
- 12) Usage not limited to only Berlin residents
- 13) Specific and detailed plans were not available for this sub-committee to review
- 14) Seniors who live at the current Berlin Senior Center property/Percival Heights will have to travel for some services and functions
- 15) Construction of this facility exposes the YMCA, and as a result Berlin, to "Abnormal Conditions" listed on Page 28
- 16) The YMCA would not pay property taxes due to tax-exempt status
- 17) Does not eliminate parking challenges/safety concerns at current Senior Center

Conclusion & Observations:

- (a) Bonding commencement process deadlines are weeks away (see Page 19)
- (b) Future/additional analysis regarding 72,000 square foot design:
 - --Consider reduced facility size to lower project cost. For example, possibly eliminate the third pool, the Social & Youth Services Department, the Food Pantry, and have an April 2023 Referendum, as the QA&M Conceptual Design exceeds the Statement of Needs.
- (c) Give consideration & review to "Unanswered Questions" (see Page 29)
- (d) Consider "Abnormal Conditions", listed on Page 28 when evaluating and making decisions
- (e) Recommend traffic analysis/study on Patterson Way
- (f) Recommend further evaluation and probability of Lower Lane access road
- (g) Even if a new YMCA is built in Berlin, or a new Berlin Community & Senior Center is built, it will not be free to use. Berlin residents would have to pay a monthly or annual membership fee to join with either option. This should be explained. See Page 26 for current Private & Public options nearby.
- (h) Page 6 indicates what options were explored by this committee, but we did not evaluate additional options such as "renovating the existing Senior Center and parking lot", and/or "renovating the existing Community Center", or the additional option to "do nothing" at this time.
- (i) Consider "Opportunity Cost" of using this town owned 10.84 acre parcel of land on Patterson Way for these aforementioned options.

Agenda Item No. F-11 Request for Board of Finance Action

TO: The Board of Finance

FROM: Arosha Jayawickrema, Town Manager

DATE: May 12, 2022

SUBJECT: Discussion of Kensington Volunteer Fire Department – Parking Lot

SUMMARY:

At the request of the Town Council, the Public Works Department obtained the attached quote for paving the parking lot at the firehouse/headquarters located at 880 Farmington Ave. This property is owned by the Kensington Volunteer Firemen's Association. The three options presented by Galasso Materials of East Granby, CT incorporate unit pricing under DAS Contract No. 22PSX0008, and are summarized as follows:

- \$74,675 Total New Pavement Depth of 4 inches (2" Binder + 2" Surface with 100 tons of processed aggregate to regrade)
- \$52,804 Total New Pavement Depth of 2.5 inches (½" Leveling Course + 2" Surface)
- \$78,949 Total New Pavement Depth of 4.25 inches (3" Binder + 1.25" Surface with 100 tons of processed aggregate to regrade)

All three options include milling/pavement removal, tack coat, and new curbing. Adding in the current asphalt escalation charge would increase these costs by an estimated \$4,000 to \$6,000, depending on the option. Due to current inflation trends, Staff recommend applying a 20% contingency on any final quote, if requested by the Town Council. The current paving funds used by the Town are from sources (State grants and Town bonding) that are restricted to Town-owned roads and property, so (unless otherwise indicated by the Finance Department and/or Corporation Counsel), another funding source would be required if the Town elects to proceed.

With a projected cost, including contingency, of \$100,000, there are three funding sources for consideration. Other sources may be considered by the Board of Finance.

- 1. Include the project in the FY24 capital budget and fund through the mil rate.
- 2. Propose a non-budgeted appropriation of General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance requires approval at a Town Meeting and approval by the Town Council and Board of Finance.
- 3. Utilize FY22 General Fund operating surplus. An amount, if available, could be identified in July 2022. This option should be considered with all the purchases/projects identified on the FY23 & Major Capital Projects Strategy list presented earlier in this meeting.

ACTION NEEDED:

Discuss proposal to pay for paving the Kensington Volunteer Fire Department (non-Town entity) parking lot with Town of Berlin funds and recommend a funding option to the Town Council.

