

Minutes
Financial Planning Committee
February 4, 2010

Present:

Jason Perreault
Michael Hodge
Roger Leland
Chriss Kowal
Allison Goldman
David DeVries

Town Administrator John Coderre, Police Chief Mark Leahy, Fire Chief David Durgin also present.

Meeting convened by Chairman Perreault at 7:10 p.m.

Approval of January 14th Meeting Minutes

Roger Leland moves to approve, David DeVries seconds. Passes 4-0. Allison and Michael abstain.

Approval of January 21st Meeting Minutes

Roger Leland moves to approve, Michael Hodge seconds. Passes 5-0. David DeVries abstains.

Presentation of Capital Needs – Police Department

Chief Leahy reviewed Capital Projects for the department, all in future years. Department will need a new dispatch center telephone system, current one is becoming obsolete.

Public safety continues to investigate partnering with private sector for new tower.

Police department roof will need replacing. Has served original useful life. Department has about \$30,000 remaining from 2006 approved projects through inmate partnership on painting. Roof will significantly exceed this, but it's fantastic to see how the department (as well as Fire) work hard to save the town money where they can.

FCC narrow band

FCC has requirement to be on narrow band frequency. Police department inventoried and reviewed current equipment to see what was in compliance. Cost listed on CIP should be \$130,000, not the \$50,000. Police base equipment is mostly fine, portable units are not. FCC may have future requirement in 2018 and Police is looking at insuring as much new equipment meets that requirement as well.

Fire department will need new portable units to meet requirements. These radios are planned obsolescence, so to spend extra money for future possible requirements is not prudent.

Presentation of Capital Needs – Fire Department

Chief Durgin reviewed prior plans. The new engine, through mitigation and grants, came in at a significant savings to the town. Department continues to train on new engine and should be in service soon.

Fire Department station add/ren has been moved out a year, but the need has not diminished. Exploring all options.

Department continues to replace ambulances on an 8 year plan, using new ambulance front line for 4 years, then as ambulance 2 for 4 more.

Chief is investigating grants for engine 3 replacement.

Department needs new safety equipment and hoses. Maintenance budget has been cut significantly and department is no longer able to fund these items with their (roughly \$2,500/yr) maintenance budget.

Committee thanked the chief for his continued success in receiving grants. The Chief has saved the town significant money via these grants.

Other business

School tours on 2/11 and 2/13, starting at 8:00 at MMS.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00