

Minutes
Financial Planning Committee
January 14, 2010
63 Main Street, Northborough
Selectmen's Meeting Room

Members Present

Jason Perreault
David DeVries
Chriss Kowal
Roger Leland

Members Absent

Allison Goldman
Michael Hodge

Also Present

John Coderre, Town Administrator
Kara Buzanoski, Director, Department of Public Works

Meeting convened by Chairman Perreault at 7:08pm.

Mr. Leland asked about the status of the Police Station public safety communications tower (FY13 project @ \$150K in proposed CIP). Mr. Coderre replied that commercial wireless carriers have expressed interest in placing a tower in the vicinity of the Police Station, and it is likely the project can be accomplished with substantial cost savings to the Town. The Board of Selectmen has approved Mr. Coderre's recommendation to issue an RFP seeking replacement of the current tower.

Approval of January 7, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve by Mr. DeVries. Second by Ms. Kowal. Minutes approved 4-0.

Presentation of Capital Needs – Department of Public Works

DPW Director Buzanoski recapped status of prior year capital equipment purchases. Brigham Street Well project is moving through a series of DEP approvals. The Town is engaged with Marlborough about the details of upcoming capital improvements to the Marlborough Westerly Water Treatment Plant.

DPW is bringing forward only one capital project for FY11: 6-Wheel Dump Truck w/ Sander and Plow at \$165K. Due to economic circumstances, all other DPW capital projects, previously slated for FY11, have been deferred.

Committee Meeting Schedule

Mr. Coderre confirmed the following committee meeting dates:

Thu Jan 21 – Northborough K-8 Schools

Thu Jan 28 – No meeting.

Thu Feb 04 – Police and Fire Chiefs

Thu Feb 11 – CPA projects; Treasurer presentation of Debt Policy and Debt Service

Although capital budget items for Algonquin Regional High School are not part of the CIP and do not come before Town Meeting for individual recommendation and approval, committee members expressed interest in hearing, at the Jan 21 meeting, an update on recent post-renovation capital improvements and forward-looking capital plan for the high school.

Mr. DeVries indicated he would not be able to attend the meeting on Jan 21.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42pm.