

Minutes of the Capital Improvement Committee Meeting of January 31st, 2024 (Approved)

The meeting was called at 6.30 pm.

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

Guests: Select Board Member Andy O'Brien, Fire Chief Jesse Peters, Road Commissioner Matt Neilsen and Chairperson of the Mallett Hall Committee Kathy Hogue. Select Board member Jon Morris joined the meeting for a short time.

There was no public comment.

There was no input from the Select Board.

Fire chief Jesse Peters updated the committee on the changes in the replacement value of his equipment. The following changes were made on the CIP plan:

Communications: The current replacement cost was increased from \$ 25,300 to \$88,031. The large increase was caused by the need to convert the equipment from analog to digital. Cumberland County provided a grant of \$ 61,718.

Repeater System: Current replacement cost was increased from: \$ 12,100 to \$ 17,400. This includes the replacement of the battery system.

Air Packs: current replacement cost to be increased from \$ 99,300 to \$ 109,540. Increase is based on a vendor quote as well as the expected price increase of 5% in April.

Air Compressor: The projected service life was increased by one year to 22 years. The refresh date will now be FY 2026.

Thermal Cameras: Current replacement cost for the two cameras went from \$ 14,000 to \$22,000

Squad 3 : The current replacement cost was increased from \$ 117,000 to \$ 171,000. Chief Peters believes that the previous replacement cost was incorrectly stated on the plan. The proposal is to re-chassis the unit because it only has accumulated 11,000 miles.

Engine 1: Current replacement cost to be increased from \$696,000 to \$ 1,022,000. It was determined during the discussion that the plan did not include an update to the Current Replacement Cost of Engine 1 and 2 last year. Research subsequent to the meeting by Paul Schumann and Jesse Peters did not provide a reason as to why this information was missing.

Engine 2: Current Replacement cost to be increased from \$ 515,000 to 783,000

Tank 4: Increased the current replacement cost from \$ 545,000 to \$ 822,000.

Chief stated that the increases of Engine 1, 2 and tank 4 were partly due because of an increase by 6% from prior estimates because of inflation plus an additional \$ 100,000 for each unit for the new emission standards for diesel engines.

Air Bottles: Current replacement value goes up from \$ 30,000 to \$ 36,000.

Road Commissioner Matt Neilson presented a cost/ benefit analysis for the upgrading of the track excavator to a wheeled excavator. The committee then voted for the upgrade at the next refresh date in 2027. The current replacement cost was updated from \$ 195,000 to \$ 210,000.

The committee voted also to add a Flail Mower attachment for the excavator to the asset schedule. This addition will have to be approved by the Select Board.

Jan Pieter van Voorst van Beest , representing the Mallett Hall Buildings and Grounds Committee then presented the items that might be considered to be placed on the CIPC spreadsheet as well as a current valuation of the items already on the sheet:

The values of The Mallet Hall Elevator Software and Sensors, the Generator, the Parking Lot and the Roof were unchanged.

There was a discussion about whether or not the new Boiler, the Computer System and the Sound and A.V equipment should be added on the Schedule but it was decided to table this for a later decision because it may be necessary to develop a "Sinking Fund" for maintenance items that would have a cost greater than \$10,000 but would not, because of their nature, be eligible to be put on the CIPC schedule.

It was decided to leave some of the agenda items for the next meeting because of the length of the meeting. The next meeting was scheduled for February 28th. The meeting was adjourned at 8.35 pm.