

Capital Improvement Planning Committee

Minutes of the March 2st, 2022 Meeting

The meeting was called at 6.33 pm.

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

Guest: Select Board member: Andy O'Brien

The minutes of the February 2nd meeting were unanimously approved as amended.

Select person Andy O'Brien told the committee that the Select Board had discussed the possibility of further CIP Committee involvement with the determination of the use of impact fees and eventual long term planning issues of the town. There was a brief discussion on the subject and it appeared that the committee members have a positive sentiment towards more involvement in this matter. Because of time restrictions the decision was made that this subject would be better served in a longer discussion during a future meeting.

To get the input of Andy O'Brien the agenda question about the replacement cost of the generator was discussed first. The replacement value of the generator was currently shown on the schedule to be \$ 12,150 with a service life of 20 years. Jan Pieter had done some research checking on the replacement value. It turned out that the current replacement value would be about \$6,500. With an estimated installation cost and inclusion of the cost of a transfer switch the committee decided that the replacement value would be set at \$8,000.

It was also confirmed that the Select Board has approved the removal of some items off the schedule: Mallet Hall painting as well as the Poland Range Rd Multi Engineering Study. There was a discussion and a motion by Rodney Richard on approaching the selectmen to see about the transfer of money from the general fund to the Capital Budget in order to reduce the appropriation in future years. The motion was approved by the committee.

There was also a motion to set the appropriation for the coming year at \$154,000. The motion was unanimously approved by the committee.

In a following general discussion Paul Schumann brought up the fact that since 2006, during discussions of the comprehensive plan, the need for replacing the fire station on the Elmwood road is repeatedly discussed but generally with no action taken. Because the need for this item seems to get clearer as time goes on he suggested that, specifically because of the future financing involved, this item should be within the scope of responsibilities of the committee. After some discussion Rodney Richard made a motion to approach the select board with the request to put the item on the plan. The motion was unanimously approved.

The next meeting was set for March 23rd at 6.30 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7.40 pm

