

**TOWN OF FRANCONIA  
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN MEETING  
NOVEMBER 24, 2020 AT TOWN HALL**

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

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

**The meeting was called to order at 4:01pm.**

Town Administrator Cowles said the more refined estimate for the doing Main Streets sidewalks is \$241,000. There is currently about \$85,000 in the Sidewalk Fund and it receives a \$21,000 per year contribution. She proposed that the remaining funds would come from a warrant article. Town Administrator Cowles said that the quote provide is for new granite curbing to be installed from Route 142 to in front of the library. From the library to the church, there is already granite curbing and it would just need to be reset. She said the job could still be put out to bid and perhaps a better estimate obtained. She said that doing the sidewalks in conjunction with NHDOT paving would cost the town less than doing them separately at another time.

There was a brief discussion about NHDOT widening the road. Scott said that if the town does not do the sidewalks in conjunction with the paving, the road will not be widened.

Town Administrator Cowles said that she didn't think the current contribution of \$21,000 is enough to plan for significant projects and asked what the committee members thought about increasing it. Chairman Foss said she would prefer to keep the contribution the same for now and allow the voters to decide whether or not to do the project on a warrant article.

There was next a discussion about the town's bridges. The committee would like more information about the condition of the town's bridges and when they may need work or replacement.

The minutes of November 4, 2020 were reviewed and approved as amended.

Chairman Foss said that at the Selectmen meeting yesterday, the Fire Department's budget was reviewed. She said in their operating budget they have \$16,000 for various items to include Turnout Gear, but the CIP funds \$8,000 for Turnout Gear every year. She suggested one of the funding sources should be eliminated.

There was a brief discussion about what the status of the new truck Fire Dept. Chief Gaudette would like to purchase. Steve said Chief Gaudette is still working on getting pricing.

The next meeting was scheduled for 4pm on December 9, 2020.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:02pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny Monahan

