

# Capital Improvement Planning Committee

## Minutes of the 01/14/2015 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6.32 pm.

Members present: Rodney Richard, Paul Schumann, Andy Wyatt, David Steckler and Jan Pieter van Voorst van Beest.

Guests: Select Board members: Tim Giddinge and John Morris.

The minutes of the 12/17/2015 meeting were unanimously approved as amended.

Rodney Richard was re-elected as Committee Chairman, Jan Pieter van Voorst van Beest as secretary.

There was a discussion about the changes that Jesse Peters made to his assumptions after the last meeting.

Below is a list of the changes and new numbers that Jesse Peters sent to the committee:

- Communications- 14k projected in FY 24, service life changed from 10 to 11 years. (Subsequently the service life was set back to 10 years per the Chief's request)
- Repeater System- 9.5k projected FY24, service life changed from 10 to 11 years- ( Subsequently the service life was set back to 10 years per the Chief's request)
- Tank 4- 356k projected in FY38...no change was made in the service life. The label was changes from Tanker/Pumper Truck to Tank #4
- Squad 3- 132k projected in FY27, label change from Squad Truck to Squad 3, service life stayed the same
- Engine 2- 371k projected in FY22, service life stayed the same
- Air Pack- 86k projected in FY19, service life stayed the same
- Air Bottle- 27k projected in FY19, service life stayed the same
- Air Compressor- 52k projected in FY25, service life change from 15 to 20 years which made projected replacement in FY24
- Engine 1- 475k projected in FY31, service life change from 22 to 23 years to replace in FY31
- Extraction equipment- 42k projected in FY22, label changed from Extraction Equipment, no change in service life

There was a discussion of the effect of eventual grant money on the estimates.

There was a motion (Andy Wyatt) to add \$ 37,000 to the schedule for exhaust systems for both fire stations. The selectmen will still have to vote on this item during their own meeting and will let us know when the item can be added to the schedule. The motion was unanimously approved.

At different times during the meeting the subject of road repair and road maintenance came up. There was speculation as to which roads should be put on the schedule (The Brown Rd and the Lawrence road have the greatest need for maintenance and repair) and what year it would be best to start this work. The next meeting we will explore several scenarios in order to decide the best timeframe for road expenditures in terms of keeping the Debt Service/ Capital Projects and tax commitment curve as regular and balanced as possible.

It was also decided considering to put items such as "Road Maintenance and Road Rebuild" on the schedule rather than to put individual roads on the schedule. This would allow for some greater operational flexibility.

There was a short discussion speculating on the need for a new fire station. A study should be done to explore different needs, possibilities and approaches. There may be possibilities for expanded regional cooperation and consolidation that need exploration. John Morris said he would try to get some guidance and information from the Office of Planning. There was a unanimous vote to table this issue until we have more information regarding this subject.

The next meeting was set for February 18, 2015, at 6.30 pm during which the committee will experiment with different scenarios for road expenditures and financing to see how these expenditures will effect the annual percentage of tax commitment as well as the annual appropriation. The digital projector will be needed for this meeting.

After this meeting another meeting with the selectmen will be scheduled to demonstrate to them the results of these expenditures.

The meeting adjourned at 8.15 pm