

Capital Improvements Committee Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 1, 2024, at 5:15 pm
Arcand Meeting Room

Capital Improvements Committee Members Present: R. Lavallee (Chairman), J. Collamati, J. Kuzmeskas, J. McCarthy, M. Hennessey

Capital Improvements Committee Members Absent: All Members Present

Meeting Commenced: R. Lavallee called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm

J. Collamati made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 30, 2023, Capital Improvements Committee Meeting. R. Lavallee seconded. Recommended 4/0.

Public Hearing – Chief Miller and Captain Provost were present at tonight’s meeting to discuss the Capital Request for the purchase of a Fire Truck, as listed:

This request is to replace the 1995 E-1 Pumper that is in poor condition, with a new Pierce Pumper, in the amount of \$1,100,000 from Borrowing. The current industry standard for First Line pumper replacement is a 15-year service life. The NFPA sets the criteria for fire apparatus in order to maximize firefighter capabilities and minimize the risk of injury.

Photos of the 1995 Pumper were shared with Committee members to show the current conditions and issues that the truck is currently experiencing.

J. Collamati made a motion to recommend \$1.1 Million for the purchase of a new Pierce Pumper. M. Hennessey seconded. Recommended 5/0.

Public Hearing – Chief Fitzgerald and Lt. Russell were present to discuss a Capital Request for the purchase of 2 police vehicles, as listed:

The Police Department is requesting the purchase of 2 new police vehicles that would replace a 2016 and 2017 that are currently on the fleet and have over 110,000 miles each. The older vehicles can be traded or given to another department if requested.

The 2 new vehicles being requested are 2025 V-6 Ford Explorers with gas engines. Some of the equipment will be transferred from the old vehicles to the new ones, except for the computers which will need replacement devices installed in each of the 2 new vehicles. The vehicles being purchased would be provided to the Department in approximately 6 months from the date they are ordered.

M. Hennessey made a motion to recommend the purchase of 2 new police vehicles as presented. Seconded by J. Kuzmeskas. Recommended 5/0.

Public Hearing – DPW Director, Jesse Riedle, was present to discuss the Departments Capital Requests, as presented below:

DPW:

The request of \$500,000 is to cover additional funding for roadwork to pave North Main Street from the recently completed Town Center project to Hartford Avenue, as well as additional roads that will be discussed and presented by the Road Committee.

J. Collamati made a motion to recommend the additional funding needed for the North Main Street roadwork, in addition to other roads in Town that the Road Committee will be meeting to discuss further. J. Kuzmeskas seconded. Recommended 5/0.

Water:

Well #11 is located at 73 Wrentham Road and consists of 4 separate wellheads. This source provides raw water to the Wrentham Road Filtration Plant. Well #11.4 was previously abandoned and replaced with Well #11.5. The Wells have been rehabilitated over the years but have recently experienced signs of failure with increased turbidity, provided a decrease to raw water quality.

This request is for Phase 1 of 2, in which Phase 1 is for the design and permitting for replacement of existing Wells at Site #11.

M. Hennessey made a motion to recommend funding of \$265,000 for Phase 1 of the 2 Phase Well replacement project. J. Kuzmeskas seconded. Recommended 5/0.

Sewer:

Replacement of a failing gravity sewer main at the Middle School is being requested, due to several recent backups. The site has been checked with camera, which has expedited the need for replacement. There is a failing sewer line which had some recently repeated issues and is in need of the system repair.

J. Collamati made a motion to recommend \$100,000 for the sewer main replacement at the Middle School. J. Kuzmeskas seconded. Recommended 5/0.

New Business, Emails, Correspondence, Bills:

The next Capital Improvements Committee will take place on Monday, April 22, 2024.

J. Collamati made a motion to adjourn at 5:58 pm. Seconded by J. Kuzmeskas. Recommended 5/0.

Respectfully Submitted,

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