

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
February 19, 2014**

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

Members present: Councilors Pfeffer, Kelly and Williams.

Also present: Town Administrator Jeffrey Nutting, Facilities Director Michael D'Angelo, Police Chief Steve Semerjian, Police Officer Kevin Ryan, and DPW Director of Operations Deacon Perrotta, Highway & Grounds Director Carlos Rebelo, Water Superintendent Laurie Ruszala and Town Engineer Mike Maglio.

The Town Administrator provided an overview of the financing plan including the potential revenues as well as holding onto \$500,000 of funds until the winter is over and the snow budget is balanced.

Facilities

Mike D'Angelo made requests for a generator for the Municipal Building and Police Station along with LED lighting for all municipal parking lots.

The Committee expressed concern over the cost of the generator for the Municipal Building and requested more information and potential alternatives.

Police

The police station generator needs to be replaced and the lighting for the lots will be paid with about \$55,000 from the utilities and \$65,000 from the Town.

The Police Chief requested three cruisers – (there was no discussion) and replacement of the K-9 dog that is currently about 9 years old. The Chief stated that he was working on getting the price reduced for the dog maybe as much as \$5,000. He requested 15 radios; this is a follow-up to the 18 he received last year.

The Committee expressed the idea that if we can save money on the K-9 and other areas, they would consider funding 30 radios to complete the replacement plan.

The final request was for computers for the vehicles.

DPW

Highway - Carlos Rebelo requested a new holder tractor, snow plow etc., a new pickup truck and replacement body for the catch basin cleaner. We are short on sidewalk tractors, but the cost of over \$150,000 makes it difficult to purchase. The Committee requested more research for a used vehicle. The request for the truck and catch basis body seemed ok.

The Water Department – Laurie Ruzala reviewed the next phase of the Water Master Plan. It requests \$7.5 million to continue pipe replacement and road reconstruction. The annual Capital Plan requests a generator for the pump station on Washington Street and funds to start a meter replacement program to replace meters 20 years or older. The cost is \$135,000 for 600 meters. The Committee discussed the pros and cons of the request. The Town Administrator suggested that we have to do this sooner or later, and it is important to our water and sewer revenues.

The Town Administrator will provide the Committee with more financial information at the next meeting.

Engineering - Mike Maglio reviewed the requests of \$225,000 for the senior center parking lot, \$100,000 for drainage on Park Road and \$25,000 to expand the parking lot at the Police Station.

Finally, the Town Administrator suggested that the Senior Center be fully funded this year, so we could hire an architect this fall. Also if other funds are available, to fund the turf fields and fire truck stabilization accounts.

The meeting adjourned at 6 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey D. Nutting