

**LITCHFIELD CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2011
LITCHFIELD TOWN OFFICE BUILDING – 7:00 P.M. UNTIL 9:30 P.M.**

Call to Order: Leo Paul, Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Leo Paul, Jr., J. Patrick Libert, Edwin Evers, James Koser, Frank Simone, Jack Healy, David W. Wilson, and Joann Brogis

Absent: Chairman David T. Wilson and Karl Fisher, Finance Director

Approve Minutes

a) Regular November 15, 2011: Motion: David W. Wilson moved to approve the minutes as presented and Ed Evers seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Review Capital Project Requests

a) Board of Education: Tony Crowe was present from the schools. They would like to continue with the flooring at Center School with \$40,000 allocated for 2012/13 and \$40,000 each year thereafter through 2016/17. They will be going out to bid for the existing \$81,709 to be done next summer. The second project involves raising the base of the LIS playscape - \$12,000. He summarized the other projects slated for the next four years.

b) Fire and EMS Commission: Ed Evers explained the top priority is \$250,000 for the replacement of Litchfield's Engine 4, its primary tanker and backup pumper. There is \$250,000 existing, for a total cost of \$500,000.

Priority #2 is the replacement of Bantam's ambulance. Board Chairman John Campbell explained a rise in cost due to no availability of the F-450 truck front and the need for 4-wheel drive drove the request from \$50,000 to \$85,000. Bantam Fire Co. will fund the balance of \$100,000.

Priority #3 is the Bantam Firehouse roof repair at \$135,000. J. Campbell said the roof is not leaking now, but there are many problems that need to be addressed before leaks cause more damage inside the building.

Priority #4 is the upgrading of the public handicap bathrooms at the Litchfield Firehouse. They were constructed in 1967. These bathrooms are also used during hall functions, elections, and sometimes Town and selectmen's meetings.

Priority #5 is a continuing request for \$15,000 for SCBA replacement. J. Campbell explained that they will make sure that each department has the right compressor to accept the new SCBA. They will not order the East Litchfield compressor yet, because they may need the money for the FEMA matching grant applied for. If that comes through, it will provide \$480,000 for air packs. The deadline for implementation is 2016/17, when all departments will have compatible systems.

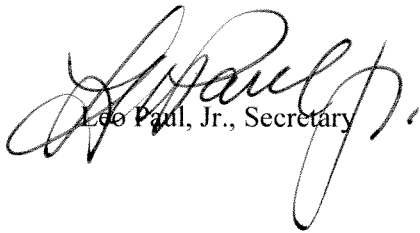
Priority #6 is for funding fire ponds. This has been set up for \$2,500 every other year in order to maintain the available fire ponds.

It was discussed that the \$575,000 for Northfield's Engine 2 replacement scheduled for 2013/14 should be broken out in more than one year. Leo Paul said that although Northfield has applied for a grant, it is unclear when in 2012 the grant will be awarded. J. Healy suggested funding smaller amounts over three years, starting in 2012/13. There was not enough detail on East Litchfield's 2014/15 request for building repair (\$55,000). J. Campbell said he would contact the Chief for a detailed written report.

c) Oliver Wolcott Library: No one was present from the library. Leo Paul summarized that they have only one request in fiscal year 2015/16 for an energy upgrade on the main cooling system for \$38,267.

At the next meeting on December 13th, the Committee will discuss and update the Fire & EMS Commission's request regarding East Litchfield's building repair. Then it will address the requests of Park and Recreation, Sandy Beach, and Public Works. They will then discuss priorities and funding recommendations.

Adjournment: Motion: F. Simone moved to adjourn at 8:03 p.m. and J. Healy seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.



Leo Paul, Jr., Secretary