

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 6, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joseph J. Deedy
Linda Bathel
Karl J. Stinehart - Absent
Mark Krynicki
Terry Mish
Chelsea Berry
Secretary – Robin Solek
OTHERS PRESENT: Randy Brown, DPW Director

The scheduled meeting of the Capital Expenditures Committee was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

The next meeting for the Capital Expenditures Committee will be held on February 27, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

A MOTION was made by M. Krynicki, seconded by L. Bathel (Vote – Unanimous) to appoint J. Deedy as Chairman of the Capital Expenditures Committee.

A MOTION was made by M. Krynicki, seconded by J. Deedy (Vote – Unanimous) to appoint T. Mish as Vice - Chairman of the Capital Expenditures Committee.

A MOTION was made by M. Krynicki, seconded by J. Deedy (Vote – Yes: 5 Absent: 1) to reaffirm the minutes of March 7, 2019 as amended.

6:05 p.m. Department of Public Works:

Mr. Brown met with the Capital Expenditures Committee to discuss the following requests:

- Chapter 90: \$50,000 Pavement Projects, \$47,500 Construction and \$30,800 Improvements.
- Please see the attached detailed list along with explanations.

The Capital Expenditures Committee will review the requests submitted.

CapCom will review the requests and vote on their March 7, 2019 meeting.

The Capital Expenditures Committee will meet with the Council on Aging, Police Chief, Fire Chief, SEMA, Cemetery, and Buildings & Grounds on February 27, 2020.

Being no further business was brought forward before the Committee; **A MOTION** was made by M. Krynicki, seconded by J. Deedy (Vote - Unanimous) to adjourn at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robin Solek". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Robin Solek
CapCom Secretary

Cc: Selectmen
 Town Clerk

Department of Public Works
Back-up Information for FY21 Budget Request Packet

Pages 1 and 2 summarize all of DPW's requested changes from the current FY20 budget, as well as all Capital requests. Refer to pages 2-3 for supplemental back-up information.

Highway		
Account # (Description)	Current FY20 Budget	Proposed FY21 Budget
589004 (Pavement Projects)	\$50,000	\$50,000
589005 (Construction)	\$47,500	\$47,500
589006 (Improvements)	\$30,800	\$30,800
Paving and Infrastructure Improvements	\$2,000,000	\$3,000,000
Road Machinery		
New Item (Tractor with Mower Attachments)		\$168,000
New Item (Hot Box)		\$41,000
New Item (Dump Truck)		\$245,000
Water		
New Item (Transmission Main upgrades)		\$575,000
Sewer		
588003 (Grinder Pump Maintenance Equip.)	\$40,000	\$40,000
New Item (Prifti Park Pump Station Upgrades)		\$340,000

Highway – Capital

Account # 589004 (Pavement Projects)

- DPW requests to maintain this line item at \$50,000, which is to be used for smaller paving and patching repair projects. However, this is contingent upon additional funds for specific projects identified in the FY21 budget requests for larger projects.

Account # 589005 (Construction)

- DPW requests to maintain this line item at \$47,500, which is to be used for smaller construction projects. However, this is contingent upon additional funds for specific projects identified in the FY21 budget requests for larger projects.

Account # 589006 (Improvements)

- DPW requests to maintain this line item at \$30,800, which is to be used for smaller construction projects. However, this is contingent upon additional funds for specific projects identified in the FY21 budget requests for larger projects.

Large Capital Item (Paving and Infrastructure Improvements)

- DPW requests \$3,000,000 for necessary upgrades to the roads and infrastructure. In FY20, \$2,000,000 was allocated for this purpose. DPW wishes to continue this necessary work. Specific locations will be identified at a later date with SB input (see Attachment 1 with a list of all priority projects identified in the Pavement Management program).

Road Machinery – Capital

New Item (Tractor with Mower Attachments)

- DPW requests this new line item for \$168,000 for the following reasons:
 - To replace 1995 Kubota M8580 DTC with over 3,550 hours. This machine is used for roadside mowing and snow plowing.
 - Due to its condition, this equipment was used little last year. There are mechanical and safety issues with the cab door, front grill, shifting valve, leaky seals, air conditioning, and electrical components.
 - Due to its age, many replacement parts are obsolete or difficult to find.
 - Proposed tractor/mower will include a combination flail mower plus boom mower, which will expedite roadside mowing activities. See Attachment 2.

New Item (Hot Box)

- DPW requests this new line item for \$41,000 for the following reasons:
 - Existing hot box is a 2010 Falcon RME Hot Box. Over the past few years, this machine has seen many mechanical issues, including to the burner, electrical, fuel lines, etc. This machine is no longer reliable and has been down for weeks at a time. The existing hot box only heats to 300 degrees, which is lower than the recommended temperature of 320 degrees for optimal compaction and bonding.
 - The proposed trailer mounted hot box and is larger than existing (4 cubic yards vs. 3 cubic yards). It includes a tack tank and spray so hot tack can be placed in conjunction with the mix. The hotter temperatures and hot tack will help repairs last much longer. See attachment 3.

New Item (Dump Truck)

- DPW requests this new line item for \$245,000 for the following reasons:
 - Existing truck to be replaced is a 2005 International 7400. This truck is used for plowing and hauling gravel, stone, and other materials.

- Over the past 2 years, this truck has become increasingly unreliable with issues such as hydraulic and fuel lines, rust and corrosion to the undercarriage, front end shakes, electrical wiring, leaking hydraulic pump and lines, air tank, engine break, etc. This truck is no longer reliable.
- The proposed truck will be similar to the recently purchased dump trucks and will include all season body with plow package. All stainless steel body. See attachment 4.

Water – Capital

New Item (Transmission Main Upgrades)

- DPW requests this new line item at \$575,000 for the following reasons:
 - During 2019, the Water Department replaced the water main on College Highway and a new pump station on Jarry Drive. This re-lining work for the transmission main in Westfield was bid, but not awarded due to the cost. This work will be re-bid and constructed with these funds.

Sewer – Capital

Account # 588003 (Grinder Pump Maintenance Equip.)

- DPW requests to maintain this line item at \$40,000 for the following reasons:
 - This line item is used to pay for maintenance of existing grinder pumps, plus purchase of new pumps
 - The Town owns and maintains approximately 275 individual grinder pumps, most of which are original when the sewer project was built in the early 2000's. These pumps are wearing out and are starting to see the end of their useful life and need to be replaced with new models.
 - One new pump costs approx. \$2,200 and one new electrical/control panel costs \$1,500 to purchase.
 - Typical repairs can range from \$100 to \$1,000. Any pumps requiring more expensive repairs are currently stripped for spare parts.

New Item (Prifti Park Pump Station Upgrades)

- DPW requests this new line item for \$340,000 for the following reasons:
 - To upgrade the Prifti Park Pump Station, which includes new pumps, controls and safety improvements. This project was designed in 2011.