

**LITCHFIELD CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2014
LITCHFIELD TOWN OFFICE BUILDING – 7:00 P.M.**

Call to Order: Chairman David T. Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: David T. Wilson, Tony Crowe, Joann Brogis, Ed Evers, James Koser, Frank Simone, Jack Healy

Absent: Leo Paul, Jr., Rose Bouchard, David W. Wilson

Approve Minutes

a) Regular November 18, 2014: Motion: Tony Crowe moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of November 18, 2014, and Jim Koser seconded. All voted aye except F. Simone, who abstained because of absence, and the motion carried.

Review Capital Project Requests: Chairman Wilson said they will reverse the order of b) and c) so that the two shorter presentations can be held first.

a) Park and Recreation Commission: This report shows existing projects and those in the out years. There are none requested for 2015/16.

b) Police: TFC James Holm explained that the cruiser approved in 2014/15 has not yet been purchased, but there are no new requests for 2015/16. J. Healy said they will work off the State bids in order to get a price for the cruiser, and that there is only one company on the State bid that offers the package the Police want. D. Wilson said they should pencil in \$25,000 for a radio system in 2015/16 in case it is required.

c) Land Use: D. Wilson said it seems that it is clear that there is not a choice for the State-mandated POCAD revision unless volunteers again attempt the work. D. Tobin said the Town administration is not in favor of using volunteers. He also said local firms may not want to bid on the job, and many of the companies who do this work are backlogged with other towns. The plan must be done by April, 2017, to be safe.

Motion: T. Crowe moved to add “d) Fire & EMS Commission” to the agenda, and J. Brogis seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

d) Fire & EMS Commission: Ed Evers summarized the Form B items. There was lengthy discussion on the Northfield Engine 2, the grant Northfield had acquired, and how the cost should have been handled. The Bantam Tanker 33 cost of \$399,000 is the combination of the existing sinking fund money left over from the 14/15 Northfield truck and the 2015/16 budgeted money. J. Healy said the scope has changed on the East Litchfield Building Improvement. Adding some drainage and a driveway up to the east side should be a preferred plan, and he expected money would be left over on the total project. E. Evers then explained that they got an updated quote on the airpack replacement. With a fit testing machine added to the airpacks, it came to \$658,000. D. Wilson suggested initiating an airpack replacement sinking fund so that there would be funding when they all have to be replaced at the same time. E. Evers said they have been doing this, with \$256,400 existing and \$100,000 requested for 15/16. The replacement must be done in 2016/17. The Litchfield Firehouse bathrooms were funded at an old bid price, and they need half again as much money to do the job now, so they are requesting \$45,000. While Bantam was re-roofing, they

found the siding needed to be replaced in the back dormer area. J. Healy felt this should come from the operating budget because it is a repair. There are two fire ponds planned for 15/16. Total request from Fire & EMS Commission is \$461,242.00.

Motion: Tony Crowe moved to add “e) Board of Education” to the agenda for review. F. Simone seconded, all voted aye and the motion carried.

e) Board of Education: The group reviewed the items for a total request for 2015/16 of \$127,000. F. Simone said he thought the four years of \$35,000 for the AV infrastructure at LHS may be like a sinking fund to build up enough money for the installation. D. Wilson asked if the intent is to purchase the AV Infrastructure in 2018/19. F. Simone said he could have John Bongiorno explain at the next meeting when they will have a more detailed presentation.

Adjournment: Motion: E. Evers moved to adjourn at 8:01 p.m. and T. Crowe seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

David T. Wilson, Chairman