

# Capital Planning Committee

Town of Longmeadow, Massachusetts

February 17, 2010

Select Board  
Town of Longmeadow Massachusetts  
20 Williams Street  
Longmeadow, MA 01106

To the Honorable Select Board of the Town of Longmeadow, Massachusetts;

The Capital Planning Committee has completed its review of capital projects submitted for funding consideration for Fiscal Year 2011 (FY11). A total of 33 requests, seeking funding of **\$2,272,109**, were submitted to the committee. A list of all 33 projects is attached as Appendix A.

In several cases, the requestors indicated that they were pursuing funding through the Community Preservation Act (CPA) committee. We have been communicating with the CPA committee to coordinate our recommendations; this letter contains no recommendations -that duplicate their funding recommendations. However, we did consider and, in one case, recommend funding for a project which they have deemed inappropriate for CPA support.

Capital Stabilization Account funds available for appropriation recommendation by this committee totaled \$788,961. Our committee has also considered the use of Water and Sewer Enterprise Funds to supplement the available funds, and where appropriate, other potential funding sources.

This report conveys our recommendations for funding those capital items that we deemed highest in priority, based on our evaluation of the town's needs and an assessment of the requests against three criteria: seriousness, urgency, and growth. Added consideration was given to completing projects that were previously funded under the committee's phased funding approach, as well as to projects identified by the Town Manager as priority projects. The committee continued the programs begun in prior years of planning for "big ticket" items such as replacement fire trucks and DPW fleet purchases. Should any of the requesting department heads feel that their requests were misinterpreted by us, we welcome the opportunity to have the request clarified.

Should the Select Board adopt all of our recommendations, the town will be asked to appropriate **\$864,500** as follows:

- **\$789,500** from the Capital Stabilization Fund to finance partially or in total 12 of the 33 submitted projects
- **\$75,000** from the Sewer Enterprise Fund to fully fund one sewer project

Recommendations

In priority order, the Capital Planning Committee’s recommendations are shown in Table 1a. Table 1b lists the remaining requests listed in priority order. Should additional funding become available, we recommend that the Town use this list to consider additional funding possibilities.

Appendix B is a more detailed explanation of our decision on each request, and we ask that the Select Board carefully review this section of our report.

**Table 1a: Prioritized List of Project Requests for which Funding is Recommended**

<u>No.<sup>(1)</sup></u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Amount Requested</u>	<u>Funding Amount Recommended</u>	<u>From Capital Stabilization Fund</u>	<u>From Alternate Funding Source<sup>(2)</sup></u>
Fire/EMS	Fire - Safety - EMS	Fire Truck Payment	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000	
BLDG-3	DPW-Bldg	Greenwood Center Door Replacement	\$22,000	\$22,000	\$22,000	
School-7	School	Center School Exterior Restoration	\$195,000	\$195,000	\$150,000	\$45,000 (CPA)
DPW-9	DPW-Other	Emerson Rd Pump Replacement	\$75,000	\$75,000		\$75,000 (SEF)
Bldg-4	DPW-Bldg	Greenwood Heating Replacement	\$85,000	\$135,000	\$135,000	
School-3	School	Williams Gym Floor Replacement	\$95,000	\$95,000	\$50,000	\$30,000(SRF) \$15,000(LYBF)
School-6	School	Williams Bleacher Replacement	\$70,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	
Parks-1	Parks	Reynolds Pool Liner & Anodes	\$17,460	\$17,460	\$10,000	\$7,460(RSF)
DPW-1	DPW-Other	Mower Replacement	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	
DPW-2	DPW-Other	Dump Truck w/ Plow Replacement	\$161,000	\$161,000	\$161,000	
DPW-3	DPW-Other	Pick up Truck Replacement	\$31,500	\$31,500	\$31,500	
DPW-4	DPW-Other	Tractor Replacement	\$28,000	\$28,000	\$28,000	
School-5	School	Glenbrook Locker Replacement	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	

Total Recommended for Appropriation	Capital Stabilization Fund:	\$789,500
	Water Enterprise Fund:	\$ 0
	Sewer Enterprise Fund:	\$75,000

(1): Project numbers reference line item projects from Appendix A

(2): Alternative funding sources are: SEF - Sewer Enterprise Fund; CPA - Community Preservation Act Fund; RSF - Recreation Stabilization Fund; SRF - School Rental Fund; LYBA - Longmeadow Youth Basketball Fund

As noted above, the Community Preservation Act committee has recommended partial funding of the Center School Exterior Renovation (door replacement). In addition, the following projects are being recommended for funding by the CPA committee and have not been prioritized by Capital Planning:

<u>No.<sup>(1)</sup></u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Amount Requested</u>
Bldg-2	DPW-Bldg	Town Hall ADA Bathroom	\$51,000
Bldg-5	DPW-Bldg	Storrs Library Ceiling Repair	\$12,000
Bldg-6	DPW-Bldg	Town Hall Exterior Renovation	\$175,000
Bldg-9	DPW-Bldg	Community House Window Replacement	\$65,000

The following requests, while rated as high priority by the Town Manager's Capital Planning Team, were considered by the Committee to be outside the intended scope of Capital Funding and were not prioritized nor recommended:

<u>No.<sup>(1)</sup></u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Amount Requested</u>
School-1	School	Teacher Computer Replacement	\$50,000
School-2	School	Student Computer Replacement - Ph 1	\$83,750

**Table 1b: Prioritized List of Remaining Capital Requests**

<u>No.<sup>(1)</sup></u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Amount Requested</u>
School-5	School	Williams School Locker Replacement	\$75,000
School - 9	School	Williams Window Replacement - Ph 2	\$86,000
DPW-5	DPW-Other	1 Ton Dump Truck Replacement	\$50,000
DPW-6	DPW-Other	Engineering Van Replacement	\$23,000
Parks-2	Parks	Blinn Tennis Court Refurbishment	\$37,280
Parks-3	Parks	Williams School Well and Irrigation	\$125,819
DPW-7	DPW-Other	Water/Sewer Service Van	\$19,000
DPW-8	DPW-Other	Water/Sewer Pick up Truck Replacement	\$30,300
School-8	School	Glenbrook Concrete Steps	\$38,000
Bldg-1	DPW-Bldg	Police Stairs - West Side	\$30,000
Bldg-7	DPW-Bldg	Police Brick Repointing	\$16,000
School-10	School	District Wide Wireless Extension	\$60,000
School-11	School	Blueberry Hill School Access Road	\$30,000
Fire/EMS	Fire EMS	EMS Emergency Generator	\$275,000

The reasons for the committee's selection of these requests are detailed in Appendix B. The committee requests that the Board of Selectmen refer to Appendix B for detailed summaries of each of these recommended appropriations.

The committee asks that the Select Board take particular note of the following items:

- This year, the Town Manager formed a Capital Planning Team that prepared a consolidated package of capital requests and a consensus recommendation on their relative priority. We applaud the Town Manager and her committee for approaching the capital request process in this manner.
- The projects submitted for consideration this year were of generally high merit, and many of the projects that fell below the level of available funds would have been funded had additional funding been available. These requests should be resubmitted for consideration next year.
- The two highest priority requests from the Town Manager's Capital Planning team were to begin replacing desktop computers for teachers and students. While our committee fully supports a program to continue upgrading school desktop technology, we do not feel that today's low unit cost desktop computers should be categorized as capital items and therefore do recommend that the town allocate Capital Stabilization funds for this purpose. Implementing an ongoing school computer replacement program would require \$100,000 per year, which would consume 10-15 percent of each year's Capital Stabilization funds if used for this purpose. The School Department's strategy for replacing devices appears to be cost effective, but we recommend that it be implemented from operating funds.
- Several years ago, our committee began working with DPW Director Mike Wrabel to inventory our current DPW equipment and vehicle equipment. This year, our committee assisted Mike in completing this inventory and turning it into a usable tool to forecast future equipment replacement schedules and their resulting capital requirements. Based on this schedule, we have recommended that the town allocate approximately \$300,000 of FY2011's capital stabilization funds for DPW equipment replacement. This amount will allow DPW to fund their four highest priority equipment requests.
- This year, the Select Board provided our committee with their newly drafted policies for administering the Water and Sewer Enterprise Funds. Based on these policies, our committee decided that it would be imprudent to recommend purchase of any capital equipment using either fund, and to only consider requests which represented a repair or needed infrastructure upgrade. With this in mind, we have recommended replacement of the Emerson Road sewage pump, but do not recommend use of either of these funds for funding vehicle replacement in FY2011. In addition, our Committee is making two recommendations regarding the evaluation of future requests for Water and Sewer Enterprise fund usage:
  - We recommend that the Select Board determine how much money (if any) should be made available for potential capital equipment & vehicle purchases from these funds each year prior to our consideration of capital requests;
  - We recommend that the Town Manager and DPW Director determine what percentage of the DPW shared equipment is used by the Water and Sewer functions, respectively. This

