



## ***Fiscal Committee - Board of Representatives***

Monica Di Costanzo, Chair

Lindsey Miller, Vice Chair

# **Committee Report**

**Date:** Monday, September 23, 2019

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Place:** Democratic Caucus Room, 4<sup>th</sup> 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. McMullen, Morson, Nabel and Pendell. Absent or excused were Committee Member Reps. Coleman, Fedeli, Figueroa, Jacobson and Pia. Also present were Karen Cammarota, Grants Officer, Jennifer Calder, Director of Health; William Brink, WPCA; Merritt Nesin, WPCA Commissioner; Mike Handler, Director of Administration; Kathryn Emmett, Corporation Counsel; David Yanik, Controller; Jay Fountain, OPM Director and Tamu Lucero, Superintendent of Schools.

Chair Di Costanzo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee Action</b>
1. <a href="#">F30.232</a> \$1,000.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); Historic Document Preservation; Program Supplies. (100% Grant Funded) 08/22/19 – Submitted by Mayor Martin 09/12/19 – Approved by Board of Finance	<b>APPROVED 6-0-0</b>

Ms. Cammarota explained that this is a grant that the Town Clerk receives every year to digitize records. The City has received \$1000 in additional funding for this grant.

A motion to approve Item No. 1 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Miller, McMullen, Morson, Nabel and Pendell in favor).

2. <a href="#">F30.230</a> \$6,148.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); Medical Reserve Corp.; Support for the Medical Reserve Corp., a Volunteer Unit Trained To Assist During Public Health Emergencies; Funds Will Pay For Supplies. (100% Grant Funded) 09/04/19 – Submitted by Mayor Martin 09/12/19 – Approved by Board of Finance	<b>APPROVED 6-0-0</b>
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3. [F30.231](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); **APPROVED 6-0-0**  
\$6,500.00 Medical Reserve Corp.; Support for the Medical Reserve Corp., a Volunteer Unit Trained To Assist During Public Health Emergencies; Funds Will Pay For Supplies. (100% Grant Funded)  
09/04/19 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
09/12/19 – Approved by Board of Finance

Dr. Calder and Ms. Cammarota discussed items 2 (FY18/19) and 3 (FY 19/20) with the Committee. These grants are used for supplies and training for CERT and MRC. There is no difference between the two grants other than the years. There are currently about 70 CERT volunteers and 47 MRC volunteers, and they are training together.

A motion to approve Item No. 2 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Miller, McMullen, Morson, Nabel and Pendell in favor).

A motion to approve Item No. 3 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Miller, McMullen, Morson, Nabel and Pendell in favor).

The Committee next took up Items 22 and 23.

***Under a Suspension of the Rules:***

22. [F30.253](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **APPROVED 6-0-0**  
\$10,000,000.00 000712; WPCA Sludge Dryer and Building Repairs (\$9,000,000 from insurance claims; \$1,000,000 from WPCA reserves).  
09/10/19 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
09/10/19 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)  
09/12/19 – Approved by Board of Finance

A motion to suspend the rules to take up Item No. 22, was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 5-1-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Miller, Morson, Nabel and Pendell in favor; Rep. McMullen opposed).

Mr. Brink and Mr. Handler discussed this item with the Committee as follows:

- There was an explosion in the sludge dryer on August 1<sup>st</sup>; both the equipment in the building and the building in itself were damaged
- Since the explosion the insurance companies for all of the interested parties and a consulting engineer have been investigating the cause of the explosion and the cost of the repairs
- The cost is estimated at \$10,000,000 for repairs and interim sludge hauling costs; \$6,000,000 to \$7,000,000 is for the building and equipment repairs and \$2,000,000 is for sludge hauling; there will be additional repairs to equipment which is worn or needs to be upgraded to meet current safety standards
- The repairs are expected to be completed by next June
- They anticipate that all or most of the cost will be covered by insurance. Until the cause is determined, it is not clear whose insurance will pay; unless this was an Act of God, an insurance company other than the City's will pay (of the Manufacturer, the Operator, Electrical Contracting company, or the designer)
- The WPCA has ample capital reserves to cover any gap

