



Fiscal Committee - Board of Representatives

Monica Di Costanzo, Chair

Lindsey Miller, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Monday, September 24, 2018
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Place: Democratic Caucus Room, 4th Floor, 888 Washington Boulevard,
Stamford, CT 06905-2098

The Fiscal Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Di Costanzo, Vice Chair Miller and Committee Member Reps. Coleman, Fedeli, Figueroa, Jacobson, McMullen, Morson, Nabel, Pendell and Pia. Also present were Reps. Lion, Sherwood and Stella; Anthony Romano, OPM; Karen Cammarota, Grants Officer; and Lou Casolo, City Engineer:

Chair Di Costanzo called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. F30.093 \$6,500.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); Medical Reserve Corp; Funds to be used for Supplies. (100% Grant Funded) 08/21/18 – Submitted by Mayor Martin 09/13/18 – Approved by Board of Finance	Approved 11-0-0

Ms. Cammarota explained that these funds come from State through the Westport/Wilton Health District and they are used for the Medical Reserve Corps. which helps with medical emergencies. These funds are for supplies. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 11-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Miller, Coleman, Fedeli, Figueroa, Jacobson, McMullen, Morson, Nabel, Pendell and Pia in favor.)

¹ 2. F30.092 \$55,432.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); Fire Training School; Train Fire Fighters and Maintain Training Facility.(100% Grant Funded) 08/31/18 – Submitted by Mayor Martin 09/13/18 – Approved by Board of Finance	Approved 11-0-0
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Ms. Cammarota explained that this is a state grant used to train both professional and volunteer fire fighters throughout the region. The training facility is on Magee Ave. motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 11-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Miller, Coleman, Fedeli, Figueroa, Jacobson, McMullen, Morson, Nabel, Pendell and Pia in favor.)

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- ²3. [F30.095](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Grants **Approved 11-0-0**
\$6,200.00 Budget); Government Access Fund; Board of
Representatives; Funding from Area 9 Cable Council
to Purchase Live Streaming Camera to Record and
Broadcast Public Meetings via the Government
Access Channel.(No City Funds Required)
08/21/18 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
09/13/18 – To be Considered by Board of Finance

Ms. Cammarota stated that the wrong form was used and this item is from the grants budget, not the operating budget.

Rep. Lion showed the committee the slides available on the Government Channel 79. Stamford has not previously taken advantage of funds available through the Cable Council. The Council gave a grant of \$6,200 for equipment and people to operate the equipment. This was the maximum amount the City could apply for. The grant is smaller than in the past because there are fewer cable subscribers. The channel will be run by the Administration. It is a City channel, not a Board of Representatives channel. There will be no monetary burden on the City. This grant is from the cable company, so it would not be used for a web page. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 11-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Miller, Coleman, Fedeli, Figueroa, Jacobson, McMullen, Morson, Nabel, Pendell and Pia in favor.)

- ³4. [F30.096](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **Approved 8-3-0**
\$370,000.00 Mill River Improvements; Transport and Disposal of
Impacted Soil Generated by Construction of Ice Rink
at Mill River Park.
08/21/18 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
08/08/18 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)
09/13/18 – To be Considered by Board of Finance

Mr. Casolo explained that this is a request for funds to remove soil impacted by the construction of the ice rink at the Mill River. The Engineering Department did not build the ice rink, but was also involved because they were concurrently monitoring the remediation at 1050 Washington Boulevard. O&G used the area as a staging area for the Mill River construction. The City was removing soil underneath the soil deposited by the Mill River. The soil at both sites was removed at the same time. These funds are only for the Mill River impacted soil. The remediation at 1050 Washington Boulevard was covered by a state grant. Mr. Romano explained that funds to remove the soil from the Ice Rink came out of the Mill River Improvements project and the Mill River is reimbursing the City for these funds. The source of these funds is not City funds.

Committee members discussed this item with Mr. Casolo and Mr. Romano as follows:

- The contract was bid and entered into by the Mill River; Mr. Casolo did not see the contract but understands that the stockpiling, transporting and disposal of the soil was not included in the contract with O&G. Mill River hired FGB

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Construction to do the earthwork part of the project and stockpiled it. There was no bid for the transportation and disposal of the soil.

- There were 263 trucks of soil to be disposed of; this is a competitive price. This area had been an industrial area over the century (with mills) and the soil is not pristine. He has urged them to include disposal in their bid for the Whittingham Pavilion.
- The City asked him to take care of the removal of the soil, since it is a City park and he had a remediation contractor who could remove the soil.
- This removal will be paid for by the Mill River if this is approved (they will be repaying the City for the original removal which came from Mill River Improvements)
- O&G and the Mill River were not aware of the condition of the soil, which was under 3 feet of clean fill.
- They had test results for what was stockpiled at 1050 Washington Boulevard and removed it appropriately. (City Engineer Casolo will provide the Board office with the test results at the same time he provides them to the Board of Finance)
- The City is unable to accept the funds from the Mill River without the Board's approval.
- This soil was disposed of properly
- The money paid from the Mill River Improvements Project account (CP0050) will be taken from the TIF.
- The soil from the rink site was placed on 1050 Washington Boulevard prior to the remediation of 1050 Washington Boulevard
- The Mill River Collaborative has its own construction manager
- The Mill River Improvements Project (CP0050) was created in 2009, there have been \$17,000,000 authorized for this project. \$2.9 million was from City bonds, \$145,000 was from a federal grant and \$14,000,000 was from "other funding sources" which is the Mill River Collaborative

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 8-3-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Miller, Fedeli, Figueroa, Jacobson, Morson, Nabel and Pia in favor; Reps. Coleman, McMullen and Pendell opposed.)

5. F30.097	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget);	Held
\$3,000,000.00	Mill River Whittingham Discovery Center Construction. (Reimbursement from DEEP Grant) 08/27/18 – Submitted by Mayor Martin 04/13/18 – Approved by Planning Board ___/___/18 – To be Considered by Board of Finance 09/13/18 – Request to Hold by Administration	

Chair Di Costanzo adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Monica Di Costanzo, Chair

This meeting is on video ([Pt. 1](#) & [Pt. 2](#))