

Minutes of the C.I.P. Meeting

August 30, 2016

Committee Members Present: Karen Foss (Chairperson), Bernie Costa, Dick Reinhold, Trevor Presby, Peter Grote

Guests: Scott Leslie, John Monaghan, Greg Wells, Paul Schmucker, Rick Gaudette

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

Reading of the minutes of July 26, 2016 was waived.

Dick made the motion to accept the minutes as amended, Bernie seconded the motion with all voting in favor.

3:00 - Scott Leslie - Reviewed his highway equipment and vehicles.

The Ford F150 is used a lot for running around getting parts, used for signs, and checking roads. It won't last until 2019. Do we need it along with the F550? It is the truck we use the most. He puts 15,000 miles on per year. It is better on fuel than the F550. We are fluid film undercoating the trucks to make them last. The salt is our worst enemy. We may want to get a flat bed instead of a full body truck for the salt spreaders. We need to re-evaluate what we are doing with the trucks. Scott stated that we are trying to get away from using salt. The Select Board should be looking to minimize these numbers.

CAT Grader - We put \$7K into the fund each year for general maintenance. We do have a problem with the rear end of the grader. Scott is hoping it is only an actuator. It doesn't want to steer. We haven't spent anything on this per Sally Small this year. Karen thanked Scott for keeping everything in good repair.

Paving - schedule not finished yet. Scott will get the information to us.

Mittersill will take two years of reclaiming. Scott cannot do anything because of the water project going on up there.

He will get three bids. He has used GMI in the past. GMI was \$37K cheaper than any quotes in the past. He chose to use GMI because of the sheets from other towns that put bids out. Bernie brought the minutes from the BOS meeting in regards to this. We pull out \$100K and used \$111K. \$11K came out of the block grant fund. How much time would it take to get three bids? It would take Scott six hours to do this. This is the first year that I didn't get three bids because of the sheets I got from other towns. Scott will get three quotes for the work needed to be done.

Sidewalks - It will cost \$21K. Those are the quotes he is getting right now.

Bridge Maintenance - We need to keep putting money in there. We put plates on Bickford Hill Bridge and it is still breaking apart.

Delage Farm Bridge - We want to abandon that Bridge. The town is liable for five years after it is abandoned. Now is the time to abandon it.

3:40 John Monaghan - The Committee reviewed the Police vehicles. John is open to discussion in regards to replacement plans. Is it smarter to trade after 3 years or run it for 5? We should probably use the charger more than the expedition....so they are not replaced at the same time. John usually calls the state to see who gets the bid for vehicles. We can piggyback off that and coordinate with other towns and jump on bids. Both of our vehicles are All Wheel Drive (AWD). We should revisit in two years and see what the trade in should be. We will be at the three year mark at that point.

The Police Department would like to purchase one new radar. The radar will cost \$1800.

The Committee thanked John for updating. The Police had to strip out old wiring and put the seat back in the Crown Vic and put the car up for auction should the committee agree. Bids will be placed at the town hall. The town has to put the vehicle out to bid. Www.auctionsinternationals.com is recommended by Trevor Presby. There is a 14% buyer's premium or you could go to www.govdeals.com. You would have to give town notice and let's get three bids even on the internet.

4:00 - Greg Wells - The Committee reviewed the equipment at the Transfer Station.

PTR Baler Compactor - It will be 10/11 years old. It can be used for all products. We have a special revenue fund strictly for the transfer station for most of their equipment. Everything has to be approved by all three towns. The monies do not go into the general fund. The committee will get a copy of the transfer stations budget. It's in the town report. Karen can do a separate page to include.

The prices on recycled materials are reported as follows: cardboard is going up from \$80/ton to \$117/ton for mixed paper \$20 to \$45/ton and aluminum \$35/ton. Is it worth it to bale all this stuff? We have the green aspect to consider.

Greg is seriously considering going to zero sort. Everything goes into one container but it costs to get rid of it in weight. It is expensive but the positive is you don't require the man hours. The negative is you get no income at all. He never did get the numbers for the last tri-town meeting. He was going to keep cardboard and aluminum because they are paying the most. Do you call around for prices? Greg's response was yes and he has three companies that he deals with exclusively. Greg has asked for more storage so that he can store more. He shipped out 5.5 tons for metal he got \$13.