- It is costing \$13,000 per day to haul the sludge 5 days per week. This is an insurable loss which will be reimbursed, but there is also concern about any impact on the Stamford community
- The investigation will most likely show that the explosion was preventable and that if the equipment had met current standards, there would have been less damage
- The investigation will also show if operating procedures were followed; if not, why not and if they were, what needs to be changed
- No City employees are working on the investigation, but the Consulting Engineer is representing the City's interests

A motion to approve Item No. 22, was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, McMullen, Miller, Morson, Nabel and Pendell in favor).

23. <a href="#">F30.254</a>	APPROVAL; Agreement with Blum, Shapiro & Company for Professional Auditing Services; RFP No. 764. 09/13/19 – Submitted by Mayor Martin 09/12/19 – Approved by Board of Finance	<b>HELD UNTIL 10/7 5-1-0</b>
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A motion to suspend the rules to take up Item No. 23, was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 4-2-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Miller, Morson and Pendell in favor; Reps. McMullen and Nabel opposed).

Mr. Yanik explained that

- The prior agreement with Blum Shapiro, which was for a 3 year term with two 1-year extensions had expired
- The prior contract had a constant fee for the last year of the term and the 2 1-year extensions; this contract has the same fee for the first year
- Blum Shapiro has been working since July without a contract
- This contract was delayed in the legal department due to other pressing work
- The RFP Committee considered 3 candidates and selected Blum Shapiro

Committee members discussed the delay in the submission of this item and whether there was any risk from holding it.

A motion to hold Item No. 23 until next month was made and seconded. A motion to amend to hold until October 7<sup>th</sup> was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 4-2-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Morson, Nabel and Pendell in favor; Reps. McMullen and Miller opposed). The original motion to hold, as amended, was approved by a vote of 5-1-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Miller, Morson, Nabel and Pendell in favor; Rep. McMullen opposed)

The Committee next considered Item No. 21

21. F30.252	REVIEW; Update on Progress Made with Mold Remediation Projects at Stamford Public Schools During Summer Break. 09/04/19 – Submitted by Rep. Fedeli	<b>REPORT MADE</b>
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Mr. Handler discussed the progress on mold remediation projects with the Committee:

- Roof repairs have been made

- There has been a district-wide HVAC review
- Playground assessments were done in connection with water intrusion and life safety improvements were made
- The fire marshal reports will be on-line on 9/24/19
- Since July 1<sup>st</sup>, the work has been done through outside contractors; some of the vendors hire subcontractors; 3 facilities managers have been hired to supervise the work and the custodians
- Seasonal employees were brought in over the summer and part time employees are being used now, which brings down overtime costs
- All people working in the schools must have a background check
- Priority is given to projects with life/safety issues
- Work will continue over the winter
- Many of the schools will be under control by the next capital budget; some schools require extensive work

A motion to go into executive session to discuss potential real estate negotiations was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, McMullen, Miller, Morson, Nabel and Pendell in favor). The Committee, along with Mr. Handler, Dr. Lucero and Mr. Fountain went into executive session at 8:40 p.m.

The committee came out of executive session at 8:54 p.m. Chair Di Costanzo noted that no votes were taken in executive session.

Questions and discussion on the following capital items occurred and is on video. These capital items total \$6.45 million spread over 7 schools and Administration District-Wide account. Some capital projects have already occurred, and some are still being planned. Director Handler checked online for the latest information to answer any specific project details, and Superintendent Lucero provided supporting information as needed. Capital appropriations not spent will be handled like all other capital projects, with a year-end closeout for projects completed to be reallocated to other capital projects in the future, which would ultimately reduce the amount of new bonding necessary for planned capital projects.

