

Town of Hingham  
Capital Outlay Committee  
February 5, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Attending: Tom Pyles, Chairman, Ron Kirven and Ray Eisenbies. Jonathan Asher and Andy Mooradian (both representing the Advisory Committee)

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The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM in the Town Hall building.

The prior meeting's minutes were reviewed and approval was deferred pending modifications.

Esther Healey, Chrisanne Gregoire, David Killory, Dot Galo and Dennis Friedman presented an update for the School Department. At the 12/22/08 Capital Outlay Committee meeting at which time the projected FY 2010 capital outlay budget was presented, the School Department indicated that certain portions of the Plymouth River and Foster school projects would have to be re-bid. Apparently, the costs were in excess of the original budget. As a result, the COC requested that the representatives of the School Department return to the COC during the FY 2010 budget process to discuss the developments and present a reconciliation of the revised costs compared to the original plans and budget for the projects.

Rather than presenting a detailed reconciliation of costs compared to the original plans, the Department presented a comparison of current and expected costs of the projects compared to the budget. The document showed a \$908,546 "Difference/ Phase II Construction Contingency" that was significantly above prudent contingency percentages used in construction management and plans were to use the excess funds for additional scope of work. Potential expenses that could be funded by the excess contingency funds were listed in the document. However, during subsequent discussion it became clear that certain expenses (like new windows) contained in the original scope of the project were no longer in the planned expenditures. It therefore appears that there technically are no excess funds. This type of information would have been clearly detailed in the reconciliation requested previously. The COC reiterated the request for a detailed reconciliation. The School Committee indicated that it was possible however not within the timeframes of the current budget discussions and this summer at the earliest.

The School Department presented a FY 2010 capital budget of \$414,650, unchanged from the 12/22/09 version; however the individual projects were prioritized.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Ray Eisenbies, Secretary