

**SELECT BOARD  
MINUTES**

**June 5, 2017**

Present: Jeanne Conner, Jeannie Jenkins, Carson Thurber, Tom Jacobs, Chair, Chad Gordon, and Jim Carroll. Absent: Donald Campbell, V. Chair  
Also present: Stuart Hurd, Town Manager

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:17 pm in the Police Department Conference Room.

The first, and only business to be considered was the request by the Manager to spend \$38,100 from the Capital Facility Reserve in order to rebuild a 300' section of retaining wall which supports the sidewalk on the northerly side of Imperial Avenue. The Chair was reticent to spend the Capital Facility Reserves for a project that should be part of the normal Highway Department budget. The Manager explained that the project had been put on hold for a number of years. However, given the very wet Spring, there was now concern for the walls structural stability. J. Jenkins wanted to be sure the railing was returned and lengthened to provide safety along the entire wall. C. Thurber wondered if a full analysis had been done to understand if this expenditure was the highest priority at the present time. The Manger indicated that that had not been done. He and the Highway Superintendent felt that this was the right time to do the work. Unfortunately, given the proximity to year-end, there were insufficient funds in the Highway budget to do this work. After more discussion, the Manger indicated that he agreed that the use of Capital Facility funds was a difficult request and that there being continuing questions as to the need, he would withdraw the request. He and the Highway Superintendent will review the wall's structural stability, shore it up if needed, and return to the Board with a plan of action later in the summer.

The Board then voted to enter executive session for personnel contract discussion at 5:35 pm. The Board came out of executive session at 6:03 pm. J. Carroll mentioned the land sale proposal on Middle Pownal Road. It was suggested that this be discussed at the regular meeting on June 12<sup>th</sup>. The meeting adjourned at 6:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Stuart A. Hurd