ATTACHMENT:

None

PREPARED BY:

Michael S. Ahern, P.E., Public Works Director

Kevin Delaney

From: Jeffrey Donofrio <JDonofrio@cd-llp.com>

Sent: Friday, May 20, 2022 9:54 AM

To: Kevin Delaney

Subject: Kensington Fire Department Parking Lot

Follow Up Flag: Follow up Flag Status: Flagged

Kevin – per our conversation this morning, pursuant to the Municipal Powers Act (C.G.S. §7-148), the Town can appropriate funds to pave the parking lot at Kensington Fire Department because (1) the Kensington Fire Department is performing a public function; (2) Town assets (apparatus) are located on the property; and (3) the work is necessary to support the fire protection effort. More specifically, per C.G.S. 7-148(c)(2)(E), the Town has the power to make appropriations to a "private organization performing a public function." Further, under 7-148(c)(4), the Town has the power to "(B) Provide for fire protection, organize, maintain and regulate the persons providing fire protection, provide the necessary apparatus for extinguishing fires and do all other things necessary or desirable for the protection of the municipality from fire."

Thanks.

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Town of Berlin Financial Status Report Board of Finance Meeting of June 14, 2022

GENERAL FUND					
	FY 2022	FY 2021	Notes		
(budgeted amount excludes assigned fund balance)					
Receipts					
Actual Receipts	\$94,438,884	\$91,395,503			
Budgeted Receipts	\$93,513,047	\$91,241,044			
% to Budget	101.0%	100.2%			
Current Year Tax Receipts	\$80,017,583	\$78,797,976			
Current Tax Budget	\$79,861,907	\$78,789,139			
Current Tax Levy (99.3%/99.3% collection rates)	\$80,424,881	\$79,504,681			
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% to Current Budget	100.2%	100.0%			
% to Current Levy	99.5%	99.1%			
Adopted budget target %	99.3%	99.3%			
Expenditures (excludes capital expenditures)					
Actual Expenditures	\$87,360,982	\$79,342,971	EV22 includes	\$5 310 640 non-hudgete	ed pension appropriation/expenditure from unassigned fund balance
Budgeted Expenditures	\$101,138,687	\$93,507,044			appropriation for the purchase of two (2) new fire vehicles
% to Budget	86.4%	84.9%	and ,	2,200,000 Holl-budgetee	appropriation for the parchase of two (2) new me venicles
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Storm-related Overtime (51445)	\$109,787	\$3,173	\$135,038	\$22,078	
Electricity (53102)	\$1,001,177	\$415,474	\$1,487,760	\$71,109	
Refuse Disposal (53823)	\$1,422,820	\$494,368	\$1,917,489	\$301	
Legal (53828)	\$267,913	\$32,087	\$300,000	\$1	
Tax Refunds (53924)	\$209,919	\$0	\$215,000	\$5,081	
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INSURANCE FUNDS	Target Floor Fd Bal.	Actual Fund Bal.	<u>Notes</u>
Health Insurance Fund	\$2,302,598	\$2,925,210	The Health Insurance Fund balance is 25.0% of full year projected expenses - against a target reserve of 25%. Although the fund balance is below the floor, the cash balance is \$3,127,995.
General Insurance Fund	\$1,000,000	\$1,561,681	The fund is used to pay Liability & Worker's Compensation insurance premiums for both the Town and BOE, on-going heart & hypertension claims from police officers, window/widower heart & hypertension claims, "fronting" reimbursable environmental remediation costs, small equipment claims where Town elects to self-insure and deductibles. Town policy is a \$1 million floor and ceiling at 5% of General Fund budget (or \$4,697,952 for FY22). Displayed fund balance is net of H&H reserve and encumbrances for self-insured claims.
TOTAL INSURANCE FUNDS	\$3,302,598	\$4,486,891	- -

