

New Marlborough Capital Planning Committee Minutes: March 9, 2023

Attending by Zoom : All committee members were present : Mark Walker, Richard Butt, John Halbreich , slightly late Nat Yohalem, Sheila Baird, and Steve Klein and Tara White, guests.

The meeting was called to order By John Halbreich at 4:03 pm.

The Minutes of the previous meeting on 2/13/23 were unanimously approved by the committee members present.

Discussion ensued regarding capital items for proposed purchase.

RESCUE The ambulance originally planned for purchase last year has been ordered but will not be delivered for 700 days ie. 2025. The cost is \$50,000 more than originally budgeted for and is now \$310,000. To be determined is the price fixed or is there an inflation risk. It was agreed last year that the Stabilization Fund would be used for this purchase but that was for the original budget of \$260,000. To be determined is where the extra funds will come from and if a down payment is required and when.

FIRE The pickup truck originally proposed for purchase in 2024 has been cancelled. The AirPacks proposed for purchase in 2026 and the firetruck for 2027 were not discussed .

Police The cruiser proposed for purchase in 2024 has experienced a cost increase to \$81,091 (from \$60,000). A grant for \$28,381 will be applied for but is not guaranteed..Last year the funds were to come from Stabilization Fund . Source to be determined .

Highway International 7500 Plow/Dump Truck is postponed to 2026 at a cost of \$320K vs previous \$300K

International Terrastar continues as a 2024 purchase at a cost of \$175 K net of trade in/sell value of existing

Mack Plow/Dump truck continues as a 2027 purchase but cost is now \$300K vs \$280k

Ford F550 Plow /dump truck purchase is postponed to 2025 from 2024 but at a cost of \$180K vs \$145K

Silverado pick up truck is moved up to 2024 from 2025 but at a reduced net cost of \$25K

Brush bandit chipper is moved out two years to 2027 at a cost of \$75K vs previous \$60K

Komatsu Loader is a new purchase for 2024 at \$200K less \$68K trade in/sell.

Kubota tractor 2025 at a cost of \$175K.

Further conversations with Chuck are needed to review these items.

Transfer Station No capital expenditures are imminent as per SK.

Town Hall Cost estimates for needed improvements to the Trois Emmes property are in process. As of this date there is no signed option to purchase. Estimates to upgrade the present Town Hall are also underway. Because of uncertainty of which route will ultimately be taken, the committee is leaving \$2mil as a placeholder.

Roads Funds budgeted for 2023 (\$838K) were not spent because of high costs and lack of availability of contractors. \$500k was borrowed as scheduled and Chapter Funds allocated are in reserve. It is assumed that two years of work will be done in 2024. Tara doubts that is possible .Nevertheless we are budgeting \$1.168 mil for 2024 to be paid from Chapter Funds \$668K and the loan taken out last year.

Committee Report. At least a preliminary report needs to be submitted to the Finance Committee by the end of March.

The next meeting of the committee will be March 20,2023 at 4: 30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45pm

Submitted by Sheila Baird