information would be extremely helpful in considering the appropriate use of these enterprise funds to address future needs.

The Capital Planning Committee would like to thank Town Manager Robin Crosbie and her department heads for their support during our review process. We also would like to thank School Superintendent Dr. Jahn Hart, her staff, and the School Committee for their support.

We look forward to meeting with the Select Board to review our recommendations. As you review this document prior to such a meeting, if you have any questions about our recommendations, please feel free to contact any of the members of the Capital Planning Committee.

Respectfully Submitted,

Capital Planning Committee

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Attachments:

Appendix A: Capital request and recommendation summary  
Appendix B: Details on projects recommended for funding  
Appendix C: Details on projects not recommended for funding

**Appendix A  
Town of Longmeadow, MA  
All FY 2011 Capital Requests**

Department	Building	Number	Project	Total Request	Stabilization Capital Requested	Alt Funding Source
Fire - Safety - EMS	4	CPC-1	Fire Truck Payment	\$35,000	\$35,000	
		F-2	Emergency Generator	\$275,000	\$275,000	
Park and Recreation		P&R-1	Reynolds Pool Liner	\$17,460		\$17,260
	16	P&R-2	Blinn Tennis Court Resurface	\$37,280	\$37,280	
	9	P&R-3	Williams School Well & Irrigation	\$125,819	\$125,819	
DPW - Bldg/Facilities		Bldg-1	Police Stairs - West Side	\$0		
		Bldg-2	Town Hall ADA Bathroom	\$51,000		\$51,000 CPA
	5	Bldg-3	Greenwood Door Replacement	\$22,000	\$22,000	
	6	Bldg-4	Greenwood Heating Replacement	\$85,000	\$85,000	
		Bldg-5	Storrs Library Ceiling Repair	\$12,000		\$12,000 CPA
		Bldg-6	Town Hall Exterior Restoration	\$175,000		\$175,000 CPA
		Bldg-7	Police Brick Repointing	\$16,000		\$16,000 CPA
		Bldg-9	Comm. House Window Replacement	\$65,000		\$65,000 CPA
	DPW-Other	7	DPW-1	Mower Replacement	\$80,000	\$80,000
	8	DPW-2	Dump Truck w/ Plow Replacement	\$161,000	\$54,700	\$106,300 WEF,SEF
	9	DPW-3	Pick up Truck Replacement	\$31,500	\$31,500	
	10	DPW-4	Tractor Replacement	\$28,000	\$6,000	5 yr Lease
	11	DPW-5	1-Ton Dump Truck Replacement	\$50,000	\$17,000	\$33,000 WEF,SEF
	15	DPW-6	Engineering Van Replacement	\$23,000	\$7,820	\$15,180 WEF,SEF
		DPW-7	W/S Service Van	\$19,000		\$19,000 WEF,SEF
		DPW-8	W/S Pickup Truck Replacement	\$30,300		\$30,300 WEF,SEF
		DPW-9	Emerson Rd. Pump Replacement	\$75,000		\$75,000 SEF

**Appendix A  
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All FY 2011 Capital Requests**

Department	Building	Number	Project	Total Request	Stabilization Capital Requested	Alt Funding Source
Schools	1	S-1	Teacher Computer Replacement	\$50,000	\$50,000	
	2	S-2	Student Computer Replacement	\$83,750	\$83,750	
	3	S-3	Williams Gym Floor Replacement	\$95,000	\$50,000	\$45,000
	13	S-4	Williams Student Locker Replacement	\$75,000	\$75,000	
	14	S-5	Glenbrook Student Locker Replacement	\$75,000	\$75,000	
	12	S-6	Williams Bleacher Replacement	\$12,000	\$12,000	
		S-7	Center School Exterior Renovation	\$195,000	\$150,000	\$45,000
		S-8	Glenbrook Concrete Steps	\$38,000	\$38,000	
		S-9	Williams Window Replacement	\$86,000	\$86,000	
		S-10	District Wide Wireless Extension	\$60,000	\$60,000	
		S-11	Blueberry Hill Access Road	\$30,000	\$30,000	
Grand Total of Capital Requests				\$2,272,109		
Available Funds in Capital Stabilization Account				\$788,961		
Shortfall (Surplus)				\$1,483,148		

