

Print**Town Charter Revision Commission - Town Administration, Staff, Board/Commission Chairs - Submission #323****Date Submitted: 4/24/2024****First Name***

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The following questions are optional:**Are you a resident of Bloomfield?**☐ Yes☒ No**Proposed Recommendation to the Town Charter**

The Bloomfield Town Charter is available

at: https://library.municode.com/ct/bloomfield/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=CH**What section number of the Charter does your change affect?***

Section 903, item d.

Proposed Recommendation *

adoption of an itemized (10) year capital budget

Brief description of the issue addressed by the proposed change:*

The current 5-year capital budget does not address the long-term needs of the Town. Currently, proposed year 1 projects are re-shuffled each year and are funded through popularity.

Impact of Proposed Change**What benefits will be realized by the citizens and/or government of Bloomfield?***

Increased fiscal responsibility will be realized through a more strategic CIP operation, where long-term upgrades to facilities, infrastructure, fleet, etc. can be bonded, avoiding the current debt snowball of projects that get pushed back several years.

What potential impacts may be associated with the proposal change?*

A potential Town-wide strategic master plan may need to be carried out to accurately prioritize needs over the next 10 years. A strategic plan will also provide an opportunity for more resident input on the priority of their tax contributions and would behoove the Town government to realize a more cohesive relationship with Bloomfield residents.

Can you provide data to assist in validating the impact of the proposed change?

If this suggestion is entertained, I will gladly provide sources and research in the advantages of a 10-year vs. 5-year CIP program for local municipalities.

Describe any obstacles, costs, or cost savings associated with the proposed change, if any?

Initial costs would reside with hiring a consultant to conduct a strategic plan to accurately outline a 10-year look ahead in potential infrastructure and renovation costs.

Project savings will be realized through an improved practice of job prioritization and analysis. Net present value, future value, and life-cycle costing analysis can be identified by a consultant, assuring that a well-structured CIP avoids the pitfalls associated with inflation, infrastructure degradation, and economic challenges.