4. [F30.228](#)            ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget);            **APPROVED 5-1-0**  
 \$1,000,000.00        CPBM24; Scofield Magnet School Mold Remediation  
                                  Capital Upgrades.  
                                  09/04/19 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
                                  09/10/19 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)  
                                  09/12/19 – Approved by Board of Finance

Mr. Handler stated that the major part of this work has been completed. A motion to approve Item No. 4 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 5-1-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, McMullen, Miller, Morson, Nabel and Pendell in favor; Rep. McMullen opposed).

5. [F30.243](#)            RESOLUTION; Amending the Capital Budget for            **APPROVED 5-1-0**  
                                  Fiscal Year 19/20 by Adding an Appropriation of  
                                  \$1,000,000 for Scofield Magnet School (MTF) Mold  
                                  Remediation.  
                                  09/04/19 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
                                  09/12/19 – Approved by Board of Finance

A motion to approve Item No. 5 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 5-1-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, McMullen, Miller, Morson, Nabel and Pendell in favor; Rep. McMullen opposed).

6. [F30.229](#)            ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget);            **APPROVED 5-1-0**  
\$200,000.00            CPBM99; CLC (MTF) Mold Remediation Capital  
                                 Upgrades.  
                                 09/04/19 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
                                 09/10/19 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)  
                                 09/12/19 – Approved by Board of Finance

Mr. Handler stated that this is for the premises at 93 Lockwood Ave. A motion to approve Item No. 6 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 5-1-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, McMullen, Miller, Morson, Nabel and Pendell in favor; Rep. McMullen opposed).

7. [F30.244](#)            RESOLUTION; Amending the Capital Budget for            **APPROVED 5-1-0**  
                                 Fiscal Year 19/20 by Adding an Appropriation of  
                                 \$200,000 for CLC (MTF) Mold Remediation.  
                                 09/04/19 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
                                 09/12/19 – Approved by Board of Finance

A motion to approve Item No.7 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 5-1-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, McMullen, Miller, Morson, Nabel and Pendell in favor; Rep. McMullen opposed).

8. [F30.235](#)            ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget);            **APPROVED 5-1-0**  
\$1,000,000.00            CPBM01; Board of Education Administration (MTF)  
                                 Mold Remediation Capital Upgrades.  
                                 09/04/19 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
                                 09/10/19 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)  
                                 09/12/19 – Approved by Board of Finance

Mr. Handler stated that this is for district-wide projects. A motion to approve Item No. 8 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 5-1-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, McMullen, Miller, Morson, Nabel and Pendell in favor; Rep. McMullen opposed).

9. [F30.245](#)            RESOLUTION; Amending the Capital Budget for            **APPROVED 5-1-0**  
                                 Fiscal Year 19/20 by Adding an Appropriation of  
                                 \$1,000,000 for Board of Education Administration  
                                 (MTF) Mold Remediation.  
                                 09/04/19 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
                                 09/12/19 – Approved by Board of Finance

A motion to approve Item No. 9 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 5-1-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, McMullen, Miller, Morson, Nabel and Pendell in favor; Rep. McMullen opposed).

10. [F30.237](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **APPROVED 5-1-0**  
\$250,000.00 CPBM10; Rogers International School (MTF) Mold  
Remediation Capital Upgrades.  
09/04/19 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
09/10/19 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)  
09/12/19 – Approved by Board of Finance

A motion to approve Item No. 10 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 5-1-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, McMullen, Miller, Morson, Nabel and Pendell in favor; Rep. McMullen opposed).

11. [F30.247](#) RESOLUTION; Amending the Capital Budget for **APPROVED 5-1-0**  
Fiscal Year 19/20 by Adding an Appropriation of  
\$250,000 for Rogers International School (MTF) Mold  
Remediation.  
09/04/19 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
09/12/19 – Approved by Board of Finance

A motion to approve Item No. 11 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 5-1-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, McMullen, Miller, Morson, Nabel and Pendell in favor; Rep. McMullen opposed).

