

Capital Improvement Planning Committee

Minutes of the April 9, 2019 Meeting (Amended)

The meeting was called at 6.05 pm.

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

Guest: Fire Chief Jesse Peters.

Jesse Peters requested the meeting because the service the Fire department gets from the Dispatch Service in Brunswick is unsatisfactory. He explained that he would like to switch dispatch services and use the dispatch center of Cumberland County. He feels there will be great advantages to do this and that the switch would be an improvement for the operations of the Pownal Fire Department and result in added safety for Pownal residents and the town of Pownal.

In order to facilitate this switch the town would have to invest \$12,500 for required radio equipment.

After some discussion the committee agreed with the Fire Chief that switching may be a good idea and that the \$12,500 cost would have no significant impact on the plan but that, in order to put the new item on the plan, approval from the selectmen was required.

A motion in order to add a line for this item to the plan for an amount of \$12,500 with a service life for the radio equipment of 10 years was approved by the committee, contingent on approval by the select board.

The committee also reminded the Fire Chief of the need for an equipment utilization spread sheet by the fall of each year.

There was a short discussion about the items the committee felt should be mentioned on the draft for the town meeting report. The most important items the committee agreed on were the increase in the estimates for the Poland Rd Multi- Plate as well as the increased cost of some equipment caused by last year's tariffs on steel. These were the unexpected cost increases the committee had to deal with and the reason for the 2% increase of the annual appropriation through 2028.

Paul told the committee he would send out the expenditures sheet as well as the analysis chart for use at the town meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7.12 pm.