Note 1

School Rental Acct, LYBA

**APPENDIX B**  
**Capital Projects Recommended for Appropriation in FY 2011**  
**(listed in priority order)**

Project Fire/EMS-1: FY'10 Payment for fire truck: \_\_\_\_\_ Requested & Recommended: \$35,000

This recommendation is in keeping with the committee's program of funding fire engine replacements over time. This amount is based on an average 28-year life for the town's four fire engines, resulting in a replacement being required, on average, every seven years at a cost of \$245,000. Should the useful life or the equipment cost change in the future, the town should consider revising this amount.

The Capital Planning Committee recommends the town appropriate \$35,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for the future purchase of a fire engine.

Project Bldg-3 Greenwood Door Replacement \_\_\_\_\_ Requested & Recommended: \$22,000

The DPW has requested funds to replace six exterior doors. These doors do not close properly creating a safety and heating loss issue.

The Capital Planning Committee recommends the town appropriate the sum of \$22,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for this request. Unspent funds are to be returned to the capital stabilization account.

Project School-7 Center School Exterior Restoration Requested: \$195,000: Recommended \$150,000

The School Department requested \$195,000 to complete the exterior restoration of Center School. The Community Preservation Act committee has recommended that the CPA fund the replacement of school doors and restore masonry at a cost of \$45,000. The remaining work involves scraping and painting of exterior trim and windows on the Center School south building. The Capital Planning Committee has supported prior requests that partially restored Center School's exterior; we recommend that these funds be allocated to complete the project.

The Capital Planning Committee recommends the town appropriate the sum of \$150,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for this request. Unspent funds are to be returned to the capital stabilization account.

Project DPW-9 Emerson Rd Pump Replacement Requested: \$75,000: Recommended \$75,000

DPW has requested funds from the Sewer Enterprise Fund to replace the sewage pump on Emerson Road. This is a critical pump used for pumping the town's sewage to the treatment plant.

The Capital Planning Committee recommends the town appropriate the sum of \$75,000 from the Sewer Enterprise Fund for this request. Unspent funds are to be returned to the sewer enterprise fund.

Project Bldg-4 Greenwood Heating Replacement Requested \$85,000: Recommended: \$135,000

The DPW has requested funds to replace the boilers. The current boilers were installed in 1996 and now require frequent repairs. New high efficiency units will also result in heating cost savings. Further discussion and on-site visits indicated that the heat exchangers and thermostats in each room are also in need of replacement, and that this additional work could be accomplished for a combined cost of \$135,000. The committee feels that the additional work is merited at this time in order to maximize energy savings and improve building comfort.

The Capital Planning Committee recommends the town appropriate the sum of \$135,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for this request. Unspent funds are to be returned to the capital stabilization account.

Project School-3 Williams Gym Floor Replacement Requested: \$95,000: Recommended \$50,000 from Capital Stabilization Account, \$45,000 from Alternate Funding

The School Department requested \$95,000 to replace the existing tile floor in the Williams Middle School gym with a rubberized replacement. The current floor is original to the building, is often slippery, and is becoming unsafe due to cracks. The School department has recommended that this project be partially funded by the school's facility rental fund (\$30,000) and by a contribution from the Longmeadow Youth Basketball Association (\$10,000), with the remaining need (\$50,000) seeking capital stabilization funds.

The Capital Planning Committee recommends the town appropriate the sum of \$50,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for this request. Unspent funds are to be returned to the capital stabilization account.

Project School-6 Williams Gym Bleacher Replacement Requested: \$70,000 : Recommended \$12,000

The School Department had originally requested replacement of Williams Middle School bleachers with new wooden bleachers, but subsequently revised their request to substitute portable aluminum bleachers. In addition to being significantly lower in cost, the portable bleachers could be used for additional functions outside of the gym.

