

**TOWN OF FRANCONIA
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 10, 2018 AT TOWN HALL**

Committee Members Present: Karen Foss, Trevor Presby, Steve Plante, Jeff Blodgett.

Others Present: Jenny Monahan, Scott Leslie.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00pm.

Public Works Director Scott Leslie joined the meeting to review Highway Department assets.

1987 CAT Grader: Scott recommends keeping the Grader and possibly refurbishing. At this time it needs tires and routinely has leaks due to bad seals. The Committee asked if the Grader was a good item to share amongst the Tri-Towns. Scott said it is not. This item has had a \$7,000 annual appropriation which Chairman Foss said the Committee may wish to boost to \$10,000 later.

2008 International 10 Wheeler: No change, continue to fund.

2012 Volvo Loader: No change, continue to fund.

2015 Volvo ECR88 Excavator: No change, continue to fund.

2011 Ford F-150: This item was acquired in 2013 and was scheduled for replacement in 2019. Scott Leslie said the truck is in good condition and could be used another couple years. It was decided to keep the funding as is and push the replacement year to 2021.

2014 Dodge 5500: This item was scheduled to replace in 2022, but Scott Leslie reports that it has a lot of issues and replacing it sooner may be a better plan. After a brief discussion, it was agreed to use the truck another year and reevaluate it next year.

2015 Ford F-550: No change, continue to fund.

2016 Reiser Heavy Equipment Trailer: No changes

OTHER DISCUSSION:

Sidewalk Improvement: The status of the new sidewalks project was discussed. Scott said the project has been pushed back several times for different reasons and he is hopeful to begin next year. When asked what the general plan looked like, Scott said 5' wide sidewalks with granite curbing will be

installed beginning at the East end of Franconia (near Gale River Motel) and ending around FAST Auto for the first phase. Sidewalk Improvements will continue to be funded at \$21,000 a year.

Road Improvements: Scott Leslie said Road Improvements need to be funded indefinitely. He also uses Highway Block Grant funds when available. There was some discussion about frequent Water Dept. projects at Mittersill making it difficult to execute Town projects that were planned there for this season.

Bridge Maintenance: Town bridges were discussed. \$5000 has been appropriated annually for the past several years. Scott Leslie confirmed that Wells Road culvert was recently accepted into the State Bridge Aid program, with an anticipated construction date of 2027. Trevor Presby asked which bridges have been submitted for State Aid. Scott and Jenny will try to confirm before next meeting. Scott said the Town had done a study at some point on redecking/refurbishing Bickford Hill bridge and the estimate was around \$125k.

Buildings: There was some discussion on the various Town buildings and the best uses for them, or how to streamline their purposes for greater efficiency. Trevor inquired about the status of the Fire Station at Mittersill. Jenny said she will check with Holly on that. The Highway Department building's shortcomings (heating issues, vehicle and equipment storage, etc) were discussed.

Kim Cowles and Cory Rush will be asked to join the next meeting on October 17th in addition to Scott Leslie to discuss Buildings and Grounds.

Chairman Foss made a motion to approve the October 3rd meeting minutes as amended. Selectman Blodgett seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion passes.**

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny Monahan
Administrative Secretary