

RTM Meeting  
October 11, 2022

**The call**

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3. To take such action as the meeting may determine, upon the recommendation of the Board of Finance and a request by the Director of Public Works, to approve an appropriation of \$102,000.00 to the Sewer Reserve Fund Account to replace four (4) Fire Alarm Systems at the Influent, Sludge Processing, Chlorination and Control Buildings at the Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF).
4. To take such action as the meeting may determine, upon the recommendation of the Board of Finance and a request by the Director of Public Works, to approve an appropriation of \$260,000.00 to the Sewer Reserve Fund Account for Emergency Repairs to Force Main Pump Station #10.

**The Meeting**

Moderator Jeff Wieser:

Good evening. This meeting of Westport's Representative Town Meeting is now called to order. My name is Jeff Wieser and I am the RTM Moderator. We welcome those who are joining us tonight in the Town Hall auditorium, as well as those watching us streaming live on westportct.gov, and those watching on Optimum Government Access Channel 79 or Frontier Channel 99. On my right is tonight is our Town Clerk, sitting in for RTM Secretary Jackie Fuchs who is recovering from COVID. We wish her well. So, she is at home and we all say hello if she is listening.

Members of the Westport electorate attending the meeting tonight may comment on any agenda item. Comments will be limited to three minutes. Emails may be sent at any time to RTMmailinglist@westportct.gov, which goes to all RTM members. These emails will not be read aloud during the meeting.

We have a special invocation tonight so in an unusual move, I have asked Deputy Moderator, Lauren Karpf to provide an introduction to our speaker.

Deputy Moderator Lauren Karpf, district 7:

Our invocation speaker this evening is Alicia Mozian. Alicia is our esteemed Conservation Director who recently retired. If anyone is living under a rock and hasn't heard. Alicia had dedicated over three decades of her professional career to preserving, protecting and enhancing our environment. Alicia had spent 21 years as our Conservation Director, only the second Conservation Director in town history and has

worked 36 years dedicated to the town of Westport. She started in 1986 as an aide to the Planning and Zoning Director before moving onto her role as Conservation Analyst, then Assistant Zoning Planner before taking over the role of Conservation Director. Alicia is well respected and trusted by applicants, professionals, elected officials, home owners, contractors, citizens, coworkers and the town land use boards. She is always prepared, well-informed and willing to educate others including how to protect our environment including our town's wetlands and water courses. Her historical knowledge has been invaluable. As Conservation Director, she has overseen nearly every aspect of Westport's environment. Beyond wetlands and waterways, she has overseen shell fishing, Cockenoe Island camping, the Sherwood Island preserve, single use plastics, even the plastic bag ban. Alicia has been committed to protecting the natural resources we all value so much here in Westport. In doing so, she has worked hard to find the correct balance between the rights of the property owner and the need for environmental protection. Alicia has accomplished so many causes for our town in her decades of service. She helped Westporters get a 10 percent discount on flood insurance for town-wide flood hazard mitigation that continues today. She also received the National Wetlands Community Leader Award from Washington's Environmental Law Institute for her work in improving water quality for the Sasco Brook Pollution Abatement Committee. These are just two of her numerous accomplishments. Alicia, thank you for all that you have done for the environment both universally and here in Westport and for our community. We wish you all the best in your retirement.

Invocation, Alicia Mozian:

I promised myself I wasn't going to cry tonight. We'll see if that promise stands tonight. Thank you Lauren for inviting me to give this invocation. It's a true honor to be asked. Usually, I'm up here very nervous, shaking in my boots. I'm still nervous but it's a happy nervous. Tonight the message of my invocation is a message of thanks and a call for stewardship. I'm going to start with the message of thanks. I'm going to start with my parents who stressed the importance of a good education, set the example of a good work ethic and gave me the skills of being independent; to my staff, for being hard working, devoted and upon whom I can always depend; and to Collin Kelly who I know appreciates nature as much as I do. I know the office will be in good hands and this is really helped me to transition, put my mind at ease as I transition to my new life. To all the volunteers, there have been so, so, so many over the years, from RTM members like yourselves to Commissioners, committee members, League of Women Voters, Boy Scouts, Rotarians, harbor watch volunteers, the town is fortunate to have so many devoted citizens providing their talents and free labor. I could not have accomplished as much as I did without your help, inspiration and passion. To my family and friends who supported me and provided balance in my life. When you go home tonight, I want you to thank whoever is your support system. Democracy is a slow time consuming process. It can be physically and emotionally challenging. Having a good support system is key. And finally, to nature where I get my inspiration, where I go to recharge, find peace and where I feel closest to God. There is so much beauty in this world... which brings me to my next message of stewardship. Stewardship starts with having an awareness of the world around us. Take time to look around. Look at the sky. Look at the clouds. What kind are they? Fair weather or storm? Feel the wind. From what direction is it blowing?

