

RTM FINANCE & PUBLIC WORKS JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING

Date; January 30, 2013

Location; Town Hall Room #309, 7:30 – 8:00 PM

Purpose; Review requested expenditure by Public Works Director for a supplemental appropriation for rehabilitation of the North Avenue Bridge over the Aspetuck River.

Presented By; Steve Edwards, Director of Public Works

Mr. Edwards presented the request for a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$409,000.00 for the additional funds required to begin the rehabilitation of the North Avenue Bridge over the Aspetuck River.

Mr. Edwards explained that this project began in 1995, when the DPW applied for a grant to repair the bridge. The RTM originally approved an amount of \$867,000.00 in 2006, however the project has been held up in the environmental permitting process for seven years, during which time the cost to complete the project has increased by the amount requested (\$409,000.00 or 47%). The increase in cost is due to price escalation over the duration of the delay and the decision to use outside inspection services in lieu of in-house.

Upon completion of the project the State of Connecticut will reimburse the Town of Westport 80% of the project costs (\$1,020,800.00). The funds, if appropriated will be set aside in the C&NREF. Any contingency funds not expended will be returned to Town.

The committee asked several questions which Mr Edwards answered. The question was called and seconded by each committee and all in attendance voted to recommend the approval of the appropriation to the full RTM with one abstention.

In attendance;

Public Works

Jay Keenan (chair)
Cornelia Olsen
David Floyd
Melissa Kane
Jack Klinge
Matt Mandell
Cathy Talmadge (PW/Fin)

Finance

Allen Bomes
Lee Arthurs
Dick Lowenstein
Lois Schine
John McCarthy (abstention)
Steve Rubin