

Town of Wareham Capital Planning Committee 54 Marion Road Wareham Ma. 02571

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Committee Members:
Mark Andrews, Town Administrator
David Trudell, Finance Committee,
Charles Klueber, Planning Board, Clerk
Alan Slavin, at large Member, Chair
Mary Jane Driscoll, at large Member
James Giberti at large Member Vice Chair
______Town Accountant
Cara Winslow, Selectman Liaison

Capital Planning Committee Meeting Minutes 09/27/11

Meeting called to order @ 09:07 A.M.

Members Present: A. Slavin, D. Trudell, M. J. Driscoll, J. Giberti, C. Klueber, T. A. M. Andrews

Guests Present: Selectmen E.Begley, Moderator C. Smith, Supt. B.Rabinovich, D.Sullivan & J. Rebhan, Wareham Week.

Motion by D.Trudell to approve the minutes of 09/08/11 meeting. 2nd. J. Giberti Vote: 5-0-1

A.Slavin asked Moderator C. Smith which Articles would require a report from the Capital Planning Committee. Clair answered she believed Articles# 10, 11 & 15.

Alan then discussed the recording of our Committee's meetings. He explained that the B.O.S. had recently set a policy that all Town Committee's meetings needed to be recorded. C.Smith noted that this new policy would not apply to any Committee's that were not appointed by the B.O.S. A.Slavin then asked Committee members about letting W.C.T.V. (Bob White) record our Committee meetings for play on local access T.V. T.A. M. Andrews agreed that this would be a good idea. Motion by M. Andrews to allow W.C.T.V. (Bob White) to videotape our meetings. 2nd. by M.J. Driscoll. Vote: 3-3-0 (tie) Chairman Slavin then voted in the negative. A. Slavin then advised members that this issue would be placed on the Agenda for our next Committee meeting for discussion & possible reconsideration. Alan then discussed recording meetings on a digital tape recorder. Motion by M.J.Driscoll to digitally record meetings. 2nd. M. Andrews. Vote: 3-3, Motion failed to pass.

Moderator C. Smith left the meeting @ 09:27 A.M.

The Committee then discussed Article#1, Fall T.M. Warrant. Capital Items. Committee decided to discuss them one by one.

B.Eckstrom arrived at meeting @ 09:28 A.M.

Discussed Item#1 (a) Defibrillator Replacement (40) by P.D.

D.Trudell noted that if these were treated as individual items, they would not meet the criteria as a "capital item" but would be an "expense item". T.A. M. Andrews noted that these should be treated as "capital items" as this is a total system upgrade. These as life safety items. Committee then questioned the quantity and locations where these items would be placed. Members agreed that these were very important life saving devices. Motion by C. Klueber to support this request (a) 2nd. J.Giberti. Vote: 5-0-0

Discussed Item#2 (b) Police Dept. Emergency Generator

D.Trudell asked D.Sullivan if this Item is a replacement of the present generator or an additional (2nd.) generator. The answer was that the Capital Request Form said "Replace Police Station Emergency Generator". The quote from South Shore Generator showed "replace". Motion by J. Giberti to support request. 2nd. M.J. Driscoll. Vote: 5-0-0 Members then discussed whether the recently approved emergency generator, for the Multi Service Center, has it ever been purchased or installed? Derek Sullivan to follow up on this.

Discussed Item#3 Parking Program, Automated Parking Meter System / Onset Lots

Town looking for revenue. A.Slavin explained that this is a new item, item was not on the existing 5yr. Plan. Discussed where the money collected, from this proposed program, would go? Pier repairs? Community Events Committee? D.Sullivan noted that they were "projecting" a net \$160,000.00 amount.(\$90,000.00 on one lot and \$70,000.00 on the other lot) Selectman C. Winslow agreed that this was a good idea. She said she had received some feedback from citizens. She suggested that the additional revenue received, by the Community Events Committee, could be targeted to pay for the annual fireworks display in Onset. D. Trudell said he preferred targeting some revenue for items like pier repairs, bathhouse repairs etc. Most members agreed that there needed to be a "plan", in place, for any additional revenues.

10:11 A.M. D. Sullivan explained that T.A. Andrews was pulled away from this meeting and would not be returning to meeting.