Are there bees pollinating your flowers? Be aware of the changing tides, the cycle of the moon, the days getting longer or shorter. I have lived in many different environments around the country, the desert in Utah, the Rocky Mountains, the lakes region in New Hampshire but being so close to the ocean, the Sound, is where one can really see the control of nature on a daily basis with the change of the tides and the shoreline profile. Once away, one can then begin to understand the impact of our actions on the environment. I am reminded of that slogan "Think locally, act globally." We can start by considering how we treat our own property. Do we use pesticides? Are we still fertilizing even when the growing season has ended? Are we maintaining our septic system? When a tree falls in our woods, why not leave the trunk to the decomposers? And do we have to cut all the trees? It's been proven that they do add monetary value. How much of our land is impervious? Do we have a vegetative buffer next to our pond and stream rather than mowing the edge? Do we rake our leaves into the wetland or blow them into the river? Do we pick up a piece of litter when we see it on the ground? What about how we design our houses? Why not be more creative and embrace designs that meet the land instead of making the land meet the design? We need to start being more aware of our impact. Make those connections with nature. Let Mother Earth speak to you. I have a post card that has been hanging on the bulletin board outside my office for years. It's a quote from a 19<sup>th</sup> century Crete Indian, the Native Americans being the ultimate environmental stewards in my opinion. It reads: "Only when the last tree has died and the last river has been poisoned and the last fish has been caught will we realize that we cannot eat money." I want to thank you so much. Take care. Stay healthy and I'm going to lead you now into the pledge of allegiance.

Anna Rycenga, Chair, Conservation Commission:

Alicia, I just want to thank you for everything you accomplished for the town of Westport. We hope you enjoy your future with lots of time to enjoy your hobbies, friends and family as much as we've enjoyed you. We wish you the best of health, happiness and success on your new journey as you have earned your retirement. But that doesn't make it any easier to say good bye to you. Remember, just because you're retired, it doesn't mean you can't stop taking a coffee break. Invite us all and we'll have some coffee. Congratulations. This is for you from the RTM members and the Conservation and Wetlands Commission. [Andrew Colabella brought Ms. Mozian flowers and a coffee cup.]

Ms. Mozian:

Thank you everyone. I guess it will be the hardest part...all the friends I've made over the years. Once I make a friend, you're my friend for life so I hope we can see each other in the future.

Mr. Wieser:

Thank you Alicia and Andrew. I would just like to say on a personal note, it was like 14 years ago with the plastic bag ban, it was really Alicia who broke the logjam by having Conservation agree to do the enforcement and it made it so much easier than any other towns, anywhere. So, I personally thank you and the RTM thanks you.

The minutes of the July 27 meeting are available and the minutes from the September 6 meeting are in process. Please let us know if there are corrections. If you later find any corrections, please inform Jackie Fuchs, Jeff Dunkerton, or me.

**Announcements:**

Congratulations to our October Birthday celebrants Karen Kramer and Claudia Shaum.

This is a month of transitions. We've had a few retirements and some very sad news. Andrew Colabella will speak to few of these, and while he is making his way to the podium I just say we were all saddened to learn of the passing of Arline Gertzoff. It seems like every month we are recognizing the passing of a former RTM member who has left us and it was very sad to have a current, sitting member, a colleague. I guess Arline passed away after a long illness but it certainly caught all of us by surprise. We are very saddened by that. She was a great colleague, a wonderful voice who had spent a lot of time in Westport, her whole life in Westport and we will miss her. There is going to be a service for Arline right here in the Town Hall auditorium on Saturday, Nov. 12 at 2:30 so if you are available for that, please join her friends and family.