The Capital Planning Committee recommends the town appropriate the sum of \$12,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for this request. Unspent funds are to be returned to the capital stabilization account.

Project Parks-1 Reynolds Pool Liner and Anodes Requested: \$17,460 : Recommended \$10,000 from Capital Stabilization Account, \$7,460 from Alternate Funding

The Parks Department has requested that funds be provided to replace the liner and anodes at Reynolds Pool. The pool is beginning to experience leaks; failure to replace the liner could significantly damage the pool. Originally, the Parks department had planned to fully fund this project from the Recreation Stabilization account. However, it has since been determined that sufficient funds may not exist in that account and that supplementary funding from the Capital fund will be required. We are recommending that up to \$10,000 be allocated for this purpose, with the remaining cost coming from the Recreation Stabilization account.

The Capital Planning Committee recommends the town appropriate the sum of \$10,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for this request. Unspent funds are to be returned to the capital stabilization account.

Project DPW-1 Mower Replacement Requested: \$80,000: Recommended \$80,000

The DPW has requested replacement of an 18 year-old mower that was out of service much of this past season and no longer has replacement parts available. The new larger replacement mower would have on-road capability and reduce labor expense.

The Capital Planning Committee recommends the town appropriate the sum of \$80,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for this request. Unspent funds are to be returned to the capital stabilization account.

Project DPW-2 Dump Truck with Plow Replacement Requested: \$161,000: Recommended \$161,000

The DPW has requested replacement of a 23 year-old dump truck and plow with a 35,000 GVW dump truck, all season body and plow.

The Capital Planning Committee recommends the town appropriate the sum of \$161,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for this request. Unspent funds are to be returned to the capital stabilization account.

Project DPW-3 Pick up truck replacement Requested: \$31,500: Recommended \$31,500

The DPW has requested replacement of a 13 year-old pickup truck in poor condition with a 1-ton pickup truck and plow.

The Capital Planning Committee recommends the town appropriate the sum of \$31,500 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for this request. Unspent funds are to be returned to the capital stabilization account.

Project DPW-4 Tractor Replacement Requested: \$28,000: Recommended \$28,000

The DPW has requested replacement of an old tractor that is undersized and underpowered to support recent attachments (spreader, aerator/overseeder). A properly sized replacement will increase productivity and improve playing conditions on the town's school and park athletic fields.

The Capital Planning Committee recommends the town appropriate the sum of \$28,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for this request. Unspent funds are to be returned to the capital stabilization account.

Project School-5 Glenbrook Locker Replacement Requested: \$75,000: Recommended \$75,000

The School Department has requested funds to replace the Glenbrook Middle School lockers. The current lockers are original to the building and in a state of disrepair. Furthermore, the current lockers are each shared by 6 students. This project involves replacing the lockers with individual lockers for each student.

The Capital Planning Committee recommends the town appropriate the sum of \$75,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for this request. Unspent funds are to be returned to the capital stabilization account.

## APPENDIX C

### **Capital Projects Not Recommended for Appropriation in FY 2011 (listed by Project Number)**

**Note: Includes projects being fully funded by CPA recommendations**

Project School-1 Teacher Computer Replacement Not Recommended

The Capital Planning Committee had an extended discussion regarding this proposal. We concur that the project is meritorious. However, we are of the opinion that the project is better categorized as an ongoing operational expense rather than a capital purchase, and therefore does not fall within the purview of this committee.

Project School-2 Student Computer Replacement Not Recommended

The Capital Planning Committee had an extended discussion regarding this proposal. We concur that the project is meritorious. However, we are of the opinion that the project is better categorized as an ongoing operational expense rather than a capital purchase, and therefore does not fall within the purview of this committee.

Project School-5 Williams School Locker Replacement Deferred

This project is similar to the Glenbrook Locker Replacement project; the lockers are original to the building and in a state of disrepair. This project was the highest priority project of those not

recommended for funding; if additional funding had been available, this would have been our next priority.

Project School-8 Glenbrook Concrete Step Replacement Deferred

This project involves replacing concrete steps at Glenbrook Middle School. The steps have recently been successfully repaired; it appears that full replacement can be deferred until these repairs prove unsatisfactory.

