

A Resolution to Direct an Update of the Town of Enfield Capital Plan 2020-2029

RESOLUTION #2024-_____

Whereas, sound fiscal management demands that the Town of Enfield periodically revisit and revise its needs for capital investments to reflect current priorities and circumstances; and

Whereas, the Enfield Town Board on November 13, 2019 adopted the “Town of Enfield Capital Plan 2020-2029,” an outline of projected capital expenditures, equipment purchases, and reserve recommendations for the forthcoming decade; and

Whereas, at a Public Hearing earlier that same month concerning the 2020 Town of Enfield Budget, in response to one resident’s comment, the meeting’s official minutes quotes former Town Supervisor Beth McGee as stating that both the Town’s Capital Plan and its Fund Balance Policy “should be reviewed yearly”; and

Whereas, although the Town of Enfield stands half-way through the adopted Capital Plan’s 2020-2029 investment cycle, no such annual review of the Capital Plan has been conducted since its adoption; and

Whereas, numerous departures from that Capital Plan, particularly as they affect Highway Department equipment purchases, have made it clear that the Capital Plan 2020-2029 stands woefully outdated, and that subsequent departures from that Capital Plan have bred ill-will among Town officials and have caused frequent disagreements among members of this Town Board; and

Whereas, the failure to update and revise the Town’s Capital Plan stands at odds with the original intent of Town leadership, as stated in the official minutes; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Enfield Town Board hereby directs the Town Supervisor, together with the Town’s Finance Committee and Town Bookkeeper, should the Supervisor choose their assistance, to meet with Department Heads, and most particularly meet with the Highway Superintendent, and subsequently recommend to this Board a revised multi-year Capital Plan, said plan to cover the duration of time the Supervisor deems to be a reasonable and appropriate investment cycle; and be it further

Resolved, that the Supervisor shall present such revised, recommended, multi-year Capital Plan to this Town Board no later than September 30, 2024, a deadline so that the Town Board and the public may be able to review the recommended revised Capital Plan and act upon it contemporaneously with the Town of Enfield 2025 Town Budget; and be it further

Resolved, that an annual review of the Town of Enfield Capital Plan shall become a part of this Town’s Budget Policy, employing review procedures consistent with those embodied herein.

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