THE CAPITAL BUDGET PROCESS

The Town's five year capital improvement program is prepared annually for submission by the Mayor to the Town Council for approval. Pursuant to the Town Charter, Chapter VI, Section 6.3(c), "the Mayor shall recommend to the Council those capital projects to be undertaken during the ensuing fiscal year and the method financing the same. Those financed from certified unappropriated surplus and current revenue shall be unlimited in amount."

Proposed capital projects which the Town wishes to finance through the issuance of general obligation debt (bonds or notes) must be approved not only by the Town Council but also by a voter referendum.

Capital projects included in the current fiscal year of the plan are those, which will be presented for referendum, and those, which will be funded from operating revenues, capital reserve funds or special revenue (grant) funds. Projects shown in years two through five are proposed projects in various stages of planning or multi-year projects for which funds are anticipated to be available from various funding sources in those future years. Such projects may include estimated bonding requirements subject to the approval process detailed above. All project totals are estimates and subject to refinement as a result of development of final designs and specifications and competitive bidding or requests for proposals.