Andrew Colabella, district 4:

This is probably one of the darkest moments on the RTM in the last six years I've been on. In the last month, we lost three, not just assets but extremely important people in our town that make this place a better place. We not only lost Arline Gertzoff from RTM district 3, we also lost Mark Blake, Weston firefighter and EMS supervisor and about a week and a half ago, Thomas Hood, who served on the Flood and Erosion Control Board and later on, to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Of these three people, they all volunteered their time but they not only volunteered their time, they volunteered their gifts that they were endowed with and that they discovered as they were growing up. Arline was my substitute teacher in middle school and high school. She was one of the very few that I did not screw with. She taught in Belgium for 26 years and I had never known that. My favorite part of what she taught was eastern European history, 19<sup>th</sup> century, specifically. One of the last things that she asked for when she was laying in her hospital bed, it was the simplest thing that anyone could ask for that I've come across, she wanted a rock from Burying Hill. I said I can do that. The entire beach is rocks. So, I went there at nine o'clock at night and they had just raked the beach with sand. As I was walking along, I tripped on a rock and tore my flip flops. What I found interesting about the rock, from a geology course I took, the rock was a Schist Base with biotite Quartz, Mica & Pyrite, which is fools' gold. That was something that she always talked about that being her golden place. She used to watch cartoons here when she was an elementary student. This is the elementary school that she went to. On rainy days, when they could not go out in inclement weather, she would watch Betty Boop or she would watch Popeye. Those were the two she would watch religiously every day. One of the things she was a champion of, other than being an RTM member, she was the Hospitality Chair for JUNE Day for 16 years, an election day poll worker for 20 years, she was Co-Chair of the Democratic Town Committee and a Board Member of the Democratic Women of Westport.

Besides her, Mark Blake, father of two, who wanted to dedicate his life to helping people, served the town of Westport for 30 years from a very young age. His brother followed in his footsteps and has been an officer in Norwalk for over 20 years. All he wanted to do was help people. One of my fondest memories of Mark Blake, I don't know if he was allowed to do this, I'll let Jaime decide on that, he would drive around late at night in the ambulance. Sometimes he would play music and it was Christmas music. It was his season. He would drive around with a Santa hat and play Christmas music. He would drive around town and look at Christmas lights. It was one of my favorite things about him. One of the things that he really touched upon was L'Ambiance Plaza of 1987 where he worked on that and his dedication to the Red Cross during 9/11. It really hit me.

And then Thomas Hood, father of three. He split his time between here and New Jersey. If you didn't see him at home landscaping or doing something with his house, he was driving his Porsche which I had the pleasure of trampling upon on Sunday at the Air Cooled Car Show and I immediately thought of him.

All three of them passed on fighting their own personal battles. I wouldn't call it a loss. I would call it a gain for them because as they served on Earth, they serve in heaven. I think all three of them are going to do that. These are three people who not only touched me; they touched everyone in this town. The town is a little bit quieter because of that. I'm asking for a moment of silence.

Mr. Wieser: Thank you for that and thanks to them for their service.

On a happier note, I am happy to welcome Mike Perry, our new D2 Rep. elected last week by the D2 members. Mr. Perry will fill out the term of Christine Meiers Schatz who has resigned to spend more time with her family. We will miss her but wish her good luck with her many activities. I also want to thank the seven members of the Westport electorate who responded with interest in the position and who interviewed for the position. I think it was wonderful that there was that much interest in what we do. As we speak, the district 3 reps are collecting resumes for people interested in applying for Arline's spot. I urge everyone to consider that. I do want to say, Andrew, not to make light of it, I do hope Arline is watching us and appreciating the irony that she used to watch cartoons right here. I'm sure she thought of that often as she sat here in RTM meetings.

