



Franklin
MASSACHUSETTS

Finance Committee

Meeting Date: January 30, 2018

Present: Dufour, Conley, Dewsnap, Fleming, Huempfner, Wiech, Dowd, Moses, Smith

Absent: None

Call to order: 7:00 PM

Citizens Comments: None, no citizens present

Approval of minutes: Minutes of September 26, 2017 were reviewed and approved. Vote 6-0,

Overview: Deputy TA Hellen

- Free Cash is down about \$1,000,000 from last year's number with a total of \$2,821,988 available for this year.
- Per established policy approximately 10% (\$280,000) will be used to reduce the OPEB liability of \$69,000,000+/- .
- The fire truck stabilization has been reduced to \$0.00 with the purchase of a new engine this year so the first of 7 yearly allocations of \$100,000 will be made.
- The Turf Field stabilization has also been fully expended with the replace of the High School and Beaver Street fields this year so the first of 10 yearly allocations of \$150,000 will be made.
- \$25,000 will also be allocated to the Conservation Commission for various improvements, cleanup and weed control at the Delcarte Recreation Area on Pleasant Street.

Departmental Requests:

- **School Department:**
 - Math Textbook Adoption - \$220,000
 - This is for Grades 6-8 and Algebra 1 & 2. These are required upgrades and includes classroom books and 6 year software license,
 - Technology - \$130,000
 - Student Chromebooks and staff computer replacements.

- **Facilities:**
 - (School) Replacement of Playground at Remington-Jefferson - \$250,000
 - Needs complete replacement based on recent inspections. Originally built in 1996.
 - (School) Resurfacing of Playground at Keller-Sullivan - \$55,000
 - Needs new base but existing equipment will be retained and repaired as needed.
 - (Town) Replace Delivery Truck - \$50,000
 - Existing truck is 2007 and barely passed state inspection.
 - Items Not Recommended
 - Police station study – waiting for all other pending projects to be completed and potential exists for regional lockup facility.
 - Upgrade to existing Remington-Jefferson security cameras.
- **Technology:**
 - Transition to Cloud Computing - \$45,000
 - This will extend the maintenance on existing equipment pending transition to cloud thus eliminating local servers.
- **Town Clerk:**
 - Voting Machines and Check-in I-Pads - \$85,000
 - Current machines in service since 2001 and service is about to be unavailable. Current check-in paper process will be replaced with an I-Pad based system.
- **Fire Department:**
 - New Ambulance - \$325,000
 - This will move the current oldest in-service ambulance to reserve status. Due the heavy demand for service this ambulance will be retained instead of the usual practice of trading it in for credit on the new vehicle. This purchase is funded from ambulance receipts and not free cash.
 - Protective Clothing Replacement - \$46,000.
 - First of multi-year replacement program. This amount will provide for 10 department members.
 - Replace Fire House - \$16,500
 - Replace entire hose inventory on one engine. Periodic replace prevents failure at a critical time.
 - Replacement Tools & Equipment Engine #1 - \$66,000
 - Provides funding for complete set of equipment for the new engine. Process was utilized when Engine #2 was replaced thus providing up-to-date equipment.
 - Radio Repeater - \$39,000
 - Allows placing a radio repeater on the north side of town to close gaps in coverage.
 - Not Recommended at this time:

- Scene lighting for engines, replacement auto extraction devices, replacement gym equipment, HQ storage shed.
- **Police Department:**
 - Police Cruisers - \$171,000
 - Replace 3 cruisers
 - Equipment & Technology - \$38,000
 - Body armor – 5 year replacement cycle.
 - Tasers – 5 year replacement cycle.
 - Live fingerprint scanning – current system still on XP.
 - Not Recommended at this time:
 - One additional cruiser
- **Public Works:**
 - Class B Dump Trunk w/plow and sander - \$180,000
 - Overall town uses – current nearing 20 years old significant rot, wear and tear.
 - 1-Ton Dump Truck - \$60,000
 - Current has significant rot, wear and tear.
 - 30” Cold Planer - \$25,000
 - Replaces current 18” planer that is 16+ years old. Will allow DPW to tackle larger projects.
 - Sidewalk Paver - \$40,000
 - Used in conjunction with planer and allow sidewalk repair also.
 - Not Recommended at this time:
 - Road Improvements \$1,000,000 (hold until spring after snow & ice payments.
 - 4X4 Pickup \$40,000
 - Street Sweeper \$200,000
 - Dump Truck \$180,000
 - Mini Excavator \$80,000
 - Sidewalk Plow/Snow blower \$160,000
 - Class B Dump Truck 11’ plow ???
 - Town Fields Renovation \$80,000
 - 20’ Artificial Christmas Tree \$15,000
- **Water & Sewer Enterprise Funds:**
 - Water Enterprise Fund - \$405,000
 - Meter Replacement continued - \$200,000
 - Sterling Dump Truck - \$155,000
 - 4X4 Pickup \$50,000
 - Not Recommended at this time
 - Backhoe - \$120,00
 - Infrastructure Improvements - \$70,000
 - Sewer Enterprise Fund

- Nothing recommended due to lack of available funds.
- **Other Projects in the “Pipeline” over the next 5 Years**
 - Police Station study and renovation
 - Beaver Street sidewalks
 - Washington Street sidewalks
 - NuStyle Property \$300,000-\$400,00
 - Capping landfill & Recycling center expansion
 - Water Treat facility well 3&6 - \$6-\$7 million
 - Beaver Street Interceptor - \$15-\$20 million
 - Playground Improvements - \$1.5 million
 - Open space and Recreation stabilization investments
 - Building stabilization investments

Votes:

- Voted 9-0 to recommend the transfer from Free Cash \$530,000 for the following:
 - OPEB Trust \$280,000
 - Fire Truck Stabilization \$100,000
 - Turf Field Stabilization \$150,000
- Voted 9-0 to recommend transfer of \$325,000 from ambulance receipts and \$1,946,500 from free cash to fund the capital plan as presented.
- Voted 9-0 to have the current slate of officers remain in place for the remainder of this fiscal year.

Meeting adjourned: 8:10 PM

Next meeting: TBD