

Town of Upton



Massachusetts

Capital Budget Committee

Kenneth Glowacki, Chairman

Robert Varney, Secretary

Frank Aniello

Gary Bohan

Jonathan Calianos

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Capital Budget Committee Minutes

April 26, 2010

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 7:14 PM.

The meeting was held at the DPW Facilities.

Present: Frank Aniello, Gary Bohan, Jonathan Calianos, Kenneth Glowacki, and Robert Varney

In attendance were John Johnson DPW Supervisor and Larry Bombara DPW Consultant from *Lorinc Consulting Group LLC*

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the DPW Five Year Capital Improvement Plan. Review the requirement for the additional Salt Shed, which is being requested at the FY2011 Annual Town Meeting. Review the condition of the rolling stock, specifically the 2000 Chevy $\frac{3}{4}$ ton pick up, 1987 International 5 ton dump, and the 1991 and 1996 Ford 1 ton dumps all of which are being requested to be replaced at the 2011 Annual Town Meeting.

The DPW representatives explained that the second salt shed is required because of the requirement to use both salt and a mix of salt and sand. Both types have to be kept under cover due to regulations to keep the salt from leaching into the soil. The existing shed doesn't have the capacity to house both types of spread. A new shed is estimated to cost \$100,000 if the DPW employees do some of the construction.

It was asked, if only salt is used would the town require only one shed? The representatives of the DPW will review the costs associated with just using salt, and using salt and a mix of salt and sand (including having to sweep up the sand in the spring and clean the catch basins) to determine the dollar difference between the two processes. They will get back to us.

Each of the vehicles requested to be replaced in FY2011 was visually inspected by the members of the committee. John Johnson gave a verbal description of the problems with each vehicle and handed out a summary of equipment replacement information including pictures. We were also given an overview of the other vehicles.

An explanation was given by Larry Bombara as to the financial make up of the Road Improvement line item. As an example the amount for FY2011 is made up of \$238,000 from Chapter 90 funds and \$342,000 from Town Funds for a total of 580,000 (\$579,759). The \$342,000 is not on the Warrant for the May 6, 2010 Annual Town Meeting.

Larry Bombara also explained that the estimate to reconstruct Maple, Hartford North and High Streets with TIP monies of \$2.2M will more in likely be closer to \$5M. And although this reconstruction would be paid 100% with State funds Upton would have to come up with the \$500,000 for engineering. Because other Towns are vying for the same monies it would take Upton at least five years to get the project started. The first step would be to get the engineering funds allocated. This project would also include the upgrading of intersections (perhaps a signal light at School, High, Westboro and Hopkinton streets), and because of the new truck traffic generated by the Railroad endeavor increasing the depth of the asphalt from four inches to seven to nine inches.

At our next scheduled meeting of May 4 we will discuss our recommended action on the Warrant Articles. Although we may have more time since Jonathan Calianos reported that action on the articles may be delayed until after the override vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Robert Varney
Secretary to the Committee