PENSION FUND		<u>Notes</u>
Total Liability (as of 7/1/2021) (actuarial valuation liability was adjusted to remove FY21/FY22 retiree payouts) Cash Balances:	\$8,032,875	The Town of Berlin Retirement Income (Defined Benefit) Plan was amended for the last time effective July 1, 2000. As a result of this final amendment no new Town employees (excludes BOE employees covered by the Teacher's Retirement Fund) were eligible to participate in the plan. As part of the amendment, participants in the DB Plan have the option to be paid out with an annuity or a lump sum. In recent years, all retiring participants have elected the lump sum payout.
Prudential	\$3,256,415	
ICMA Plus	\$2,996,198 \$6,252,613	Currently, the Town is executing a pay-as -you-go program to manage new retirements. The plan includes 5 active participants, 1 inactive but eligible participant and 15 annuitants.
Funding % - Total	77.8%	
Funding % - DB	40.5%	
Unfunded Liability	(\$1,780,262)	Anticipated retirements: FY22: 5 active participants remain and all are eligible to retire. Annual annuity payments & total monthly fees: \$185,000

ACTIVE CAPITAL PROJECTS			
	% Complete*	Project Balance**	<u>Notes</u>
4-Bridge Rehabilitation	89%	\$0	Closeout work continues. Invoicing trails actual construction, so the construction % complete is higher than the amount presented on this exhibit.
BHS Rooftop Ductwork	95%	\$0	Awaiting final paperwork to closout project & pay retainage

^{*%} complete represents invoices received versus total expected project cost - this metric will lag actual construction completion

Unexpended Education (2%) Account Tracking:

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	<u>buuget</u>	Actual	Encumbrance	<u>Balance</u>	
Hubbard Fire Alarm Upgrades*	\$165,500.00	\$164,675.80	\$824.20	\$0.00	Complete
McGee HVAC Unit #1	\$225,000.00	\$225,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Complete
TOTAL FY2020 CARRYOVER	\$390,500.00	\$389,675.80	\$824.20	\$0.00	- -
Lighting upgrades in McGee Library/Media Center	\$150,000.00	\$36,012.60	\$113,987.40	\$0.00	\$150,000 from 2% Fund; Remaining \$38,400 from CNR Fund (Schools capital projects account)
Paving of Willard playground area & sidewalks**	\$146,137.34	\$146,137.34		\$0.00	Complete
Classroom storage (cubbies) at Hubbard	\$59,488.19	\$4,750.00	\$45,250.00	\$9,488.19	Using \$16,000 from GF Capital (001.3561) to cover higher bid
Removal of retaining walls at McGee entrance	\$25,500.00	\$25,500.00		\$0.00	Complete
Balance of rooftop units at McGee	\$25,000.00	\$20,363.34	\$4,636.66	\$0.00	Using \$7,193.34 from Schools CNR funds to cover portion of contingency
TOTAL FY2021 CARRYOVER	\$406,125.53	\$232,763.28	\$163,874.06	\$9,488.19	_ · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
TOTAL 2% FUND BALANCE	\$796,625.53	\$622,439.08	\$164,698.26	\$9,488.19	_
TOTAL CATOTAL DAGATEL	\$1,50,023.33	7022,433.00	3104,030.20	<i>⊋3,</i> 400.13	-

^{*} The remaining FY2019 balance (\$21,557) after completing all identified projects and the balance remaining before FY2019 (\$69) were added to the initial (\$150,000) Hubbard Fire Alarm carryover budget. The remaining balance (\$6,125.53) was moved to the Classroom storage at Hubbard and to clear the \$500 overage in the Removal of retaining wall at McGee.

^{**} Capital projects fund balance includes encumbrances.

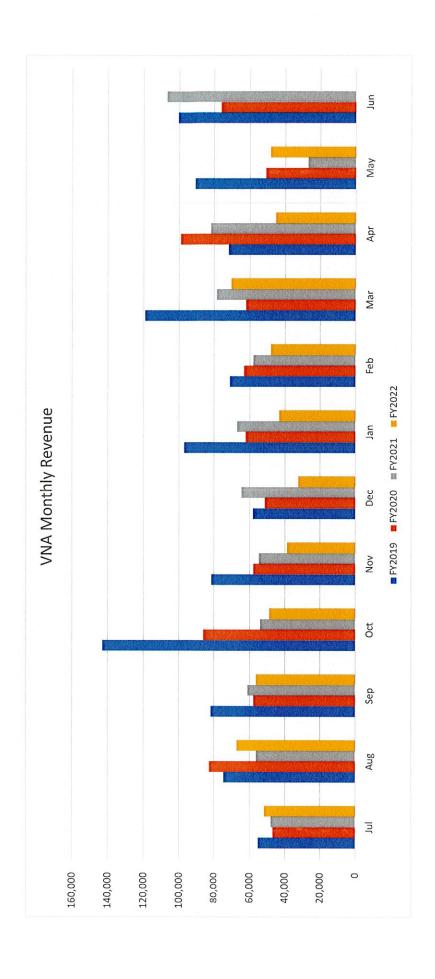
^{**} The remaining FY21 balance (\$3,862.66) was moved to the Classroom storage at Hubbard.

