

Capital Improvements Program Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 6, 2012
Site Visits - Public Works Facilities

In Attendance: Linda Murray, Bob Tougher, Jim Shildneck, Joyce Davis, Dave Ford, Peter Chamberlain, Dave Owen, Rob Houseman, Ed (DPW Chief Mechanic), Kathy Barnard

Kathy Barnard called the meeting to order at 8:00AM at the Public Works Garage property.

Dave Ford then took the Committee members on a tour of the property and described the use, need and condition of all of the structures. He indicated that the top three priorities that Public Works would like funding for in 2013 are as follows: upgrade and replace the fuel pumps (these are used by all Municipal vehicles and are not code compliant), replace the hydraulic lift in the garage (due to safety and reliability issues) and make some necessary repairs to the Public Works Garage.

The Committee then toured the rest of the property. The area to the rear of the garage has been improved and is used for outside storage of equipment and other material. This work was completed by the Public Works staff. A sander storage building, a salt storage shed and an equipment shed are future needs. The new salt shed needs to be twice the size of the existing building and higher. The Public Works staff will complete other site work which will include a landscaped planting island in the front of the Garage. Dave said he lacks a truck washing center (which is needed) and could possibly (in the future) be located at the Waste Water Treatment Facility. Additional upgrades to the Garage are also a future need.

The Committee members then visited the "Stump Dump" on Wickers Drive. This property is used for temporary stock piling of materials and for snow storage in the winter. Since it is a former landfill future uses are limited.

The Committee members expressed an interest in visiting the Town property recently purchased from the Moody family and adjacent to the Skating rink. Parks and Recreation Director Ethan Hipple has proposed a storage building on this property and the Committee was interested in Dave Ford and Ethan Hipple having discussions regarding a shared facility.

The Solid Waste Facility was then toured. Adam Tasker explained the specifics of the operation to the Committee members. There is an immediate need for a new vertical baler and a horizontal baler to enhance the recycling efforts at this facility. It was pointed out that the main unheated building at the Solid Waste Facility was built in the early 1970s.. Dave Ford also mentioned the need for a long range plan for this facility.

Committee members thanked Dave Ford for the informative tour and suggested that a similar tour would be beneficial for Budget Committee members and the Board of Selectmen.

Submitted by
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