

Advisory Committee Minutes

Date: Tuesday, March 12, 2019

Present: All members of Advisory

Also attending: Mike Gorr and Chris Lineberry from Capital Planning Committee
Stan Wysocki from Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator Don Lowe
Mark Sprague of the Planning Board

6:32 p.m. Meeting called to order

Discussion of Capital Requests for Presentation at ATM:

Capital Planning (CP) distributed a list of its recommendations. Discussion was focused on the capital requests, some of which have been modified since CP first discussed them. In order, these capital requests were:

- Item 1: Replace heating controls at Florence Sawyer School;
- Item 2: Replacing carpeting at Florence Sawyer School;
- Item 3: The command vehicle for the fire chief;
- Item 4: Command vehicle for the fire chief;
- Item 5: A vehicle for the Public Works director;
- Item 6: Replacing Fire Engine Four;
- Item 7: Replacing/repairing drainage at Spectacle Hill and South Bolton roads;
- Item 8: Recoating the roof of the Public Safety Building;
- Item 9: Purchasing a 2-way radio system for DPW;
- Item 10: Security camera-system upgrades for schools;
- Item 11: Purchasing a building-maintenance vehicle for DPW.

Gorr said CP could see the need for trucks, but wondered if they needed to be new. He asked if the town had a policy on purchasing used vehicles. Lowe responded that he would contact the department heads (Fire chief and DPW director).

Discussion of the vehicles intensified, with Wysocki saying he did not think they were needed, as the budget was "at an inflection point."

Lineberry pointed out that CP did not recommend any new vehicles this year, but Boyle said these items should not be considered further until the two department heads could meet with Advisory.

Advisory action: Deferred action on vehicle requests until department heads are present.

Advisory actions were taken on the following capital warrant articles:

Article 15: \$20,000 for internal inspection of drainage system, Route 117--DISAPPROVED

Article 16: \$35,000 to recoat the roof on the Public Safety Building—APPROVED

Article 19 : \$58,000 to replace the DPW garage roof—APPROVED

Article 20: \$60,000 to design and install two-way radio system for DPW—DISAPPROVED
Article 22: \$250,000 for drainage/Flood control improvements to South Bolton and Spectacle Hill roads—APPROVED FOR BORROWING

Article 23: \$500,000 to replace the failed culvert at Wattaquaddock Hill and Manor roads. On advice of Lowe, this article was divided into two portions:

Article "A": \$80,000 for engineering study of the culvert and intersection—APPROVED

Article "B": \$20,000 to install an overflow pipe to resolve flooding, which could be adapted for use when the project is completed in FY2021.

Article 26: \$13,000 for interior painting, Florence Sawyer and Emerson Schools—DISAPPROVED

Article 27: \$25,000 for boiler software control upgrade at Florence Sawyer School—DISAPPROVED, as the school district would pay for this improvement through its own budgeting process.

Article 28: \$30,000 for carpet replacement at Emerson School—APPROVED

Article 29: Roof fall-protection rail for Emerson School—DISAPPROVED, as Fire Chief LeGendre indicated this item was not a priority.

Article 30: \$18,000 to upgrade camera-security system at Sawyer and Emerson schools—DISAPPROVED

Article 31: \$95,000 to replace the heating/ventilation system controls at the Sawyer School—APPROVED

8 :30 p.m. Meeting adjourned uanimously.

--Submitted by Joe Myerson, secretary