

TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH

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Financial Planning Committee December 5, 2013

Present:

Jason Perreault Mike Hodge David DeVries Richard Smith Heidi Bourque-Gleason

Absent:

Roger Leland

Also Present:

Town Administrator John Coderre

Meeting convened at 7:05pm by Chairman Perreault.

Approval of November 7 2013 meeting minutes

Approved 4-0-1 (Ms. Bourque-Gleason abstained).

Update on CIP Draft Summary

Mr. Coderre presented a status update of the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) draft summary, focusing on FY15 projects likely to be addressed on a pay-as-you-go basis under the Free Cash policy. These include:

Fire	Car One Replacement	66,000
Fire	Forestry One Replacement	175,000
Police	Police Station CCTV Replacement	40,000
MIS/GIS	Wide-Area Fiber Network	80,000
DPW	All Purpose Tractor	55,000
DPW	Mini Excavator	70,000
DPW	6-Wheel Truck w/ Sander & Plow	195,000
DPW	Wing Mower	55,000
DPW	Church Street Culvert Replacement	120,000

Total 856,000

Subsequent general discussion about capital improvement included the following observations:



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- Capital needs of water/sewer programs is undergoing in-depth review. Maintenance of sewage pump stations will be needed.
- Stringent EPA regulations impact the cost of Marlborough treatment plant, from which Northborough buys capacity. Northborough sewer users will see significant rate increase.
- Northborough's out-of-pocket cost for Lincoln Street School renovation is currently roughly estimated to be in the vicinity of \$15M.

<u>Discussion of Priority Rating System</u>

Chairman Perreault apologized for not having material available for review. The Committee will take up consideration of the rating system at a later date.

Next Meeting Date and Committee Meeting Schedule

Next meeting is Tue Dec 10 7:00pm - joint meeting of town boards (Selectmen, Appropriations, Financial Planning, School Committee) to review Financial Trend Monitoring System indicators.

Next regular committee meeting is Thu Jan 9 7:00pm - presentations on FY15 capital project requests for Police and Fire Departments.

The Committee reviewed the proposed meeting schedule January-April. The Committee moved the date for review of DPW capital projects to January 30 in consideration of Mr. Hodge's conflict with the original proposed date of January 23.

<u>Any other business to come before the Committee</u> None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Perreault Chairman