12. [F30.238](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **APPROVED 5-1-0**  
\$1,000,000.00 CPBM11; Roxbury Elementary School (MTF) Mold  
Remediation Capital Upgrades.  
09/04/19 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
09/10/19 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)  
09/12/19 – Approved by Board of Finance

A motion to approve Item No. 12 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 5-1-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, McMullen, Miller, Morson, Nabel and Pendell in favor; Rep. McMullen opposed).

13. [F30.248](#) RESOLUTION; Amending the Capital Budget for **APPROVED 5-1-0**  
Fiscal Year 19/20 by Adding an Appropriation of  
\$1,000,000 for Roxbury Elementary School (MTF)  
Mold Remediation.  
09/04/19 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
09/12/19 – Approved by Board of Finance

A motion to approve Item No. 13 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 5-1-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, McMullen, Miller, Morson, Nabel and Pendell in favor; Rep. McMullen opposed).

14. [F30.239](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **APPROVED 5-1-0**  
\$1,000,000.00 CPBM21; Cloonan Middle School (MTF) Mold  
Remediation Capital Upgrades.  
09/04/19 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
09/10/19 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)  
09/12/19 – Approved by Board of Finance

A motion to approve Item No. 14 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 5-1-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, McMullen, Miller, Morson, Nabel and Pendell in favor; Rep. McMullen opposed).

15. [F30.249](#) RESOLUTION; Amending the Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 19/20 by Adding an Appropriation of \$1,000,000 for Cloonan Middle School (MTF) Mold Remediation. **APPROVED 5-1-0**  
09/04/19 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
09/12/19 – Approved by Board of Finance

A motion to approve Item No. 15 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 5-1-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, McMullen, Miller, Morson, Nabel and Pendell in favor; Rep. McMullen opposed).

16. [F30.240](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); \$1,000,000.00 CPBM22; Dolan Middle School (MTF) Mold Remediation Capital Upgrades. **APPROVED 4-1-1**  
09/04/19 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
09/10/19 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)  
09/12/19 – Approved by Board of Finance

A motion to approve Item No. 16 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 4-1-1 (Reps. McMullen, Miller, Morson, Nabel and Pendell in favor; Rep. McMullen opposed; Rep. Di Costanzo abstaining).

17. [F30.250](#) RESOLUTION; Amending the Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 19/20 by Adding an Appropriation of \$1,000,000 for Dolan Middle School (MTF) Mold Remediation. **APPROVED 4-1-1**  
09/04/19 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
09/12/19 – Approved by Board of Finance

A motion to approve Item No. 17 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 4-1-1 (Reps. McMullen, Miller, Morson, Nabel and Pendell in favor; Rep. McMullen opposed; Rep. Di Costanzo abstaining).

18. [F30.241](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); \$1,000,000.00 CPBM23; Turn of River School (MTF) Mold Remediation Capital Upgrades. **APPROVED 5-1-0**  
09/04/19 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
09/10/19 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)  
09/12/19 – Approved by Board of Finance

Mr. Handler explained that this school has roof issues and basement corridor issues. A motion to approve Item No. 18 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 5-1-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, McMullen, Miller, Morson, Nabel and Pendell in favor; Rep. McMullen opposed).

19. [F30.251](#) RESOLUTION; Amending the Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 19/20 by Adding an Appropriation of \$1,000,000 for Turn of River School (MTF) Mold Remediation. **APPROVED 5-1-0**  
09/04/19 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
09/12/19 – Approved by Board of Finance

A motion to approve Item No. 19 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 5-1-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, McMullen, Miller, Morson, Nabel and Pendell in favor; Rep. McMullen opposed).

20. F30.242 REVIEW; Initiation of 2020 Census and Programming Work. **HELD**  
08/29/19 – Submitted by Chief of Staff Pollard

Chair Di Costanzo adjourned the meeting at 9:08 p.m. until October 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. to take up Item F30.254.

Respectfully submitted,  
Monica Di Costanzo, Chair

This meeting is on Video ([Part 1](#) and [Part 2](#))