Town of Berlin Financial Status Report - Risks & Opportunities Board of Finance Meeting of June 14, 2022

	Probability	High	Medium	Medium/High	Medium/High	Medium/High	Medium/High	Medium/High	Medium				
	Projected - High	\$500,000	\$250,000	\$200,000	\$200,000 N	\$250,000 N	\$250,000 N	\$1,250,000 N	\$300,000	\$3,200,000	\$2,538,062 \$2,538,062		
	Projected - Low	\$400,000	0\$	\$0	\$0	0\$	0\$	\$500,000	\$50,000	\$950,000	\$538,062 \$538,062		
Opportunities	Description	Supplmental Motor Vehicle Taxes	Tax sale early payments	Prior year payments	Favorable court settlements	Town clerk fees	Building permit fees	Wages/Fringes (vacancies) - projected based on current headcount/vacancies	Utilities -large range because of unknown impact of inflation	TOTAL	Net Projection Net Projection (ex Pension Payouts)		
	Probability	High	High	Medium/High	Medium								
	Projected - High	(\$261,939)	(\$250,000)	(\$50,000)	(\$100,000)					\$661,939 \$661,939			
S	Projected - Low	(\$261,939)	(\$150,000)	0\$	\$0					\$411,939 \$411,939		50% in FY22): \$1,039,296.37 \$1,984,726.71 \$3,024,023.08	\$6,048,046.16 (\$700,000.00) (\$300,000.00) \$5,048,046.16
Risks	Description	Transfers from Other Funds (from BHS project fund)	VNA receipts	School Nurses (responding to COVID)	Legal Fees					TOTAL Total excluding Pension payouts		Anticipated American Recoveries Act Grants (50% in FY21 & 50% in FY22): Town (FY21 - 50% payment) \$1,039,296 County (FY21 - 50% payment) \$3,024,726	FY21 & FY22 Anticipated amount FY22 Budgeted Revenue FY23 Budgeted Revenue NET American Recoveries Act Available Revenue

Town of Berlin Financial Status Report - VNA Revenue Board of Finance Meeting of June 14, 2022

	JU.	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	<u>Jan</u>	Feb	Mar	Apr	Мау	Jun	TOTAL
FY2019	55,212	74,521	82,025	142,845	81,705	58,331	97,213	71,442	119,187	72,239	90,498	100,562	
FY2020		82,851	58,019	85,737	58,047	51,550	62,354	63,243	62,270	99,186		76,057	797,741
FY2021	48,132	56,105	61,099	53,775	54,553	64,397	66,910	21,967	78,281	82,029	27,123	107,013	
FY2022	51,814	67,134	56,464	49,192	39,038	32,530	43,379	48,339	70,744	45,424	48,569	0	552,628
CY vs. PY	3,683	11,029	(4,635)	(4,584)		(31,868)	(23,531)	(6,629)	(7,537)	(36,605)	21,446		





STATE OF CONNECTICUT OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT

TO

Municipal Chief Executive Officers and Chief Fiscal Officers

Municipal Accountability Review Board Municipal Finance Advisory Commission

FROM:

Kimberly Kennison Kimberly Kennison

Executive Financial Officer

DATE:

June 6, 2022

SUBJECT: Public Act 22-35

We are pleased to announce the recent passage of Substitute House Bill No. 5427. The Bill has been enacted as <u>Public Act 22-35</u>, "An Act Concerning the Recommendations of the Office of Finance Within the Office of Policy and Management", effective as of October 1, 2022. In proposing the legislation, the Office of Finance met with representatives of the Connecticut Council of Municipalities (CCM), the Council of Small Towns (COST), the Municipal Accountability Review Board (MARB), the Municipal Finance Advisory Commission (MFAC) and several State legislative bodies. We appreciate their perspectives and thoughtful comments that ultimately assisted in the passage of the proposed legislation.

