



CARVER CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE MINUTES OF JANUARY 13, 2022 MEETING

Present: Elizabeth Sulger; Chairman, Marie Zweigman; Vice Chairman, Members: Andy Carderelli and James Hoffman

Absent: Mark Brissette

Also Present: Robert Fennessey, Interim Town Administrator; Sue Moquin, Finance Director

Chairman Sulger opened the meeting at 7:04 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting will be recorded by Area 58.

Public input.

None.

Administrator update from Town Administrator

Interim Town Administrator Robert Fennessey presented a first draft of the Capital Outlay Plan for the next 10 fiscal years. Three worksheets were included: FY 2022 Plan Approved at last year's Annual Town Meeting; FY 2023 compilation of department requests; FY 2023 and a Town Administrator recommendation for constructing a plan for this spring's Annual Town Meeting.

Department Heads presented their Capital budget requests for FY 2023

O&M:

John Woods and David Siedentopf reviewed 2023 projected requests, noting the department is in the 3rd year of a 5-year Green Communities Act grant – state matching town funds requested for O&M for the Library, DPW Town Hall and Middle/High School

Library Mechanical replacement line item for \$1,600,000 is being deleted as is a duplicate entry. Project could be for possible bond funding? The mechanical system includes heat/vent system; AC units are mostly inside the building and separate.

Other projects: Town Hall exterior siding; replace one SCAG mower, replace one (smaller) dump truck; replace 1992 wood chipper. . (see spreadsheet)

EMS:

Michael Ryan, EMS Chief explained that the department is funded by fees charged for ambulance services, noting budget for EMS staff salaries and equipment and how these are paid. Mr. Ryan also

noted the department will be looking to replace an ambulance with a newer model with upgrades to equipment and technology. (see spreadsheet)

Fire:

Fire Chief Craig Weston noted that 2 items: Replace jaw of life tools/air bag on Rescue 1 and replace command car 2 (which could be used for the time being from the replacement vehicle fleet) could be deferred. Equipment for new hires and rehab of Brush Breaker 29 are critical for the department. . (see spreadsheet)

Police:

Chief Duphily noted the hiring of 2 new sergeants, and the department is in the continuing process of being accredited. Chief Duphily discussed that he had applied for a grant for body cams but the grant was denied and the need for an additional cruiser. . (see spreadsheet)

Council of Aging:

COA Director Connie reviewed the Town-wide budget request line items that include Wi-Fi and service upgrades as Verizon will no longer be servicing the service lines. The replacement will include the town-wide radio system/infrastructure, fax lines and copies as well as providing upgraded technology for student devices (Middle and High schools). IT Director Adams has also been involved. . (see spreadsheet)

Town Wide:

Presented by Craig Weston and supported by Mark Duphily and Mike Ryan: The replacement will include the town-wide radio system.

Presented by Ron Griffin and Scott Knief the town wide infrastructure, fax lines and copies as well as providing upgraded technology for student devices (Middle and High schools). IT Director has also been involved. . (see spreadsheet)

School:

Superintended Knief and Chief of Operations and Finance Ron Griffin presented an extensive overview of the School Department 5-year Capital Improvement Plan for FY 2023 - 2027. (see spreadsheet)

Read and approve minutes of October 4, 2021 meeting:

Motion by Andrew Cardarelli, seconded by Marie Zweigman, it was voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2021 meeting.

Committee member comments.

None.

Next meeting date will be Thursday January 27, 2022 at 7PM.

Motion by James Hoffman, seconded by James Hoffman, it was voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Zweigman