
2. Capital Improvements Committee Absent: All Members Present

3. R. Lavallee called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

4. K. Grant made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 22, 2019 CIC Meeting. Seconded by D. Spencer. Recommended 4/0.

5. 6:30 pm - Lt. Russell and Chief Daigle from the Police Department were present to discuss capital requests for FY20. Lt. Russell gave a brief presentation on which vehicles and equipment would be replaced and upgraded.

J. Collamati made a motion to recommend replacement of vehicle 402 in the amount of $51,870.49 and equipment for $6,202.55. Replacement of vehicle 404 in the amount of $49,085.49 and equipment for $6,202.55. Replacement of unmarked vehicle 422 in the amount of $28,997.05 and a radio for $3,700.58; for a total of $146,058.71, pending the availability of funds. Seconded by K. Grant. Recommended 4/0.

6. 6:40 pm - Chief Gentile and Deputy Poirier from the Fire Department were present to discuss capital requests for FY20. Chief Gentile discussed the replacement of a 2011 Ford Expedition (Car 4) with a Chevy Tahoe in the amount of $56,338. J. Collamati discussed some of the optional equipment that was being added and wanted more details on the Command Cabinet that was being installed in it. Chief Gentile told the Committee that he could remove the Command Cabinet from the quote and reduce the price by almost $7,000.

D. Spencer made a motion to recommend $50,100 for replacement of Car 4, pending availability of funds. Seconded by K. Grant. Recommended 4/0.

7. 6:50 pm - School Department was present to discuss capital requests for FY20. School Superintendent, Peter Marano gave a brief summary of requests needed for various Schools. The High School needs to have the upgrades done for the Entrapment Area and security camera upgrades and the Middle School will require Re-keying of the building. In addition, the High School needs to replace 1,000 defective desks. The desks will be replaced over 5 years for a total of $150,000. The request for FY20 is $30,000 for desk replacement.

J. Collamati made a motion to recommend $200,000 for High School Entrapment upgrades, $50,000 for Middle School Re-keying and $30,000 for High School desk replacements, pending availability of funds. Seconded by D. Spencer. Recommended 4/0.
8.  7:00 pm – Senior Center Director, Josie Dutil and Christopher Sullivan from DiGiorgio Associates were present to discuss the Senior Center Expansion project. Drawings were presented to Committee members to show the addition and upgrades being planned. Mr. Sullivan answered questions about variables that could come up during construction, the heating / air condition system capacity and items that could possibly be removed from the plans if funding was not available for specific items. State Representative, Mike Soter was present at tonight’s meeting in support of this project and expressed the importance of these upgrades for the Town’s Senior population.
This request will be presented over multiple Fiscal Years and Ms. Dutil has been working diligently to raise money through Bellingham Elder Services for this project.
D. Spencer made a motion to recommend $120,000 for the Planning and Design Phase of the Senior Center Expansion project, pending the availability of funds. Seconded by K. Grant. Recommended 4/0.

9.  7:15 pm – DPW Director, Don DiMartino was present to discuss various DPW capital requests. Mr. DiMartino presented the Committee with information on the Dead Tree Removal Project. There are still 170 dead trees that need to be addressed as soon as possible. The cost to cut down and remove stumps of these 170 dead trees along the Town roadways, identified by the Tree Warden in 2018 is $186,600.

Mr. DiMartino also discussed various equipment capital requests for FY20 as follows: New Front End Loader to replace a 2003 Loader; will keep old loader in the fleet. Purchase of a medium size truck with hot box. Purchase of a Trackless sidewalk sweeper with brush cutter, sidewalk plow and blower to replace the old 2002 Trackless machine. Purchase of a Plow & Salt truck to replace a 2001 plow truck (would most likely not arrive until FY2021 if ordered in November 2019). Mr. DiMartino also presented a copy of the request that was previously approved in August 2018 but not funded, for a Small Dump Truck with plow.

K. Grant made a motion to recommend:
$186,600 for the Dead Tree Removal project, $179,000 for a new Front End Loader, $115,000 for the medium size truck with hot box, $130,000 for a new Trackless machine, $216,300 for a Plow and Salt truck and the previously approved $88,845 for the Small Dump Truck with plow. J. Collamati seconded. Recommended 4/0.

K. Grant made a motion to adjourn at 8:31. D. Spencer seconded. Recommended 4/0.

Respectfully Submitted,

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