Town of Harvard Capital Planning & Investment Committee Thursday September 16, 2021

Committee Members in Attendance: Nate Finch, SusanMary Redinger, Dick Fellows, Rich Maiore, Tim Bragan, Linda Dwight

Others: Debbie Thompson, Council on Aging, Guy Oliver, Council on Aging

Capt. Rick Sicard, Harvard Fire Department

New Business

Committee Officers: Committee elected Nate Finch as Chair and SusanMary as Vice-Chair

Council on Aging: Debbie and Guy gave a brief overview of proposed Senior Center. COA will be looking to fast-track for fall Annual Town Meeting due to building being on the real estate market. Owner has agreed to hold off on selling it until after fall town meeting. Guy noted the committee will have a better sense of costs on 9/30 when architect provides renovation estimates.

Nate asked COA to provide long-form submission asap. CPIC will review and draft questions. Nate pointed out CPIC can add renovation questions once those costs come in.

Fire Truck: Chief Sicard shared news that the town had received a \$762,000 grant for a new aerial truck. The town would need to cover the remaining \$900,000 approx. Town will need to indicate it will do so by November 3. The grant only covers new trucks. Chief shared that vehicle prices are up 10% due to COVID. The benefit of the new truck is it can also be a pumper truck, which should extend the life of the current pumper truck.

SusanMary requested a long-form narrative from Chief Sicard. CPIC will then review and provide questions to the Chief by 9/20.

CPIC Process & Criteria

SusanMary shared CPIC process and criteria memo to all Boards & Committees from June, 2021. The memo outlined how and when requests should be made to CPIC. Nate requested that Energy Advisory Committee be notified of any grant requests covering electrical, energy or alternative energy.

Linda requested Julie Doucet send the most recent 5-year Capital Investment plan.

The committee discussed checking in with each Board/Committee/Department.

SusanMary: School and Park & Rec

Nate: Police, EMT

Rich: Fire, Public Safety Building, Water, DPW

Dick: Library, COA

Unanimous vote to adjourn. 9:48am. Next meeting: Thursday Sept. 23rd 9am.