### **RTM Announcements**

Peter Gold, district 5:

Although I'm really Matt Mandell today, he can't be here. He's in London. He got to watch the amazing Giants win on Sunday so he asked me to do his announcements. I'm not sure I can do it with his verve and élan but I'll do my best. Tuesday, Oct. 16, the Chamber and the Library will host the annual candidate forum. All are invited to see Toni Boucher and Ceci Maher for the Senate twenty-sixth district, Jonathan Steinberg and Alma Sirelli for the 136<sup>th</sup> Representative district, Nicole Hanson and Dominic Johnson for the 143<sup>rd</sup>. Matt will moderate this interactive debate. Again, it's noon, next Tuesday. On Saturday, Oct. 22, there are two events. First is the annual Halloween

Window Painting Contest run by the Chamber. Over 70 children have signed up so far to paint scary scenes on local businesses windows with a chance to win in three categories with a chance to win and go for ice cream. The artwork will stay up until Halloween. Second: Supper and Soul, the dinner and concert series returns featuring Chris Jacobs who played at the 2018 Blues, Brews and BBQ. A single ticket allows you to choose dinner at one of 11 downtown restaurants, see the show at the forum. Concert only tickets are available. Go to [www.westportwestonchamber.com/supper](http://www.westportwestonchamber.com/supper) for all information.

Jessica Bram, district 6:

I just wanted to take note that Jaime Bairaktaris was named Crew Chief of the Year and also was one of the many people who wanted to speak about Mark. He was a colleague of his. So, he's got some happy news and some sad news. We're very proud of you.

Mr. Wieser:

Brandi Briggs is not here but I see Oct. 26 at 7 p.m., the Ordinance Committee will meet, hopefully, to talk about the Leaf Blower Ordinance by which time we will have had other meetings to be announced.

Assuming that the business of our meeting is completed tonight, the next regularly scheduled meeting of the RTM will be in three short weeks on November 1, the November meeting is usually the second Tuesday because the first is Election Day, legislated as the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November. Because November starts on a Tuesday, we can stick to the first Tuesday. So, we've got a lot to do before then.

Would our Town Clerk call the roll?

Absent: Mandell, Tait, Lowenstein, Shaum, Talmadge, Briggs, Newman, Shackelford,  
There are 27 members present.

**The secretary read item #1 of the call - To approve an appropriation of \$114,860.00 to the 2021-2022 Budget, BOARD OF EDUCATION Rentals & Reimbursements Expenditure Account.**

### **Presentation**

Elio Longo, Schools' CFO:

The request before the RTM this evening comes from the Superintendent of Schools and the Board of Education. It's an annual event. It's a reconciliation of the Building Rentals Fund as of June 30, 2022. For background, the Board of Education rents facilities, schools and properties, to outside entities. They are fourth priority. First priority is given to Board of Education sponsored programs; second priority is given to the Board of Education's Continuing Education program; third priority to Parks and Rec and fourth priority is given to public entities. By State Statute, any receipts, revenues generated by the Board of Education from the rental of municipal properties must be turned over to the municipality. The agreement that was struck, probably two decades

ago, between the then Board of Education and the town funding bodies established a Rentals and Reimbursement Account that the Board of Education could rent facilities on behalf of the municipality and, in turn, any profits or proceeds remaining from the rental reimbursement could be used as a credit for the Board of Education utility expenditure for the given year. During fiscal year '22, we collected total receipts of \$99,114. When I presented to the Board of Finance, the request was for \$114,000. We have since adjusted the amount from \$114,000 to \$99,000 due to a revenue recognition principle that we follow in accounting. That said, of the \$99,114, we received major revenues with Camp Gan Israel of \$86,000, Westport Church of approximately \$2,000, Westport Young Women's League of \$5,500, Westport Academy of Dance, \$4,500 and all other rental entities under \$5,000 for combined receipts of \$1,068. On the expenditure side, we covered payroll of \$55,508. This payroll is associated with the overtime account for custodial staff. We do not charge for custodial services if it falls within the normal shift. Any evening programs or weekends, we do charge outside groups entities for custodial overtime. Inclusive of the FiCA/Medicare charge, again the amount was \$55,508, we add a small amount for fingerprinting of \$318,000 and a refund to Camp Gan Israel in the amount of \$10,000 which was retained as a security deposit for the program. The remaining balance is \$33,288 and what we are requesting this evening is that the remaining balance of \$33,287 come as part of the appropriation to the Board of Education in order to reconcile our electricity account for FY'22. In summary, the request before the RTM this evening is for the revised amount of \$99,114.

