

Capital Improvements Program Meeting Minutes
Fire Department/Recreation

Date:9/18/18

Location: Town Hall Meeting Room

In Attendance:

Fred Gallup

Ronald Kulpa (Arrived after meeting start time)

Chris White

Chris Whitehouse (Arrived after meeting start time)

Randall Clark

First Presenter: Cheif Ruggles Sunapee Fire Department

-Reviewed Town of Sunapee Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund schedule for vehicle and equipment replacement dated 2015.

- Trucks are on a 30 year replacement rotation (except F550 which is 25 years)
- Status of breathing apparatus is excellent condition with no replacement required
- Compressor is new and no test bottles will be required based on design
- Powerwagon forestry truck has no power steering or power brakes and transmission is manual making it difficult to find volunteers to drive.
- Forestry truck currently on loan from the state, but no newer replacements are available now
- Requesting F450 with skid tank and new radios with a bid of approximately \$90k
- Funding sources discussed for requested items. Forestry truck would be warrant article where equipment purchases are funded from the capital reserve budgets
- Forestry truck not purchased as it did not pass last round of voting
- Current ambulance EMT program agreement is a 5 year term.
- Questions posed regarding making this a full time in house position
 - Answered that it would be cost prohibitive to staff our own department based on current rate we pay for the service and 24h coverage. Estimate of \$300k/yr in house.
- Discussion of the secondary fire station in Georges Mills and its value to the the town.
 - Cheif Ruggles stated he would discuss the benefit with the board of engineers, but cited faster response times as a result of the building's location.

Second Presenter: Scott Blewitt Recreation Director

Presented preliminary plans for major renovation to existing Veterans Field.

- Multi phase plan preferred starting with relocation of basketball and skate areas as initial phase to increase parking and relocate facilities. Designed to increase ease of use and enjoyment for an already busy field
- Funding sources. Would be looking to generate support from private donors and fund raisers. Additional capital to be contributed from Recreation funds with any balance as potential warrant article
- Formation of charitable group "Frineds of Sunapee Recreation" to be completed by Scott
- Noted potential concern with 3' water drain line which runs to the river which will need to be scoped to further gauge the condition prior to construction.
- Total project cost per engineering firm aprox 1.1m + aprox \$200k to repair drain pipe.

-Rec department would like to see construction on phase one start in 2019