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**Town Planner's Review**  
**Wednesday, September 11, 2024**

**VIII. Capital Improvements Program.** Review of proposed Capital Improvements Program (CIP) with Todd Selig, Town Administrator, and Gail Jablonski, Business Manager.

- I recommend that the board discuss the draft CIP and offer comments.

Please note the following:

- ~~Each year Gail Jablonski and Todd Selig present the draft Capital Improvements Program to the Planning Board. The board can offer nonbinding comments on the draft, with a particular, but not exclusive, focus on the Town's Master Plan (linked here):~~  
<https://www.ci.durham.nh.us/planning/master-plan-2015>.
- The CIP is adopted by the Town Council. The draft is shown here: .  
<https://www.ci.durham.nh.us/businessoffice/2025-2034-capital-improvements-program-rough-draftdepartment-submittals>. Please let Tracey know if you would like a hard copy. (It is very long though.)
- A capital improvements program includes projected major expenditures over a set period of time, often six years though ten years in this case. The approved amounts for each year serve as guides for the Town Council when it then prepares each annual budget. The council is not required to follow the CIP each ensuing year unless a multi-year obligation was made in a prior year.
- Preparing a CIP provides many benefits including (from Wikipedia):
  - Allowing for a systematic evaluation of all potential projects at the same time.
  - The ability to stabilize debt and consolidate projects to reduce borrowing costs.
  - Serving as a public relations and economic development tool.
  - Focusing on preserving a governmental entity's infrastructure while ensuring the efficient use of public funds.
  - Providing an opportunity to foster cooperation among departments and an ability to inform other units of government of the entity's priorities.