**Committee report**

Finance Committee, Seth Braunstein, district 6:

There were five of us who had the opportunity to meet this evening with Elio. He gave you the overview. I'll just fill in a couple of details to make sense of this. It is a bookkeeping journal entry that allows the town to transfer the revenue collected back to the Board of Education. There is an exact offset that basically covers all the expenses and then there is an accounting plug which is the \$33,000 that Elio referenced which goes to defray the energy-related expenses. This happens every year so those of you who have been here have seen this happen before. A motion was made by Nancy Kail and seconded by Rachel Cohn and the five of us voted unanimously to approve the appropriation.

**Members of the Westport electorate - no comments**

Ms. Karpf read the resolution and it was seconded by Mr. Klinge.

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Board of Finance and a request by the Superintendent of Schools, the sum of \$114,860.00 from the 2021-2022 Budget, Board of Education Rentals & Reimbursements Expenditure Account is hereby appropriated.

Mr. Wieser:

As Mr. Longo has mentioned this request has been reduced to \$99,114, so unless there are any objections, we will by unanimous consent amend this request to that amount. Are there any objections? Seeing none, the resolution is amended.

**Members of the RTM – no comments**

**There are 27 members present. The motion passes unanimously, 27-0.**

**The secretary read item #2 of the call - To approve an appropriation of \$75,000.00 to the Sewer Reserve Fund Account to purchase one (1) F350 Sewer Collection System Service Truck with Flatbed, Sander, and Plow.**

**Presentation**

Pete Ratkiewich, Director of Public Works:

This request, as was stated, is for an appropriation of \$75,000 for replacement of our 2011 F350 Sewer Collection System service truck. This piece of equipment is assigned to the Sewer Collection System Division and on a daily basis, it's used for servicing our 18 pump stations. It is also the primary vehicle that clears snow and manages snow and ice removal from these pump stations during snow storms, nor'easters, hurricanes, wind storms, etc. This vehicle was one of several that were used for portable generators or pumps around town, pump stations or other locations that need them. The truck is currently showing some signs of fatigue and wear and we anticipate need more repairs of the vehicle in coming years. In the truck used sales environment and based on recent sales, we anticipate getting a good price for the vehicle at auction which will offset the cost of the new vehicle. In our Five Year Capital Forecast, the vehicle is scheduled for replacement in FY 2023 at a value of \$80,000. In your package is a summary of the cost which is only \$75,000. We are using State bid pricing for the basic truck and also State bid for the accessories. We added a 12 percent allowance for installation of lights, electronics and other accessories bringing the cost to \$75,000. With that, I'd be happy to answer any questions.

**Committees report**

Finance and Public Works Committees, Mr. Colabella:

We met on Wednesday, Sept. 28 in Town Hall. Everything, pretty much, that Mr. Ratkiewich said in his presentation was summed up. To beat Mr. Harris Falk from asking the question, I'm sorry, electric vehicles are not available at this time that could do the kind of work that the Sewage Department would actually need. There was a motion by Finance by Noah Hammond and by Stephen Shackelford for a unanimous vote and for Public Works, Dick Lowenstein, seconded by Lori Church with a unanimous vote of 6-0.

**Members of the Westport electorate - no comments**

Ms. Karpf read the resolution and it was seconded by Mr. Klinge.

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Board of Finance and a request by the Director of Public Works, the sum of \$75,000.00 from the Sewer Reserve Fund Account to purchase one (1) F350 Sewer Collection System Service Truck with Flatbed, Sander, and Plow is hereby appropriated.



**Members of the RTM**

Harris Falk, district 2:

Nice try. There actually is a company, at least one company that will convert F250's and 350's and 150's even into hybrid. They basically slap on an electric motor and a battery. It increases the fuel efficiency by about 25 percent and gives it more power. It is done after the purchasing of the vehicle so, just like putting on lights and whatever's. It can also be added later so can we look a little bit more into this?

Mr. Wieser:

Perhaps you can get that information to Mr. Ratkiewich. That would be great.

