

**TOWN OF FRANCONIA  
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN MEETING  
DECEMBER 9, 2020 VIA ZOOM**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Karen Foss, Jeff Blodgett, Steve Plant, Peter Grote, Trevor Presby.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jenny Monahan, Kim Cowles.

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

The committee reviewed the updated 2021 CIP worksheets. For the Highway Department, Chairman Foss said that when Scott met with the committee he had increased his Heavy Equipment fund on his worksheet. Chairman Foss said she does not feel inclined to increase that funding at this time.

The proposed new sidewalks that would be done in conjunction with NHDOT paving Main Street were discussed and Chairman Foss noted that the cost of that project would deplete the Sidewalks Fund. Chairman Foss and Steve Plante proposed that the project should be on a warrant article for voters to decide on. It was decided to continue the Sidewalk Funding at the same amount of \$21,000.

The Road Improvements fund is currently funded at \$75,000 per year. Scott Leslie has requested that funding be restored to \$110,000. After a brief discussion, it was decided to keep the funding at \$75,000 for this year as the committee would like to see a plan of improvements for the next five years.

While the Bridge Maintenance Fund is underfunded at \$5,000, the committee would like to see more information about the condition of the town's bridges and when they will likely need to be replaced or maintained before increasing funding. Town Administrator Cowles suggested that the funding be increased as it is an inadequate amount for the anticipated costs but after a lengthy discussion the committee opted to leave the funding as is due to not having enough information to justify an increase.

There are no changes to funding for Buildings & Grounds, Life Squad, Transfer Station or Miscellaneous. The committee is waiting for some information from Chief Gaudette to decide on Fire Department Funding.

The committee opted not to schedule a future meeting at this time.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:52pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny Monahan