



Fairhaven Capital Planning Committee

November 4, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Present: Robert Baldwin, Vincent Furtado, Wendy Graves, Cathy Melanson, Jeffrey Osuch, Bill Roth, Andrew Tillet. Also present: Geoffrey Haworth, Police Chief Michael Myers and Fire Chief Timothy Francis.

Chairman Tillet called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

MINUTES

Dr. Baldwin motioned to accept the minutes of the October 21, 2014 meeting. Mr. Roth seconded. Vote was unanimous. (7-0).

MEETING WITH POLICE CHIEF MYERS

A discussion with Police Chief Michael Myers covered requests from the Police Department, and a prioritization of needs, which follows:

1. *Two (2) Police cars each year* - \$70,400 in FY16
2. *F250 pick-up truck* (for towing equipment) - \$36,928 in FY16
3. *Replace the radio system* - \$100,000 in FY17 – Towns of Mattapoisett, Acushnet and Fairhaven share a radio system. There is a possibility that grant money could help in the cost. A new system can be transferred to a new station, if built
4. *Police communication equipment* - \$150,000 in FY17 or beyond – grants to assist are unlikely

MEETING WITH FIRE CHIEF FRANCIS

A discussion with Fire Chief Timothy Francis covered requests from the Fire Department, and a prioritization of needs, which follows:

1. *New ladder truck* - \$900,000 – Chief Francis wants to try again for a Federal Grant in FY16 and needs a five (5) percent match from the Town (Article 9 Annual Town Meeting has \$42,5000 that could be transferred to meet the five percent match). If not funded in FY16 from FEMA grant, then in FY17, there will possibly be a request for funds from Stabilization Fund to purchase. The current ladder truck is 31 years old. General discussion continued on the use of the Stabilization Fund. If the fund is used then \$250,000 to \$300,000 per year would need to be budgeted for three to four years to replenish the Stabilization Fund
2. *Replace 1983 Fire Engine #2* - \$500,000 in FY20 – this truck would be larger than present truck and a garaging issue may result

3. If no new Fire Station is built, then repairs to the station will be needed - \$50,000 or more in FY20 to replace boiler and other repairs
4. Replace *air paks* - \$20,000 in FY17 – Possible five (5) percent match of \$1,000

General discussion followed on the need for a new Police and Fire Station(s), to be either combined on one site or relocate one department to a new site and refurbish the existing building. Chief Francis is waiting for costs from the McGuire Group. Discussion will continue regarding this matter at the November 18 meeting. The Committee discussed the 31.7 acre parcel at 211 Mill Road, which the Town is considering purchasing for \$1.465 million.

General discussion followed.

The next meeting of the Committee will be on November 18, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. The School Department and Town Hall will discuss their capital requests at that meeting.

Dr. Baldwin motioned to adjourn at 6:00 p.m. Ms. Melanson seconded. Vote was unanimous. (7-0).

Respectfully,



Jeffrey W. Osuch
Secretary
(Minutes approved 11/18/2014)