**By show of hands the motion passes unanimously, 27-0.**

**The secretary read item #3 of the call - To approve an appropriation of \$102,000.00 to the Sewer Reserve Fund Account to replace four (4) Fire Alarm Systems at the Influent, Sludge Processing, Chlorination and Control Buildings at the Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF).**

**Presentation**

Mr. Ratkiewich:

This is a request to replace four fire alarm systems at the treatment plant. The existing systems were installed when the plant was upgraded in 2004 to 2007. The system has been maintained over the years but the technology has advanced in 15 years. It is now the time that they be replaced. Much like computers, they have electronic components and they go bad. In addition, the systems we have in the plant are proprietary so if we want to use the systems to work together, we have to use the same system brand now, in order to replace them, it's becoming more and more difficult to find parts to replace them. Our security contractor, Security Solutions, has recommended the system that is in your package. Because it is open source, they can mix and match and find the best solution when these units have to be replaced rather than being tied to one manufacturer. The Five Year Capital Forecast had the item under Sewer Department Treatment Grouping to replace four fire alarm systems at waste water treatment plant at a funding level of \$83,000 reflecting 2021 pricing when the forecast was updated last year. Like many other industries, inflation, chip shortages and supply chain have affected this pricing. The current proposal has increased to \$92,130. We are adding a 10 percent contingency of \$9,214 for a total appropriation request of \$101,333 rounding up our appropriation request to \$102,000. Even in the short time that we got the quote of \$92,130, this price has increased slightly. That's why we need the 10 percent contingency upon this. With that, I'd be happy to answer any questions.

**Committees report**

Finance and Public Works Committees, Mr. Colabella:

We also met on Sept. 28 to discuss this item. The main part of the aspect of this appropriation was the fact that the security system is completely outdated and

everything that would be updated would make all parts available now, more easy to get, considering right now there is an extreme shortage of supply chain from precious metals that we talked about to even the technology there which would make it easier to serve. There was a motion by Don O'Day, seconded by Stephen Shackelford. It was unanimous for Finance. For Public Works, I made the motion, seconded by Don O'Day and unanimous as well.

**Members of the Westport electorate - no comments**

Ms. Karpf read the resolution and it was seconded by Mr. Klinge.  
RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the of the Board of Finance and a request by the Director of Public Works, the sum of \$102,000.00 from the Sewer Reserve Fund Account to replace four (4) Fire Alarm Systems at the Influent, Sludge Processing, Chlorination and Control Buildings at the Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF) is hereby appropriated.

**Members of the RTM – No comments**

**By show of hands, the resolution passes unanimously, 27-0,**

**The secretary read item #4 of the call – To approve an appropriation of \$260,000.00 to the Sewer Reserve Fund Account for Emergency Repairs to Force Main Pump Station #10.**

**Presentation**

Mr. Ratkiewich:

The subject of these emergency repairs is the force main that runs from pump station # 10, which runs behind Home Goods just off of Greens Farms Road on the north side where it meets the Fairfield border. That is where the pump station is. The force main goes from there up Greens Farms Road, up Buckley Avenue, across the Stop & Shop parking lot, into the shoulder of the Post Road until it reaches the top of the hill at Maple Avenue where it discharges into a gravity manhole. In the past 12 months, we have been called out to repair ruptures in this force main line. It is an existing frontal line. Each incident we have to go out to repair, we have to call in a contractor; we have to call bypass pumping trucks. It costs about \$20,000 to \$30,000 to effect that repair. It appears that there is an issue with the pipe material, the ductal iron where it is in close vicinity to ledge rock. There's some sort of a chemical reaction here that is causing the pipes to rupture. Rather than replacing this pipe in its entirety, we have determined that we can install a rigid liner through the pipe to cure the issue once and for all and not have to dig up the entire Stop & Shop parking lot. This methodology is not available on all sewers but we have experimented with it before, we have used it before in similar situations where we have active traffic, on the Post Road. We actually did this on an 18" pipe that was coming through the Trader Joes parking lot that had collapsed in some sections where we repaired it. It's a neat technology. You take a relatively soft sock of vinyl ester product and invert it through the pipe with hot water. Once the liner is inside

