



# City of Fitchburg Massachusetts 01420

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### Finance Committee

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held over the Zoom platform and live streamed at FATV Studios on Tuesday, January 26, 2021. The meeting was called to order by Chairman DiNatale at 6:00 PM.

Committee Members present: Councilors Paul Beauchemin, Marcus DiNatale, Elizabeth Walsh, and Anthony Zarrella.

Committee Members absent: Councilor Michael Kushmerek.

The chairman opened the meeting for public comment. No one had registered to speak.

003-21           ORDER:           that the City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Crocker Field Restoration Committee in the approximate amount of \$17,600.00 (SEVENTEEN THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said gift, which is for the Crocker Field Concrete Rehabilitation at Grandstands.

Discussion: The chairman read a letter from Mr. Richard Kazanjian, President of the Crocker Field Restoration Committee dated December 15, 2020.

Action: Motion to approve made by Councilor Beauchemin and second by Councilor Walsh.

Approved: Roll call vote—Beauchemin (Yes), DiNatale (Yes), Walsh (Yes), and Zarrella (Yes).

007-21           ORDER:           that the City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, FY21 Shannon Community Safety Initiative grant in the approximate amount of \$336,400.00 (THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-SIX THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to reduce gang and youth related violence.

Discussion: Chief Ernest Martineau and Captain Steven Giannini were present. The chairman read a letter from Chief Martineau dated January 7, 2021. The chief reported that the Fitchburg Police Department has been fortunate to receive this grant for the past few years. Captain Giannini reported that the amount is level funded from last year, which is good given the pandemic. They were able to bring in the Spanish American Center as a new partner which has allowed some of the work to expand into Leominster.

Action: Motion to approve made by Councilor Zarrella and second by Councilor Walsh.

Approved: Roll call vote—Beauchemin (Yes), DiNatale (Yes), Walsh (Yes), and Zarrella (Yes).

008-21           ORDER:           that the City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security VAWA grant in the approximate amount of \$59,375.00 (FIFTY-NINE THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to support the Domestic Violence Advocate position within the Police Department.

Discussion: Chief Martineau and Captain Giannini were present. The chairman read a letter from Chief Martineau dated January 7, 2021. The chief reemphasized the importance of this work. Fitchburg is the only community in North Worcester County with a full-time advocate, which has been especially helpful this year because the courts have been closed due to the pandemic. If this grant were not available, the chief would still strongly support funding for this position. Councilors commended the chief, captain, and force for supporting this work and this life saving position.

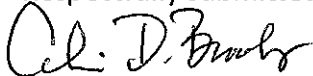
Action: Motion to approve made by Councilor Beauchemin and second by Councilor Walsh.

Approved: Roll call vote—Beauchemin (Yes), DiNatale (Yes), Walsh (Yes), and Zarrella (Yes).

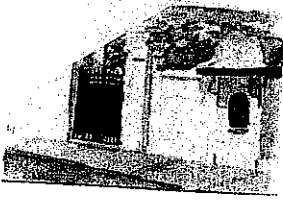
Motion to adjourn made by Councilor Walsh second by Councilor Zarrella. Approved by unanimous consent.

The meeting adjourned at 6:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Calvin D. Brooks, Clerk



# The Crocker Field Restoration Committee

c/o Fitchburg High School  
140 Arn-How Farm Road  
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December 15, 2020

Mr. Tom Skwierawski  
Community Development Department  
City of Fitchburg  
718 Main Street  
Fitchburg, MA 01420

Dear Mr. Skwierawski:

I am pleased to inform you that the Crocker Field Restoration Committee is providing the City of Fitchburg with a gift of \$17,600 to be designated for the construction contract that is being awarded for Crocker Field- Concrete Rehabilitation at Grandstands. Our check to the City is enclosed. Specifically, this gift is to be used to add the following alternates to the contract as defined in the plans and specifications:

- Alternate No. 1. Cost = \$2,800
  - a. Remove concrete projecting from the front elevation of the press box which consists of part of the former back wall cap.
  - b. Patch the surface to match the lines of the front wall of the press box.
- Alternate No. 2. Cost = \$4,700.
  - a. Remove deteriorated concrete from the bottom step and adjacent area of the wall in two locations as well as from the bottom of the end wall as located on the Drawings at the Covered Grandstand.
  - b. Remove deteriorated concrete from the bottom step and adjacent area of the end wall as located on the Drawings at the Open Grandstand.
  - c. Apply patch using concrete repair mortar.
  - d. Apply stucco finish to match existing adjacent surface on wall surface only.
- Alternate No. 3. Cost = \$6,100.
  - a. Apply stucco finish to the exposed surfaces of the concrete wall cap on the back wall of the open grandstand.
- Alternate No. 4. Cost = \$4,000.
  - a. Prepare surface of top of grandstand rear wall adjacent to press box, at seating section #8 to receive concrete cap.
  - b. Construct concrete cap on the prepared surface, including formwork, reinforcing, concrete placement, contraction joints, curing, and form removal.
  - c. Apply stucco finish to the exposed surface of the concrete wall cap of this alternate.
- Total cost = \$17,600.

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The CFRC remains committed to restoring Crocker Field for the youth of Fitchburg, and we appreciate the support that the City and School Department have given to this important endeavor. We look forward to continuing our partnership in the future, and we are pleased that, thanks to our donors from the community, we are able to contribute financially to this project.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Kazanjian", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Richard Kazanjian, President  
Crocker Field Restoration Committee

Copies:

Stephen DiNatale, Mayor

Robert Jokela, Superintendent of Schools

Calvin Brooks, City Auditor

Amy LeBlanc, Community Development Dept.



ERNEST F. MARTINEAU  
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January 7, 2021

Mayor Stephen L. DiNatale  
City Hall  
718 Main Street  
Fitchburg, MA 01420

Re: FY21 Shannon Community Safety Initiative Grant

Dear Mayor:


The City of Fitchburg has received an allocation of funds totaling \$336,400 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security. This grant is an ongoing effort from the Commonwealth awarded to municipalities that are actively involved in multi-jurisdictional projects to reduce gang and youth related violence.

Fitchburg is partnering with multiple agencies that support numerous towns in the Worcester County area, with special focus on Fitchburg, Leominster and Gardner, offering a wide range of services designed to reduce gang violence and educate youth at risk of juvenile justice involvement.

The Fitchburg Police Department is the fiscal agent for this grant as well as co-monitor of programmatic activities. These funding resources will be used to support gang hot spot patrols, reduction of school truancy, provide funding for Junior Police Academies, to supplement outreach agency programs, support after school programs and anti-drug education and provide equipment for these programs, and facilitate restorative justice training for participating agencies.

I request your approval to start spending down these funds. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Ernest F. Martineau  
Chief of Police

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Pc: Calvin D. Brooks, City Auditor



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January 7, 2021

Honorable Mayor Stephen L. DiNatale  
City Hall  
718 Main Street  
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Re: VAWA STOP GRANT FFY20 (FY21/22)

Dear Mayor DiNatale:

The Fitchburg Police Department has received an allocation of funds totaling \$59,375 from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security for the purpose of retaining our Domestic Violence Advocate. This is the fourth year of a project extension initiated by the Federal Violence Against Women Act of 1994 through state appropriations.

This grant will support our Domestic Violence Advocate position along with partial associated expenses and benefits. This position has become vital to our department's success by assisting victims in court, with emergency housing, medical attention, referral services, and creating a support network.

I request your approval to spend down these funds as necessary. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Ernest F. Martineau  
Chief of Police

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