D.Sullivan suggested that the Committee should go ahead with our support of this requested item (Parking Program) and look into distribution of funds, in the future. C. Winslow suggested that this approach is a problem. She said that this could cause bigger problems, in the future, when the Committee tried to redistribute funds. Could cause a "massacre" at a future Town Meeting. D. Sullivan explained the \$75,000.00 cost of the program and explained where the funds would be spent. F. Heath explained that this item had come before the Finance Committee last year. He thought that, at that time, it included only the Onset Pier and the funding request was not approved by his Committee. Addressed as an emergency expense. A. Slavin suggested putting this item off until our next Committee meeting. D. Trudell noted that the Finance Committee needs to discuss Capital requests at their next meeting, tomorrow evening. Motion by J. Giberti to support the proposed parking program. 2nd. D. Trudell Vote: 0-5-0 (Item not supported)

Discussed Item#4 Prisoner Transport Vehicle

Committee discussed this request. It was noted that this request is not, presently, in the Town's 5 Yr. Plan. The need for this vehicle arose because of the possible closure of the Wareham District Courthouse. Motion by D. Trudell to approve the lease of this prisoner transport vehicle. 2nd. by M.J. Driscoll. Vote: 0-5-0 (not supported)

Discussed Item#5 Supervisor 4 W.D. Vehicle

D. Trudell asked how many of these vehicles does the P.D. presently have. D. Sullivan answered he wasn't sure of the total. Motion by M.J. Driscoll to support this request. 2nd. D. Trudell Vote: 0-4-1

Discussed Item#6 E.M.S. Ambulance Rebuild

Members questioned the scope of this requested project. Selectman C. Winslow asked about the status of "mitigation" Ambulance that might be provided by the Wal-Mart project. It was noted that this was a possibility but was not discussed from where it might be provided. It was agreed, by all, that the need for this vehicle was very important and probably could not wait. Motion by D. Trudell to support this request. 2nd. by J. Giberti Vote: 4-0-1

Discussed Item#7 School Buses

D. Trudell explained that the Finance Committee and Supt. Rabinovich had discussions about this school bus replacement program. He noted that there were numerous buses (27) over 10 years old. It was noted that there should be a group assembled to look at this school bus issue and develop a plan to replace buses. D. Trudell explained that the discussion, at the Fin. Com. was that 20+ buses needed replacement now. He noted that the Finance Comm. would support the replacement of 7 buses now if there were a consensus from the Town Administrator, Selectman, School Dept. and Capital Planning Committee to go with a plan to proceed. D.

Trudell explained that we were looking at possible future costs of 600,000. plus. We would have to purchase 5 buses every year, forever. There was much discussion on this issue.

C. Klueber had to leave the meeting at 11:10 A.M. Meeting Minutes will be taken by J. Giberti, in his absence.

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Charlie,

Discussion continued with Kara asking how we can commit \$91K now and another \$91K next year.(busses) Where is the money coming from.

Then was noted that buses w/highest failure rate were 2005+. Bus age is not a determinant in assessing replacement. Maint, issues are more significant.

Alan indicated that the whole fleet should be assessed by average age and maint. costs.

Kara pointed out that even if this is approved, the buses would not be available until Jan.

MJ noted that we need buses and the present proposal will not solve the problem. Also this only applies to large buses. Frank noted that the Fin Com, with out a plan, is uncomfortable voting on this, But we need buses. This proposal was presented to the Fin Com as an emergency measure.

Alan asked- "If we support 7 buses, can we expect a PLAN for spring Town Meeting? If there was an answer, I did not hear it.

Barry indicated that he knows we need a plan and 7 buses are better than nothing.

A Motion was made by Jim and 2nd by Dave T – Motion to support acquisition of 7 buses. Vote 4-0-0.

Alan mentioned that the Library will come back with a new plan, they need their own engineer to evaluate, inspect the building and give recommendations.

Derick noted that (CBDG?) funds may be available to the library.

Alan – Article 10 - Boom truck for water pollution pump removal – is this Enterprise fund purchase, lease or bond? Article to be amended on the floor. Electrical hivac? To be paid from enterprise fund. Motion to support purchase of unit from the Enterprise fund. Dave T. 2nd Mary Jane Vote 4-0-0.

Alan asked where the SCATA System is. Will the state accept the program? DEP system would eliminate 7 out of 10 new employees required by state. D to check this out.

Alan – Article 11 – Harbormaster \$79K includes vehicle to be paid by from the Harbor Service Permit fees.

Motion of support for this article by Dave T, 2nd by MJ Vote 4-0-0.

Article 15 CPC

Replace rubber roof on auditorium, replace windows. Historical designation is needed before CPA funds can be used. Motion by MJ to support replacement based on status of Historical Preservation Designation. 2nd Dave T. Vote 4-0-0. MJ –Discussion on school buying buses from their account. Buses have been purchased. Where did \$\$ come from? Where is \$\$ in their account for repair and replacement?

DT - Discussed 5 year plan and lack of input received. Wants meeting with TA and Dept heads re: input.

AS – Should John Foster come in for clarification of \$\$ issues?

DT - Should we be borrowing \$\$?

Adjourn 11:50

Next Meeting 10/13/11

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