the pipe, we boil the water and it hardens the plastic into a rigid pipe. We think we can do this within a 24 hour turnaround for this 1,000 foot section of pipe. There's about 3,100 feet of force main total. This is about 1/3 of that pipe length. So, the 1,000 feet of pipe is 1/3 of the project that was in the capital forecast at FY 2024 at a cost of \$750,000. Because of the three recent breaks, this work is being done on an emergency basis and will resolve 1/3 of the pipe run permanently. We are looking at using this technology on the remaining straight sections of the sewer as well instead of digging up the Post Road or a shoulder of the Post Road which will require replacements of sidewalks there. I just want to make it clear that it is not always appropriate. This technology does not like to go around tight corners or other considerations when we can't use it. But, when we can use it, it is quite effective. There is a breakdown of costs in your packets. We did get prices from two different companies that do this work, Arold Construction and Green Mountain. Green Mountain was about half the cost of Arold. Included in the estimate that is shown on the packet is also the installation of valves on either end of the repair, bypass pumping at the pump station, the actual work of cutting the pipe and reconnecting it and then pavement restoration. With the 10 percent contingency, the total cost is \$234,500, 10 percent contingency is \$23,450; total approximate cost is \$257,950 which is rounded up to \$260,000.

**Committees report**

Finance and Public Works Committees, Mr. Colabella:

Thank you Jeff. We also met on Sept. 28 to discuss this item. We learned a lot about pump stations but, specifically, it is an extremely long line of pipe but also that there have been several breaks on this pipe over the last couple of years. There was discussion about the funding for it, the \$750,000, as what would actually be spent on it right now. Mr. Ratkiewich also said that if it were approved, it would take from 24 to 48 hours of process to shut down the pump house, clean up the pipe, insert camera to search for other deteriorations, after which, a sock would be inserted into the pipe of 1,100 feet. From Finance, Nancy Kail moved and seconded by Noah Hammond for approval with a unanimous 4-0 vote and for Public Works, a motion by Don O'Day, seconded by Stephen Shackelford, unanimous, 7-0.

-- no comments

Ms. Karpf read the resolution and it was seconded by Mr. Klinge.

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the of the Board of Finance and a request by the Director of Public Works the sum of \$260,000.00 from the Sewer Reserve Fund Account for Emergency Repairs to Force Main Pump Station #10 is hereby appropriated.

**Members of the RTM – no comments**

**By show of hands, the resolution passes unanimously, 27-0.**

Mr. Wieser:

With that, I would like to point out that to my memory, this is the first time that the business part of the meeting was shorter than the introduction part of the meeting. So, I congratulate you all. That was really well done.

With that we will adjourn this meeting. Thank you.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey M. Dunkerton

Town Clerk

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jacquelyn Fuchs".

by Jacquelyn Fuchs

**ATTENDANCE: October 11, 2022**

DIST.	NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	NOTIFIED MODERATOR	LATE/ LEFT EARLY
1	Matthew Mandell		X	X	
	Liz Milwe	X			
	Kristin M. Purcell	X			
	Chris Tait		X	X	
2	Harris Falk	X			
	Jay Keenan	X			
	Louis M. Mall	X			
3	Ross Burkhardt	X			
	Jimmy Izzo	X			
	Don O'Day	X			
4	James Bairaktaris	X			
	Andrew J. Colabella	X			
	Noah Hammond	X			
	Jeff Wieser	X			
5	Peter Gold	X			
	Karen Kramer	X			
	Richard Lowenstein		X	X	
	Claudia Shaum		X	X	
6	Candace Banks	X			
	Jessica Bram	X			
	Seth Braunstein	X			
	Cathy Talmadge		X	X	
7	Brandi Briggs		X	X	
	Lauren Karpf	X			
	Jack Klinge	X			
	Ellen Lautenberg	X			
8	Wendy Batteau	X			
	Rachel Cohn	X			
	Lisa Newman		X	X	
	Stephen Shackelford		X	X	
9	Lori Church	X			
	Nancy Kail	X			
	Sal Liccione	X			
	Kristin Schneeman	X			
<b>Total</b>			<b>27</b>	<b>8</b>	