Project School-9 Williams Middle School Window Replacement (Phase 2) Deferred

This request represented the second phase of a 4-phase replacement of Williams Middle School's original single pane windows with modern energy efficient windows. The project is worthy, but fell below the projects for which funds were available. However, we do recommend that the town explore the availability of utility company-sponsored programs as potential alternate funding sources.

Project School-10 District-Wide Wireless Extension Deferred

This project involves expanding wireless network coverage in buildings throughout the district. Little information was provided on this project, and it was considered a lower priority project by the requestors.

Project School-11 Blueberry Hill Access Road Deferred

This project involves paving an access road to extend behind Blueberry Elementary School. This was rated as a low priority project by both the town and the school department. The Capital Planning Committee concurs.

Project Bldg-1 Police Department Stairs, West Side Deferred

The DPW had originally requested \$30,000 to replace the entrance stairs on the west side the Police Department Building, but has since determined that a \$3,000 repair from operating funds is sufficient at this time.

The Capital Planning Committee recommends this project be deferred and considered again when it is actually required.

Project Bldg-2 Town Hall ADA Bathroom Recommended: Alternate Funding

The DPW has requested \$51,000 to rebuild the first floor restroom to meet ADA Standards.

The CPA has voted to recommend funding this project under the Community Preservation Act.

Project Bldg-5 Storrs Lib. Ceiling Repair & Repaint Recommended: Alternate Funding

The DPW has requested \$12,000 to repair and repaint the second floor ceiling of Storrs library.

The CPA has voted to recommend funding this project under the Community Preservation Act.

Project Bldg-6 Town Hall Exterior Restoration Recommended: Alternate Funding

The DPW has requested \$175,000 to repoint the brickwork, replace rotting wood, scrape and repaint exterior woodwork, replace rear door leading to basement, scrape and repaint the Police Department Garage.

The CPA has voted to recommend funding this project under the Community Preservation Act.

Project Bldg-7 Police Station Brick Repointing Deferred

This was rated as a low priority project by the Capital Planning Team. Information provided during the application discussions suggests that the condition of the Police Station brick mortar is such that deferring this project is not inappropriate

Project Bldg-9 Community House Window replacement Recommended: Alternate Funding

The DPW has requested \$65,000 to partially replace single pane windows in the Community House.

The CPA has voted to recommend funding this project under the Community Preservation Act.

Project Fire/EMS-2 EMS Emergency Generator Deferred

This project represents a longstanding request to fund an emergency generator for Longmeadow High School to allow its use as an emergency shelter. The committee continues to rank this project as low priority and views it as having a relatively low cost/benefit when compared with other needs.

Project DPW-5 1-Ton Dump Truck Replacement Deferred

This project was the 5th priority DPW equipment replacement request and could not be funded within the \$300,000 budget that our committee allocated for equipment replacement.

Project DPW-6 Engineering Van Replacement Deferred

This project was the 6th priority DPW equipment replacement request and could not be funded within the \$300,000 budget that our committee allocated for equipment replacement.

Project DPW-7 Water/Sewer Service Van Deferred

This project was recommended for funding using the Water and Sewer Enterprise Funds. Based on the Select Board's new guidelines, our committee felt that there were insufficient available funds to consider this request.

Project DPW-8 Water/Sewer Pickup Truck Replacement Deferred

This project was recommended for funding using the Water and Sewer Enterprise Funds. Based on the Select Board's new guidelines, our committee felt that there were insufficient available funds to consider this request.

Project Parks-2 Blinn Tennis Court Refurbishment Deferred

This project involves resurfacing 1/3 of the Blinn tennis courts (the remainder of the courts would be completed over the ensuing two years). There was considerable discussion over whether capital stabilization funds should be continued to be used for this purpose. Furthermore, state legislation is currently being considered that would allow recreation projects to be funded under the Community Preservation Act. With this in mind, we recommend that this request be deferred and that if the legislation passes, this would be an appropriate project for submission to the CPA committee next year.

Project Parks-3 Williams School Well and Irrigation Deferred

This project involves drilling a well and installing irrigation equipment to allow watering of the Williams School athletic fields. This project has merit, but insufficient funds are available to recommend at this time.