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Dear Committee Members:

The Board of Selectmen is pleased to transmit the proposed FY2010-FY2014 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), prepared by the Town Manager in accordance with the following provisions of the Town Charter:

“All boards, departments, committees, commissions and officers of the town shall annually, at the request of the town manager, submit to him in writing a detailed estimate of the capital expenditures as defined by by-law, required for the efficient and proper conduct of their respective departments and offices for the ensuing fiscal year and the ensuing four year period. The town manager, after consultation with the board of selectmen, shall submit in writing to the board of selectmen a careful, detailed estimate of the recommended capital expenditures for the aforesaid periods, showing specifically the amount necessary to be provided for each office, department and activity and a statement of the amounts required to meet the debt service requirements or other indebtedness of the town. The selectmen shall transmit a copy of the capital budget to the finance committee along with the board of selectmen’s recommendations relative thereto. The calendar dates on or before which the capital budget is to be submitted and transmitted shall be specified by by-law.”

This CIP is the proposed schedule for the expenditure of funds to build, replace, and maintain the public facilities used by the citizens of Needham. The Capital Budget is the first year of the CIP and will be reflected in Town Meeting Warrant Articles. At its meeting on December 9, 2008, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to endorse the CIP as presented by the Town Manager with no amendments.

In your review of the Capital Plan, please keep in mind that the capital planning process is an ongoing, highly dynamic one in which future priorities may change as the needs of the Town and its financial condition changes.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF SELECTMEN