

CIP Committee Meeting 7/25/2011 Minutes

Present:

Paddy McHale
Adam Buehne
Jeff Kratovil
Scott Drummey

Also present:

Chief Bernier
Corporal Meattey
Alison Webb
Chief Varney
Deputy Lockwood
EMD Quigley

I. CIP Advisory Committee called the meeting to order at 7:00PM

II. Police Department:

Chief Bernier asked Corporal Meattey to conduct a tour of the Police Department. Cpl. Meattey advised the group on the updates made to the building with the recent renovations. The Patrolmen's room is smaller, but considerably more efficient, and gives the patrolmen on duty more direct contact with the supervisor. A camera was installed in the evidence room, per a recommendation by the Local Government Center (LGC).

A temporary holding cell was added off the new booking room, along with many other safety features for holding people temporarily if necessary. The holding cell is utilized for perhaps less than 5% of the people dealt with at the PD, but is a safety measure that is important. A bathroom and an interview room were added off the booking room as well. There are a few updates that the department is waiting on, but they expect them to be completed soon. When they are complete, the Chief is going to invite the Selectmen, and any members of the public that are interested to come in a tour the facility.

A set of hand rails were added to the stairs in the garage, also a recommendation of LGC. The Chief would like to paint the inside of the garage at some point. He does not see any future building needs in the next 5 years, with storage remaining an issue for the PD, as well as several other town departments and facilities.

The new cruiser (2011) has been transferred, and the old one (2003) taken out of commission. Selectman Kratovil asked Chief Bernier his thoughts on moving the PD fleet to hybrid vehicles. The committee discussed the differences between the vehicles, and whether it would be possible. Selectman Kratovil is going to research this topic, and meet with Chief Bernier at some point to discuss.

Chief Bernier said that moving the vehicle cycle from 9 years to 7 years, has been beneficial to fleet maintenance.

III. Fire Department

The Committee moved to the Fire Department at 7:45PM, where they were met by Chief Varney, Deputy Chief Lockwood, and EMD Quigley. They were given an overview of the FD renovations, wherein the first phase of the community room is completed, and the second phase will be the front office. The committee was given a tour of the community room. A

range hood is still missing from the kitchen, which the FD is still trying to obtain. The Community Room should also have an AC installed, as it is a “day shelter” in the county’s emergency operating plan.

The front office room needs a considerable amount of work. The committee discussed more efficient ways to heat the room, including adding heating to the floor before it is raised. Moving the front security door to the apparatus bay doorway was also suggested. Chief Varney indicated that the boiler at the FD is old, and should be replaced. By fixing the front room, the FD office can move out of the closet-like office they are currently using, which does not have a window, which is a safety hazard.

The Chief stated that the apparatus bay has adequate floor space for the needs of this side of town. We rely heavily on mutual aid for service in the King’s Highway region. The Chief has been thinking long-term about adding a second station to that end of Town, as there is land available. There is also significant interest by citizens participating in the FD, but as it takes such a long amount of time for them to get from one end of Town to the other, it is not practical at this point. If there was a station up there, there are people willing to man it. The Chief and Deputy Lockwood will work on getting an estimate for the CIP committee.

The Chief pushed Engine 1 out for replacement by a few years, and does not expect the Town will need to replace the ladder truck. The FD is very excited about the rehab truck, which is the re-use of the utility truck.

The Committee and Fire Department members sat down for a recap of the Fire Department needs. Deputy Lockwood will work on getting a radius map of distance to the station from ISO.

IV. Next Meeting

The CIP committee will meet again on Monday, August 8th at 7PM at the Library. They will tour the Town Hall that evening if time allows. The committee members will try to get to the beach and the ball fields during light hours, and will discuss when to tour those facilities at the next meeting.

V. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Scott Drummey, seconded by Adam Buehne. Vote 4-0

Meeting adjourned at 9:36pm

Respectfully submitted,
Alison Webb