

**Franconia Capital Improvements Committee Meeting**  
**Thursday, September 12, 2013**

A meeting of the Franconia Capital Improvements Committee (CIP) was held on Thursday September 12, 2013 at 3:00 pm at the Franconia Town Hall. The minutes were recorded by Suzanne MacDonald.

Regular members in attendance were Bob Montagno, Mogens Jessen, Brian Williams, and Bernie Costa.

The meeting was called to order by Bob Montagno.

Scott Leslie, Jeff Phillips, John Monaghan, Rick Guadette and Greg Wells attended the meeting.

The minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Bob reviewed with the group the contents of a disk. This disk contains CIP information from 2005-2011. Bob has given the disk to Suzy for safekeeping. All are encouraged to review. The Mission Statement and the CIP Bylaws are on this disk. Bob now has a paper copy of these.

Jeff began his list of items with no changes to the Unanticipated Repairs and Improvements.

The "05 mower" used at the Cemetery should be moved to replacement in 2014 and be given a 7 year life. Jeff is putting more and more money into the mowers for repairs. Jeff would recommend that any remaining balance needed to purchase in year 2014 be taken from the Cemetery Trust Funds.

The "06 mower" should also be moved up on the replacement schedule. Jeff is putting more and more money into repairs.

The truck is scheduled to be replaced in 2015. The cost has risen approximately 25%. The Highway Department would like to have this truck instead of trading it in. They are willing to pay "trade value" on it. Current trade value is \$12,000.

There are no changes to the tractor replacement.

Paving the Cemetery was discussed. The "path" thru there is currently about 8 feet wide with graves on both sides. Jeff feels the way it is now is fine. Could cost of maintenance/repairs to the roads come from the Cemetery Trust Funds? Jeff will look into ledge pack and into paving and will put together some figures.

Scott discussed the new 6 wheeler just purchased to take the place of a 10 wheeler. This truck will have a ten year life. Scott will have to prepare a CIP Project Submission Form for this truck.

The current 6 wheeler will stay the same. Scott will also have to prepare a CIP Project Submission Form.

The '07 and '09 currently both 5500 trucks will be replaced with a Terrastar.

Scott would like to add a F-250 for replacement in 2015. He may be able to purchase the Building and Grounds truck that year for current trade value.

Nothing changes on the '05 backhoe.

The road grader needs to be refurbished. There is money available in the Heavy Equipment Fund which must be voted at Town Meeting to spend. Sally will need to put this as a Warrant Article for the March 2014 meeting.

The only thing presented by Chief John Monaghan is cars. John would recommend changing the car to a 4 year replacement. This would now be scheduled to be replaced in 2015, not 2014. He would recommend replacing the car, Crown Vic, for an all wheel drive SUV.

No changes will be made to the Expedition SUV. Replacement for this is schedule for 2015.

Rick has no changes or additions to the Fire Department current items.

The CIP discussed with Greg Wells of the Transfer Station replacement of containers and the replacement of the baler. The CIP would like to look into using the Transfer Station Special Reserve as a funding source. Easton and Sugar Hill will need to ask their voters to approve spending money from this account also.

The Recreation Department submitted a form to purchase a passenger vehicle for Parks & Recreation. The CIP does currently not support this item. This purchase first needs town approval at Town Meeting. If this item is purchased then it can be placed on CIP as a future replacement.

The Road Plan will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

The next CIP meeting will be held on September 26, 2013 at 3:00pm.

With no other business to conduct the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Suzanne MacDonald  
CIP Secretary