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*Capital Improvement Committee
Selectman's Conference Room
Moved to Meeting Room 1*

Minutes

February 8, 2010 5 pm

Members present: Susan Smith, Paul Biron, Frank Treglia,

Others present: Paul Pronovost, Scott Potter, Glen Clark, Ken Koval, Jamie Wilson

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm.

Minutes: P. Biron made a motion to accept the minutes of February 2, 2010 as presented; F. Treglia seconded; Motion passed 3-0.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Fire Dept. J. Wilson presented need of the fire dept. The replacement of Utility 3 was on the list last year and was originally approved for funding for \$15,000 to buy used. Failed budgets pulled it off the list. Vehicle is used 3 days a week for training and fluid spills. More economical to take that out than roll out the large pieces. \$35,000 requested but they could find something for \$20-25,000.

New regulations of the NFPA (federal), the same which said tires should be replaced, requires turnout gear be replaced once reached 10 years old. Sets are \$2000 each. Need to replace 20 sets next year and the remaining sets in 2012 and 2013. This was not on the list in the past because it was not a regulation until recently. Fire Dept has applied for a grant for entire replacement. \$40,000 requested for 2011.

Engine 3 request went up \$100,000 from the prior year because it is their intent to replace two vehicles with a combined unit. Committee's intent was to fund this through bonding.

Chiefs vehicle is a 2004 Trailblazer. Scheduled replacement is 2013 for \$30000

Generator is also need of replacement. The current homeland security plan has the Town Hall, Fire and Ambulance listed as shelters in case of emergency. The High school would normally be on the list as priority shelter but it has no generator. The Fire Dept would also serve as the backup Police Dept if something should happen to Town Hall. Both generators seem to be a priority. S. Smith also mentioned CPower rebates available once you own the generator and sign up for the program. WPCA currently participates in the program. \$30,000 in 2012.

Public Works. P. Pronovost handed out list and age of vehicles chart for scheduled replacement. Truck 20 & 23 are needed Nov-Dec 2010. One has to be ordered and built but the 1 ton could be replaced easily. Loader is needed in 2011 and backhoe in 2012. Truck 11 in 2014. No replacements will be needed until 2018 after this equipment is purchased.

School Zone Lights on Route 109 are old and can not obtain parts. New computerized lights that are solar powered are available and can be switched on and off by computer from the principals office. The \$15,000 would replace 3 lights - 2 on route 109 and 1 on High Street.

Fuel management system is still on the list for \$21,000. Paul estimates that 100-150 gallons are not accounted for annually. The costs that are not accounted for remain in the police and highway budgets when inventories are adjusted. System can also tag vehicles for preventative maintenance.

Leigh Ave Retaining wall has been legally determined to be Town ownership and Town responsibility. Wall is cracking and starting to give. \$35,000 needed to replace.

Silt removal - Twin Pond \$100,000 estimate ONLY over two years - could be higher. A silt retention pond was never built and PWD sand started collecting and filling the pond. A few families have access to the pond and have complained. As safety is not an issue committee deems deferrable in comparison to other needs of the Town.

Guiderail installation \$15,000 is phase 2. Funding received in prior year for phase 1.

Next meeting will be February 16, 2010 Tuesday at 6pm.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm.

Recording of Minutes by Susan Smith.

February 10, 2010