

Capital Improvement Planning Committee  
Meeting – February 7, 2012

**Present:** Roger Sadowski, Jr., Tom Clark, Skip Olmstead, Carolyn Ness, Mary Stokarski, Ken Cuddeback, David Rohrs, Bernie Kubiak, and Shawn Patterson

The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM with a quorum present.

**Brush cutter** - Shawn Patterson was present to provide answers to questions raised by Roger at the previous meeting about the mower. The reach of the mower is 22'5". Roger said he hadn't seen many around, he was all for saving money, but was concerned about purchasing something that wouldn't work out. Shawn said the Town of Westminster has one; the Auburn Turnpike has some and plans to purchase 3 or 4 more. They are new to the market. They will do more than cut grass; they'll take up to an 8" branch. Shawn will arrange for a demo. Carol Ness made a motion, which was seconded, and voted, to support purchase of a brush cutter, subject to satisfied with a demo.

**Backhoe** – This is going to be purchased through Chapter 90 money. It will be purchased with a boom.

**Paper Compactor** – The Town has a grant for \$7,500 for purchase of a paper compactor for the transfer station. This is about half the cost, so there is a request for \$7,500 as a match for the grant. Bernie anticipates the payback is 3 yrs. for the \$7,500. Installation is expected to cost \$500.00. Use of the compactor will double the amount of paper in the container. The plan is to change to tandem hauling so that instead of making two trips, one trip will do. Hopefully there will be a \$8,000 - \$11,000 savings. Bernie said the transfer station will be reconfigured to make it more efficient and make space for the compactor. The compactor will be mounted on a concrete pad. Comment was made that the transfer station should be self-supporting, currently, it's losing money. A motion was made by Carolyn, seconded by Skip, and voted, to approve the request for \$7,500 match for a paper compactor.

**Radio upgrade** – The district is changing radio frequencies. The ambulance service and police are OK, but it looks like the highway needs to upgrade some of its equipment. Roger said the water dept has to do the same thing. A motion was made, seconded, and voted, to support the request.

**IT – ( Computers ) ? \$2,500**

On February 29<sup>th</sup> CIPC will attend a meeting with the Selectmen on the Capital Plan.

Respectfully submitted,  
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