

**Town of Burlington  Capital Budget Committee****Minutes of the Capital Budget Committee  
Meeting of January 19, 2022**

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Chairman Adam Senesi called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Members Present** – Mark Woods, Myrna Saltman, Gary Mercier, Gary Kasky, Ernie Zabolotny (via teleconferencing) and Adam Senesi.

**Other Attendees** – Town Manager Paul Sagarino, Director of Economic Development Melissa Tintocalis, School Committee Member Martha Simon, School Superintendent Dr. Eric Conti and Burlington Public School's Buildings & Operations Administrator Bob Cunha.

**Article #10 Repurpose Article 25 of June 2020 – Economic Development Study - \$35,000**  
(Passed 6-0)

Notes: Town Manager Sagarino provided a formal introduction to the CBC on behalf of Director of Economic Development Tintocalis. Sagarino and Tintocalis highlighted the work that the Economic Development Office has been performing since inception. That work involved Melissa's solicitation of an \$85,000 state grant that assisted in funding a land use and economic plan for our commercial corridors. Hence, the funding approved in June 2020 became an operational redundancy. The Economic Development Office has started a communications program designed to market Burlington to the Boston area business community in conjunction with the BringMeToBurlington website. This \$35,000 would be repurposed to extend the web marketing and social media that's targeting new entrants to Burlington's commercial tax base. Debate and discussion was limited due to familiarity with current initiatives as an outgrowth of the community forums periodically performed in conjunction with the EDO.

**Article #11 Fox Hill School Feasibility Study - \$1,500,000 (Passed 4-0-2)**

Notes: School Committee Member Martha Simon, Superintendent Dr. Eric Conti, and Operations Manager Bob Cunha brought CBC to speed on their work in conjunction with the Fox Hill School Building Committee and the Massachusetts School Building Authority. They highlighted the challenges and variables around the process of negotiations with MSBA particularly around differences in opinion by the various parties on enrollment projections. A majority of CBC members acknowledge that new school buildings and a new Fox Hill in particular have been discussed at length at various levels of town government. Most acknowledge that the variables as presented bring challenges. Nevertheless, it is generally recognized that this feasibility study will be critical for engineering purposes and is a mandatory next step in advancing the creation of a new school building at Fox Hill.

**Adjourn**

The Capital Budget Committee meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.