

Capital Planning Meeting February 19, 2021

Attendees:

Members

Michele McAuley
Elizabeth Reynolds
Steve Klein
Nat Yohalem
Mark Walker
Richard Long
John Halbreich

Others

Mari Enoch
Tara White

1. Call to order
2. Minutes—The minutes of January 27 were approved as presented
Roll Call Vote:
Michele McAuley Aye
Elizabeth Reynolds Aye
Steve Klein Aye
Nat Yohalem Aye
Mark Walker Aye
Richard Long Aye
John Halbreich Aye

3. Reports from Committee members:

Highway: Steve presented the work of the Highway Planning Group thus far. It was noted that the Highway Planning Group had not met in some time due to weather and more information as well as completed paperwork was needed. There was a question if the Highway Planning Group should be considering the Vehicle and Equipment Replacement schedule as they had, or only working on the road plan. Steve will follow up with the Highway Superintendent and Highway Planning Group.

Police Dept: Nat presented the capital requests for the next five years:

- FY 2022: \$21,000 Radio Upgrade (two cruisers and three portables) to triband 800 megahertz allowing for better coverage in Town and direct communications with Mass State Police
- FY 2024/25: \$60,000 Secondary Cruiser replacement. Currently has 106,000 miles and mechanical issues

Library: Nat presented the capital requests for the next five years.

- FY 2022: \$32,000 Attic Insulation. The Friends of the Library will be paying the \$2,000 to repair the damaged roof from an ice jam. The capital request is to insulate the attic to prevent ice jams, heat loss, and potential roof and water damage to building
- FY 2022: Project cost not known. Clean, caulk and paint exterior trim on building after ice jam/room repair is made.
- FY 2027-2032: Project Cost not known. Carpet replacement
- FY 2027-2032: Project Cost not known. Interior painting
- FY 2027-2032: Project Cost not known. Roof replacement

Fire/Rescue John presented the project requests:

- FY 2022: \$251,000 -Ambulance replacement. Current ambulance is a 2010 and is out for repair frequently. There has been an increase in mileage as ambulance now has to transport patients further for Psychiatric, Neurologic, and Orthopedic emergencies. There will be some value for resale of current ambulance. Equipment on the current ambulance will be transferred to new vehicle.
- FY 2025: \$21,000-Stretcher replacement. To replace battery operated hydraulic lift purchased in 2021 with grant funding. Grant funding will be sought for replacement.
- FY 2022: \$15,000 -ATV replacement. Current ATV more than 20 years old and not powerful enough. Increase in calls for trail rescues, water rescues, and brush fires. Est resale of current ATV \$500.
- FY 2022: \$8,000 -Thermal Imaging Camera replacement. Replace current 15-year-old camera. Current camera to be retained by dept.
- FY 2023: \$3,000 -Portable Thermal Imaging Camera (2 at \$1,500 each) for crew leaders.
- FY 2023: \$41,000 -Replace Jaws of Life with an improved battery-operated Jaws. Current device is more than 30 years old and requires tethering to a gas generator. The device is used to pry open vehicles or in structure collapse. No resale value for current Jaws.
- FY 2024: \$75,000 -Utility Vehicle (F250 pick up with a utility box), This vehicle will replace ice rescue van (25 years old) and current pick up (30 years old). Offset may be \$500. Utility vehicle will be first responder for carbon monoxide calls, used for ice rescue and brush fires, and serve as backup to ambulance. 20-year lifespan.
- FY 2025: \$500,000 -Replace Tanker Truck. Current truck is 20 years old. New Tanker will increase water capacity by 500 gallons to 3000 gallons and has a lifespan of 25 years. Resale of current tank may be \$20,000 to \$25,000.

Firehouses: Conversation about renovation to old firehouse (owned by fire company) for the purpose of housing the Police Department continues.

There was a general discussion and summary of previous efforts for regionalization and shared services/equipment.

4. Strategy and Plan: The Committee will continue to hear the reports from committee members for remaining departments at its next meeting. The committee will also identify and explore other funding sources, including grants and private support organizations (such as the Friends of the Library and Fire and Rescue donations) to help defray the costs of some requests. The asset list needs to be checked for omission and updates.

5. Next meeting: Tuesday, Feb 23 at 6:00.

6. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Klein
Committee member (assisted by M. Enoch)