The two most significant changes resulting from the legislation were to chapters 111 and 117 of the General Statutes. The Act makes changes to several of the criteria in chapter 111 for referral to the Municipal Finance Advisory Commission (MFAC). These changes provide a more accurate measure of fiscal health. The Act also makes changes to chapter 117 of the General Statutes for designations to the Municipal Accountability Review Board (MARB). Designations will now be based upon a progressive system of oversight beginning with technical assistance and support for municipalities showing early signs of financial problems, while providing more oversight with the possibility of financial assistance if warranted for those municipalities undergoing fiscal distress. This new approach will integrate the work and oversight of the two boards.

If you have any questions regarding Public Act 22-35, please contact Bill Plummer at <u>bill.plummer@ct.gov</u> and me at <u>kimberly.kennison@ct.gov</u>.

Cc: Connecticut Council of Municipalities Council of Small Towns Julian Freund, OPM

Attachments (2)

Summary of Criteria Changes for MFAC Referrals - 7-395(d)

No.	Current Criteria	New Criteria P.A. 22-35
(1)	A negative fund balance percentage	No change
(2)	Reported a fund balance percentage of less than 5% cent in the three immediately preceding fiscal years	No change
(3)	Reported a declining fund balance trend in the two immediately preceding fiscal years	Reported an operating deficit the two immediately preceding fiscal years and reported a fund balance percentage of less than five percent for the immediately preceding fiscal year.
		The Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance of the general fund of the audited financial statements shall be used to determine an operating deficit
(4)	Issued tax or bond anticipation notes in the three immediately preceding fiscal years to meet cash liquidity	Issued tax or revenue anticipation notes in the three immediately preceding fiscal years to meet cash liquidity
(5)	Had a general fund annual operating budget deficit of one and one half percent or more of such municipality's general fund revenues in the immediately preceding fiscal year	The municipality has not filed its annual audit report within twelve months of the fiscal year end
(6)	Had a general fund annual operating budget deficit of two percent or more of such municipality's average general fund revenues in the two immediately preceding fiscal years	The current annual audit includes one or more material or significant audit findings that were reported in the annual audits of the two previous fiscal years
(7)	Received a bond rating below A from a bond rating agency	No change

The financial condition of municipalities that meet the new criteria are evaluated by the MFAC for designation to the MARB

A Summary of the key provisions of Public Act 22-35 are as follows

Section 1. Subsection (c) of Section 7-374c - Municipal pension deficit bonds

• Current statute requires that municipalities planning to issue pension deficit bonds must submit a 3-year financial plan as part of the filing for review by OPM and the State Treasurer. The new legislation will require a 5-year plan.

Section 2. Subsection (e) of section 7-392 – Filing of financial information by municipal entities

Municipal reporting agencies, such as fire districts, special districts, etc., with annual receipts
less than \$1 million are not currently required to submit financial statements to OPM. The
Public Act will require such entities to submit to OPM the same financial information they are
currently required to file with their Town Clerks.

Section 3. Section 7-393 - Secretary options regarding late submittal of municipal audits

• When a municipality is excessively late in submitting its financial audit, the current statute only provides the Secretary the option of assessing a fine. The legislation will provide the Secretary with the additional option of referring the municipality to the MFAC.

