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**Budget Committee  
FY 2027**

**Motion: Capital Transfer – Replace Consoles**

**Assumption:**

The 2027 Proposed Budget appropriates \$50,000 for dispatch console replacement within the \$859,000 Transfer to Capital Reserves.

**Motion:**

This motion proposes not appropriating the \$50,000 allocated for Dispatch Console replacement from the \$859,000 appropriated to account 4915 – Transfer to Capital, resulting in a new total of \$809,000. It also recommends increasing the appropriation for Dispatch-Equipment Repair and Maintenance, line item 01-4299-580-439-00, by \$5,000, for a new total of \$20,000.

**Rationale:**

The Proposed 2027 Budget includes \$30,000 for an independent and comprehensive study of New London's Dispatch and Communications Center, which serves New London and four other communities. This funding is allocated in the Executive / General Government section, line item 01-4130-100-729-00.

Given the upcoming study and its unknown impact on the Dispatch Center, it is prudent to defer additional capital appropriations for the Dispatch Center until the study is complete and recommendations are available. Approving the \$50,000 for console replacement now would immediately affect the tax rate, since Transfers to Capital are included in the Operating Budget. This motion does not permanently reject the appropriation, but recommends waiting for further clarity to avoid unnecessary taxpayer burden.

Although the existing consoles are nearing the end of their stated useful life, it is standard practice to extend use of equipment through maintenance and repairs. The motion includes an additional \$5,000 to support these efforts.