

Capital Planning and Investment Committee Minutes DRAFT
November 13, 2014

Members present: Debbie Ricci, Alan Frazer, Keith Cheveralls, Leo Blair, Tim Bragan, Lorraine, Leonard, Pat Wenger

Meeting called to order by Debbie Ricci at 4:02 pm.

Minutes reviewed.

Leo Blair moved to accept the minutes of October 9, 2014 as presented
Keith Cheveralls seconded. All in favor.

Keith Cheveralls moved to accept the minutes of October 27, 2014 as presented.
Leo Blair seconded. All in favor.

Police Chief Ed Denmark presented his request for new radios for the department for \$85,000. The committee discussed the fact that this would allow for a townwide interconnected systems between the Police, Fire, EMT and the School system which would be beneficial for all departments moving forward.

Fire Chief Richard Sicard presented the capital requests for the Fire Dept.

- Tanker Truck for \$350,000
- Engine Number 2 needs repair work for somewhere between \$20,000 to \$110,000 depending on how many repairs get done.
- Ladder Truck being requested is used. A new truck can cost \$1,000,000 but will last up to 25 years and is a much needed piece of equipment. The committee discussed advantages and disadvantages to purchasing used vs new.

Leo Blair argued that all of these pieces of equipment are necessary to have a well functioning Fire Dept

Debbie Ricci requested that we get a list of all the equipment in the Fire Dept with age, expected life span, approximate replacement date and costs so the committee can attempt to have a more sustainable plan for future expenditures.

Chief Sicard will get the information to Debbie and she will forward it to the other committee members.

Dept of Public Works Rich Nota presented the capital requests for DPW.

- Loader/Backhoe \$68,000. This piece of equipment is already on loan. Requested to use recurring capital money for this. Concern of the committee is that he won't have much money left over for other small items if he purchases this piece of equipment
- Heavy Duty Dumptruck - \$175,000. Present truck is 15 years old and in very poor shape.

- Transfer Catchbasin Crane - \$25,000. This cost is to rehab the equipment and transfer it to a new truck so it is contingent on procuring the new truck (above).

- Transfer Station Trash Compactor - \$25,000. The last one was replaced in 1996.

Fuel Dispensing System \$35,000. Needs to be updated both structurally and technologically. All departments in the town would benefit from this new system.

Leo Blair noted that the BOS has moved that the request for the DPW building has been moved out to allow time to determine what is going to happen with Devens and if a regionalized DPW might make more sense in the future.

Water Dept not discussed as more information is being attained and will be presented at a future meeting.

Hildreth House will be presented at the next meeting. Board of Selectmen did approve Phase 1 of the plan at their last meeting for a total of \$1.4 million. Keith requested Tim Bragan to ask the BOS to decide on what their plan are for Phase 2.

Parks and Rec will be presented at the next meeting

Future meetings: November 20 4pm
December 11 8:15 am

Leo Blair left the meeting at 6pm
Alan Frazer made a motion to adjourn at 6:10pm.
Seconded by Keith Cheveralls
All in favor.

Respectfully submitted

Patricia Wenger