Section 4. Subsection (d) of section 7-395. Criteria for referral of municipalities to MFAC (See Table on page 2)

- Modifies the current criteria for referral of municipalities to the MFAC. The criteria changes are as follows:
 - Oriterion #3 Will require a municipality with a declining fund balance over two consecutive years, resulting in a fund balance below 5% to be referred to the MFAC. This modification also specifies that the municipality's Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance will be used for calculating this criterion
 - <u>Criterion #4</u> The current criterion identifies three-years of repeated issuance of tax anticipation notes or <u>bond anticipation notes</u> as an indication of liquidity issues. The Act modifies the criterion to three-years of repeated issuance of tax anticipation notes or revenue anticipation notes.
 - <u>Criterion #5</u> Replaces the existing criterion with a new criterion related to municipal audits. This criterion requires a municipality that issues its annual financial audit more than twelve months after the end of its fiscal year to be referred to the MFAC.
 - o <u>Criterion #6</u> –Requires a municipality that has material or significant findings in its annual financial audit repeated for three years to be referred to the MFAC.

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Section 5. Section 7-406c. Electronic filing of municipal financial data

• Requires municipalities to enter audited financial data into OPM's Fiscal Health Monitoring System not later than January 31, 2023, and annually thereafter.

Section 6. Section 7-560. Definition of municipal restructuring fund loan

- Defines a municipal restructuring fund loan.
- In conjunction with Section 14 of the Act, clarifies that municipal restructuring funds may be provided to municipalities in the form of a loan.

Section 7. Section 7-576a. Designation of municipalities at Tier I

- Replaces existing sets of criteria for Tier I designation eligibility with the criteria delineated in Section 7-395(d) of the general statutes.
- For municipalities meeting any of conditions in Section 7-395(d), referral to MFAC at Tier I is made automatic.
- Provides voluntary option for any municipality to request designation and referral at Tier I if municipality anticipates meeting any of the conditions in Section 7-395(d) within twenty-four months.
- Requires Tier I municipalities to prepare a 5-year financial plan instead of the currently required 3-year financial plan.

Section 8. Section 7-576b. Designation of municipalities at Tier II

- Removes existing sets of criteria for Tier II designation eligibility.
- Establishes process for MFAC to make recommendation that a Tier I municipality be designated at Tier II based on an evaluation of its fiscal condition.
- Provides OPM Secretary with discretion to designate at Tier II and refer to MARB based on MFAC recommendation.
- Provides voluntary option for any municipality designated as a Tier I municipality to request designation at Tier II if municipality's equalized mill rate is thirty mills or more or the municipality receives thirty percent or more of its revenue in the form of municipal aid from the state.
- Requires Tier II municipalities to prepare a 5-year financial plan instead of the currently required 3-year financial plan.

Section 9. Section 7-576c. Designation of municipalities at Tier III

- Removes existing sets of criteria for Tier III designation eligibility.
- Establishes process for MFAC to make recommendation that a Tier I municipality be designated at Tier III based on an evaluation of its fiscal condition.
- Provides OPM Secretary with discretion to designate at Tier III and refer to MARB based on MFAC recommendation.

- Provides voluntary option for any municipality designated as a Tier I municipality to request designation at Tier III if municipality's equalized mill rate is thirty mills or more or the municipality receives thirty percent or more of its revenue in the form of municipal aid from the state.
- Establishes automatic referral to MARB at Tier III if municipality receives a bond rating below investment grade. The existing automatic referrals for issuance of deficit bonds or issuance of certain refunding bonds are preserved in the proposal.
- Requires Tier II municipalities to prepare a 5-year financial plan instead of the currently required 3-year financial plan.

Section 10. Subdivision (6) of subsection (b) of section 7-576d. Time requirement for MARB action on certain labor contracts

Provides for consistency in the required timelines for MARB consideration of all labor contracts.

Section 11. Subdivision (8) of subsection (b) of section 7-576d. MARB monitoring of 5-year plan

• Amends 3-year plan reference to 5-year plan.

Section 12. Subsection (a) of section 7-576e.

Amends 3-year plan reference to 5-year plan.

Section 13. Section 7-576f. Conditions for ending designation.

- Enables the MFAC to end a municipality's designation at Tier I based on an evaluation of its financial condition
- Provides for consistency in the conditions that are to be met in order for a municipality to end
 designation at any tier

Section 14. Section 7-576i. Municipal Restructuring Funds loan

• In conjunction with Section 6 of the Act, clarifies that municipal restructuring funds may be provided to municipalities in the form of a loan