PTR Compactor - 10 years left on this piece of equipment.

He will have to take out of the contingency fund because he will need a hydraulic pump for this compactor which will cost \$2100.

Skidsteer - the hours have dropped on this piece of equipment because the highway plows the yard for them now. He has 2000 hours on it and he recommends only use it about 5.5-6 years max time and then it would be time to get rid of it.

Compactor containers - two forty yard containers - The containers were purchased in 2013 for \$13K for both of them and they usually are good for 10 plus years.

4:30 Paul Schmucker - A new ambulance today the price would be \$169,237. It is high because of the cost of the steel frame. The government regulates the market. Paul recommends replace in 10 years and not in 15 years. CIP Committee changed it two years ago to 15 years. The ambulance is a 4WD Truck diesel with a 6.8 in it. He wants it moved to 10 because there is no value rating after 10 years for an ambulance. You cannot project out past 10 years. Paul will have to ask the government what it would be worth in 5 or 10 years. The box is aluminum. Trevor recommended taking the box and putting it on a new chassis. Paul stated that they are fighting with the dealership about the corrosion on it. The aluminum has paint peeling where the water sits. It should be mandatory to be undercoated. We can plan on using that box twice after the next purchase. Corrosion is the issue. To change over the box to a new chassis would probably take a week. Bethlehem could cover for the town. We are never, not covered. Next year Paul can evaluate. Trevor would look at the ambulance and see what the trade would be. See what the offset would be between the two numbers. Ambulances go up and down. It is based on the military.

Monitor cardiac - He took it to Dartmouth and had it inspected and serviced last month. It cost \$2500 for servicing it. That is a service for the community. Anything serious has to be sent to Zoll. Dartmouth services for free.

Stryker Power Cot - It costs \$20K for a new one. The actual cost for maintenance is \$1285.00. If he had purchased a service contract it would have cost \$8K. You could blow a hose or a seal. Life expectancy is 15 years. Add 10 more years to it.

Mobile radio - our radios are obsolete. They have a Motorola two way radio that he speaks to the PD and Twin State on. \$10K Two heads - one in the cab and in the rear - it's got all the regency.

Bill Sencebaugh said that when it goes it goes. The radio is 20 years old. Handhelds are used as back up. None of the handhelds are replaceable either. We do not need digital...we are using analog. We are looking to get a competitive bid for all radios for the town.

5:00 Rick Gaudette - Rick pretty much kept everything the same this year. He would like to extend the tanker for another 5 years when they started talking about buying the ladder. He would like to set up a CIP fund for the new ladder truck when we get it. They were certifying the pump. E1 is the builder in NY and they are going thru the truck. No news is good news. They have had it since Monday. It was certified as the last owners. Certification is good for two years for the boom and the pump. They will go bumper to bumper. It is contingent on having certificates on hand. It costs \$2900 for this inspection. The money was taken out of his budget.

Trustees of the Trust Funds are meeting tomorrow about a letter going to the Selectmen. Trustees are looking for some kind of letter that verifies that the tanker truck fund can be used for the purpose. She was not satisfied with the email from the attorney. Karen is writing a letter. Why do we have all these funds? The Selectmen can make decisions on an ad hoc basis.

CIP Committee should revisit the process for the fire department. Maybe have a fund for each department. They broke it down so that you put x amount in fire department and then split up for each one. It would be kind of like what we are doing now but if you had an engine blow up you could pull from another category. It can be done but we would have to do it at annual meeting for all departments.

There are no issues with equipment and the schedules remain as is. The turnout gear will be changed eventually. Personal breathing apparatus - there were 10 bought on a grant and were mandated the same year. There is nothing wrong with the gear. They have all been hydroed and serviced. They have come down in price since we purchased them. They are running about \$80K. Rick can get an updated purchase price.

Water Supply - fire ponds harder to put in on. Wallace Hill they have \$15K in this fund. This fund is for maintenance and construction. Ponds are much better as opposed to drop hydrants. Rick would like to suspend funding or write a letter to the Selectmen in regards to the cost of one pond for an individual situation.

Bernie made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Dick seconded the motion with all voting in favor to adjourn the meeting at 530 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Herbie Bartlett, Executive Secretary