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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

October 4, 2011

**Present: Paul Anderson, Planning Board, Chair
Alan Rosenberg, Planning Board, Secretary
Rick Pocklington, Finance Committee Representative
Ann Somers, Facilities Study Committee Representative**

Bill Quigley, Brookline Police Dept

Absent:

Darrell Philpot, Board of Selectmen Representative

Paul called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM

Minutes

Ann moved to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2011 Capital Improvements Committee meeting as amended. **Alan** Seconded. Vote yes 3-0.

Public Hearing

Brookline Police Dept

Bill presented a schedule for the routine replacement of fleet vehicles. Five years ago the money for replacement vehicles started being presented as warrant articles at Town Meeting, however he has spoken to 4 out of the 5 Selectmen who support putting funding for these replacements into the operating budget rather than as warrant article. Since March \$8200 has been spent on repairs to the 2002 Ford Explorer (such as a new motor). The current plan is to use the state bid for replacement vehicles (\$26K-\$27K state bid makes everything the same price). The proposal is for \$33K as the extra would be to replace any equipment that could not be moved from an older car. **Bill** said that years ago there was a lease program but dealers don't do that anymore since there is no profit incentive for them. The Ford Crown Victoria is no longer made and has been replaced by the Ford Taurus which people find too small and during testing appear to roll easily when cornering at 65mph. The Chevrolet Caprice is coming back into the picture as an option and is popular since its interior dimensions match the Crown Victoria so it is more likely to be able to move equipment from an older car rather than replace it. **Bill**

said the Ford Explorer SUV replacement would be a Chevy Tahoe available via state bid; it comes with a 100,000 mile warranty on everything including drive train. The SUV will be a supervisor vehicle so it will only get half the use as a normal cruiser. The unmarked and chief's cars are not scheduled for replacement due to light use. Not purchasing the replacement SUV last year and the totaled cruiser 2 years ago threw off the normal replacement schedule (that's why these are presented as 5-7 year replacements). The plan is to get back to the standard 3 year rotation except for the SUV, which due to less frequent use could probably be done on an 8 year rotation.

General Government Buildings

No representative from the Board of Selectmen was present however the department submission was noted.

- 1) Police addition to the Safety Complex. This will be a new warrant article for a bond (estimated at \$1.25M) to be presented at Town Meeting 2012 with a more refined cost estimate (less than the \$1.75M that was rejected at 2008 Town Meeting). The justifications for the project are the same as during previous CIP submissions. The goal is to keep taxes as level as possible as some land acquisition bonds are coming off the books.
- 2) Architectural consultation for Town Hall renovations – It is planned to allocate \$10K from operating budget. The project is conditional on the Safety Complex addition.
- 3) Town Hall renovations. There are no details as yet and is dependent on the police department move to the Safety Complex.
- 4) Land Acquisition. A warrant article authorizing \$720,000 for the purchase of the Monius property will be presented at the 2012 Town Meeting. The lot is about 15 acres with an existing duplex house that would be subdivided and sold. Since the house is a duplex it requires about 4 acres, leaving about 11 acres, of which about 4 acres is buildable. The town is trying to get an updated estimate of the value of the property. At the 2011 Town Meeting there was discussion of not renewing the lease on the Shutt property used for library parking but the lease was renewed for 1 year. The feeling is the issue will come down to the Town's desire to purchase the land and/or does the Town want to pay the current asking price.
- 5) Architectural consultation for a new library. This is a proposal to spend \$15,000 in 2015. There was a library design done in 2007 but there are likely revisions that would be proposed as some standards and technology have changed.
- 6) New Library. A warrant article in 2016, the current estimate would be for a total of \$2.75M with various sources of funding (grants, donations, bond, etc.). This project is dependent on town land acquisition and library architectural consult.

Paul said that the fire department has not submitted as of yet. **Scott Knowles** sent an email stating that he was waiting for a cost estimate for fire station roof repairs targeted for 2013. Once he has more information he will send it along. **Ann** asked about a project first proposed in the 2009 CIP (project ID FD2008.002) for enhanced security at the fire station to allow easier public access to the meeting room while protecting other areas of the building. She suggested we ask Scott the status of that project. **Paul** would like to have the FD come in to discuss their submission.

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Paul will reach out to Brookline Schools for their submission.

Paul said he talked to Jerry Farwell of the Highway Department about a capital reserve fund for a Department of Public Works. Based on lack of interest by the Town he has not done any additional investigation.

Paul said there is still no submission from the Recreation Commission. **Ann** said they were at the last Selectmen's meeting [10/2/2011] to discuss budget and no capital projects were discussed.

The next meeting set for Tuesday 10/18 at 7PM in the Town Hall meeting room. **Paul** will have a first draft available for review. We will also discuss the Fire Department and Brookline School submissions and set preliminary ratings for all projects.

Ann moved to adjourn at 8:50 pm. Rick Seconded. Vote yes 4-0.

Paul Anderson, Chair _____

Alan Rosenberg, Secretary _____

Rick Pocklington, Finance Committee Representative _____

Ann Somers, Facilities Study Committee Representative _____

Minutes submitted by Alan Rosenberg.