



**Town of Mansfield  
Agenda Item Summary**

**To:** Town Council  
**From:** Matthew Hart, Town Manager *M Hart*  
**CC:** Maria Capriola, Assistant to Town Manager; Lon Hultgren, Director of Public Works, Cherie Trahan, Director of Finance, Curt Vincente, Director of Parks & Recreation  
**Date:** August 9, 2010  
**Re:** Capital Improvement Projects – Open Space, Laurel Lane & Stone Mill Road Bridge Repairs

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**Subject Matter/Background**

The 2010/11 Adopted Capital Improvement Budget recommends open space acquisition funding (\$1,000,000), and the replacement of the Laurel Lane bridge (\$1,112,620). The 2007/08 Adopted Capital Improvement Budget recommended the replacement of the Stone Mill Road bridge (\$1,446,000). Recommended funding for these projects is the issuance of bonds. In accordance with the Town Charter, consecutive action of the Council and Referendum are required to authorize the issuance of bonds for these projects. In addition, the Planning and Zoning Commission needs to review these projects for conformance with the municipal plan of development.

**Financial Review**

If approved, the issuance of bonds for the acquisition of open space would not take place until current funds in the account are exhausted and open space property is approved for acquisition. The two bridge replacement projects are 80% funded by federal grants. The Town's share of the Laurel Lane bridge replacement is estimated at \$222,520. The Town's share of the Stone Mill Road bridge replacement is estimated at \$197,630.

**Legal Review**

The Town's bond attorney has outlined the procedures and resolutions to be made by the Council, Planning and Zoning Commission, Town Clerk, and Town voters at the Town Meeting. The first action is outlined below.

**Recommendation**

The Council is respectfully requested to refer the Open Space Acquisition project, Laurel Lane and Stone Mill Road bridge replacement projects to the Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission for review and approval.

If the Council supports this recommendation, the following motion is in order:

*Move, effective August 9, 2010 to refer to the Planning and Zoning Commission for review and approval, the Open Space Acquisition, Laurel Lane and Stone Mill Road bridge replacement projects.*