

Minutes of the Capital Committee Meeting

January 18, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 5:30

Members Present: Judith Pond Pfeffer, Deborah Pellegrini, Robert Dellorco, Glen Jones

Also in attendance: Jeffrey Nutting, Town Administrator, Jamie Hellen, Deputy Town Administrator, Matthew Kelly, Town Council Chair, Gary McCarraher, Fire Chief Thomas Lynch, Police Chief, Brutus Cantoreggi Public Works Director, Deacon Perrotta, Deputy Public Works Director, Carlos Rebelo, and Laurie Ruzala

Jamie Hellen gave an overview of the financial position of the town as it relates to the proposed Capital requests. He stated that there were about \$ 6 million in requests and currently \$1.5 million available.

Other funds are being held for winter and other unforeseen issues.

Capital Requests:

Police – Jamie Hellen provided an overview of the police department requests and reviewed the items that are currently being recommended and those that are being held for the time being or will be considered next year. The only question was why the Crossing light at the Hellen Keller/Annie Sullivan school was not recommended and the Town Administrator responded that this was the first round of review and no votes would take place until all items had been reviewed and further there should be another round of funding requests and given the light could not be installed until after school was out it could be added in the next round. Deborah Pellegrini ask why the technology requests were not in the IT Budget and the Town Administrator explained that the individual departments make the IT requests especially police, fire and DPW and the IT department makes request for general repair and replacement of hardware and software.

Fire Department – Jamie Hellen provided an overview of the Fire Department requests and reviewed the items that are currently being recommended and those that are being held for the time being or will be considered next year. The chair asked about the extraction tool and the Chief said it should be replaced but could wait one more year. He also stated that they should have a small boat but was trying to get funding elsewhere. All other items were to replace and improve existing equipment.

DPW Highway - Jamie Hellen provided an overview of the DPW department requests and reviewed the items that are currently being recommended and those that are being held for the time being or will be considered next year. They are looking to replace vehicles. The chair asked how many sidewalk plows we had and Brutus gave an overview of the age and size of the equipment.

Jamie Hellen provided an overview of the Water department requests and reviewed the items that are currently being recommended and those that are being held for the time being or will be considered next year. The Town Administrator explained that we will need to build a water treatment plant within the next couple of years and it will cost \$6 million or more and require a water rate hike.

Jamie Hellen provided an overview of the Sewer department requests and reviewed the items that are currently being recommended and those that are being held for the time being or will be considered next year. The Town Administrator explained that we need to begin to study how to replace the Beaver Street interceptor in the next five years and that will require a sewer rate hike.

Motion to adjourn by Glen Jones second by Deborah Pellegrini -Vote 4-0

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm