



TOWN OF MADISON

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MEETING DATE: Tuesday, January 19, 2016

MEETING PLACE: Hammonasset Room

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

Capital Improvement Program Committee

Members Present: Jean Fitzgerald (Chair), Mark Casparino (BOF), Bennet Pudlin (BOF), Joan Walker (BOS), Bruce Wilson (BOS), Robert Kach (Resident), James Matteson (Resident) and Joe Beerbower (Resident).

Others Present: Tom Banisch, First Selectman; Stacy Nobitz, Finance Director; Mike Ott, Director of Public Works; Bill McMinn, Director of Facilities; Scot Erskine, Recreation Director; and Kristen Bartosic, Accounts Payable Clerk;

Not Present: Jessica Bowler (BOE),

The subcommittee convened at approximately 7:00 a.m. and Chairwoman Fitzgerald led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Public Comment.
None.
2. Review and take action on prior meeting minutes.

MOVED: by Ms. Walker and seconded by Mr. Wilson to approve the minutes of January 14, 2015.

VOTE: The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Review all Open Items:

Review Outcome(s) of Budget Meeting on 1/16:

a. Ambulance Department:

Mr. Wilson stated that there seems to be an equipment replacement schedule that differs from what the department is asking for in the CIP.

Chairwoman Fitzgerald questioned if the Fill-Station was reviewed and she noted that there were more questions to be answered on this. The Committee discussed possible locations for a new station and also use by State agencies and other Towns.

Ms. Walker responded that Chief Bernier is available for a conference call if the Committee wishes. The Committee agreed that questions could be sent in writing to the Chief and he could respond that way. The Committee also noted the time constraints on this process during the inaugural year.

After a question by Mr. Matteson, Mr. Wilson noted that the Budget process focused on the costs for the Town, not necessarily other funding sources which may become available.

The Committee also discussed charges for ambulance services for residents in other Towns. Mr. Wilson reviewed the fee schedule and noted that the patient or their insurance company is billed. This is a State mandated process.

The Committee also reviewed that the Ambulance Replacement request was moved forward at the last meeting notation to the Boards of Selectmen and Finance.

b. Madison Hose Company Apparatus / Truck Replacement:

Madison Hose is looking for an UTV (not amphibious), which North Madison FD already has. Mr. Wilson noted that he felt more discussion was needed on the purchase of this vehicle as well as for the schedule of boat replacements for Madison Hose. The Committee will try to have answers for the January 21, 2016 meeting.

c. Major Roads:

Mr. Casparino summarized the request for this project and noted that Mr. Ott had put together a program which was to the benefit of the Town. The report

of costs does need to be updated and Mr. Ott will provide the updated breakdown on Thursday, January 21st.

Mr. Casparino also asked for a summary of what the costs would be to complete the major roads repairs in a condensed schedule (less than five years). Chairwoman Fitzgerald stated that the option the Committee had was to vote on the current request. Any funding mechanisms would have to be reviewed at a Board of Selectmen/Finance level.

Ms. Walker also stated that these repairs are important for every towns person and she felt that the funding should be moved forward under the original request which showed a \$60,000 increase each year over five years.

Chairwoman Fitzgerald agreed and the Committee returned the funding requests back to their original amounts and noted that they would inform the Board of Selectmen/Finance that more information was needed regarding possible funding sources.

The Committee also discussed where bridge work fell into this plan. Mr. Ott noted that the State is just beginning a study of all state bridges and it is possible when the inspection data comes out that grant funds may be available for repairs, particularly for the rehabilitation of County Road Bridge.

The Committee also discussed what the current plan entailed, what condition the roads were in, and what condition the roads would be in post-repair. Mr. Ott confirmed that this plan affected roads rated at less than 50% and that the roads, after repair, would rate at 100%. Other road issues would be addressed through operating funds.

d. Fire Protection Water Tanks:

Regarding water storage tanks, the plan is to get the projects finished as soon as possible. The Committee discussed that the Town does not provide tax breaks to residents whose yards are used for storage tanks and the life expectancy is estimated to exceed the 30-year manufacturer's warrantee. The Committee discussed phasing in the funding through the next three fiscal years. The understanding of the Committee was that the funding should be reduced, it was a matter of which year the funding would be reduced in.

Ms. Walker moved for and Mr. Wilson seconded changing funding as follows: FY 2016-2017 - \$0; FY 2017-18 - \$25,000; FY 2018-19 - \$35,000; FY 2019-20 - \$35,000; FY 2020-21 - \$50,000. The Committee approved the motion unanimously.

e. Madison Hose Company– Hose & Equip.:

The Committee reviewed prior conversations with Chief Kytte and the details of the funding requests including the additional funding for thermal imaging cameras, gas meters, etc. from FY 16-17 going forward. The Committee discussed that before a vote could be taken, further informant was needed.

f. North Madison Fire Department– Hose & Equip.:

Mr. Pudlin stated that the departments were willing to have a standardization of equipment and that the communications plan should bring everyone up to a certain level with additional requests being input by the individual departments. The Committee therefore discussed what the plan would be for review in the future.

Ms. Walker moved for and Mr. Wilson seconded moving forward with this request with the notation that the request be coordinated and consolidated across all emergency services to the Communications budget as well. Mr. Pudlin added that going forward Art Sickie should look into these requests and put everything in one request. The Committee approved the motion unanimously.

3. Review plan for the January 21, 2016 Public Hearing.

Chairwoman Fitzgerald summarized her plan for the public hearing presentation and the committee reviewed the plan for the final document. The Committee also discussed any public input that members have received during the CIP process. Chairwoman Fitzgerald stated that she had only been approached about the open land item.

Other items reviewed included: the Academy School, Library expansion project, Strong Center field houses.

The Committee came up with a potential plan for the presentation to be reviewed at the January 21st meeting.

4. Public Comment.

None.

5. Adjourn

There being no objection, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:42 a.m.