

Minutes of Capital Improvement Committee
September 26, 2016

Attending: Sue Hruby, Kathy Logue, Cindy Mitchell, Greg Orcutt and Bruce Stone

Absent: Michael Colaneri, Leah Smith and Joe Tierney

Also Present: Manny Estrella, Greg Pachico and John Cotterill from Fire Department

1. The minutes of the March 21, 2016 minutes were approved.
2. Manny Estrella had asked to come before the committee to discuss the fire department's need for another fire truck. The truck just replaced last year was a pumper/rescue truck. Manny explained that what is needed now is a new pumper truck, to replace a 1988 pumper truck. The expected budget is \$400,000; they are asking the Town for \$350,000 and the firefighters' civic association would contribute \$50,000. They expect to have the specs completed within the next two months, and will then be able to get a firm estimate. The trucks take about a year from when they are ordered until when they are delivered, so they would like to be ordering in the spring.

Kathy explained that because this follows so closely upon the rescue truck, we do not have the time to set aside funds in advance, and it is too much money to appropriate out of any one fiscal year. Therefore, she would advise a borrowing similar to that for the Highway building. The fire department plans to have a request for these funds at the April 2017 Town Meeting.

The committee members asked that the fire department assemble a list of all its vehicles and boat, with the age and expected replacement timeline for each. It was agreed that they would ask this of all other Town departments with vehicles as well.

3. Kathy reviewed the department assignments from last year to see if anyone wished to switch:

Parks and Recreation: Mike
Energy, Highways, Paths: Sue
Refuse District, Police and Fire: Kathy
EMT: Cindy
School: Greg
Library and Howes House: Leah
CPC projects, Mill Pond: Bruce

Cindy Mitchell agreed to take on any additional items that may be added to the Capital Plan from the Selectmen. No other changes were made to assignments

4. Kathy asked that we all talk to our departments between now and the next meeting, which is scheduled for Monday, October 24th.

The meeting closed at 4:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Logue

Approved October 31, 2016